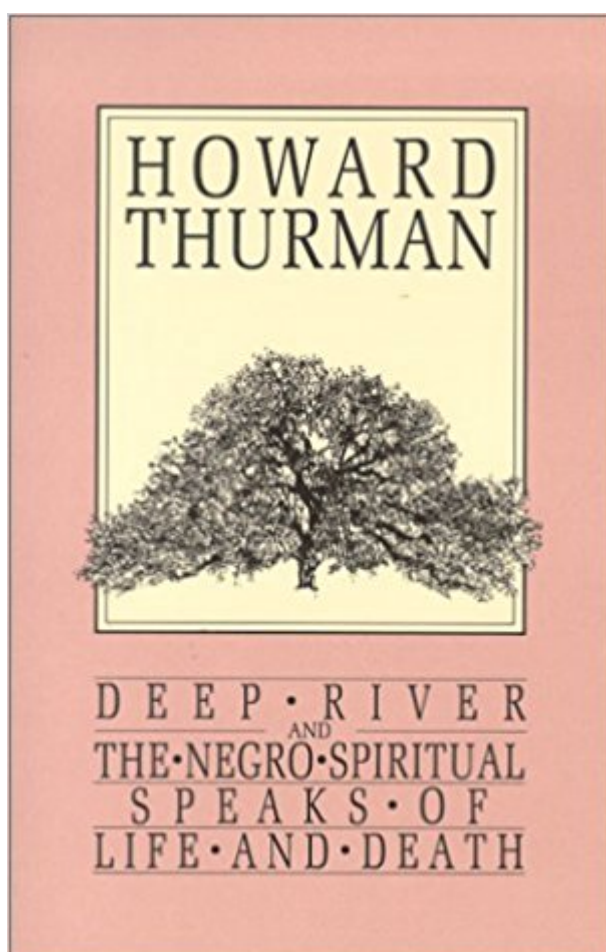


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Synopsis

Dr. Howard Thurman explores how protest and resistance are expressed in spirituals as well as how these songs have been a "spiritual watering hole" in his life..

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At the time of his death in 1981, Howard Thurman was Dean Emeritus of Marsh Chapel, Boston University, and Chairman of the board of trustees of the Howard Thurman Educational Trust in San Francisco. He also served as Dean of Rankin Chapel, Howard University, Washington D.C.; as professor at Howard University School of Religion, and as Director of Religion Life at Morehouse and Spelman Colleges, Atlanta. Founder of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, the first interracial, interdenominational church in the United States, he was honorary Canon of the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, New York City. Poet, Mystic, Philosopher and Theologian, Dr. Thurman authored more than twenty books including, *Meditations of the Heart*, *The Inward Journey*, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, *The Centering Moment*, *The Creative Encounter*, *The Search for Common Ground* and *With Head and Heart*, his autobiography.

Howard Thurman (1900-1981) was the first black dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University and cofounder of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, California, the first inter-racially copastored church in America EDITORS: Walter Earl Fluker is professor of philosophy

and religion and executive director of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. Catherine Tumber is a Du Bois fellow at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

This is a wonderfully impressionistic take on Slave spirituals, and how they were used to transcend their condition in this world. There is practically nothing on the history, and nothing on the musicology. It deals with the theology of the slaves at that time, based on what little they could see of the Christian Bible, plus memories of their homeland traditions. There is also a thread of thought which says that we will earn our reward in heaven, and massah will not. A wonderful book to read in conjunction with the Psalms of the Old Testament

Howard Thurman, grandson of an enslaved grandmother, author, philosopher, and writer, offers two books in one with "Deep River" and "The Negro Spiritual Speaks of Life and Death." Both volumes describe with amazing insight the depths of meaning held in the slave songs. Thurman provides accurate and detailed background along with experiential wisdom that bring the spirituals to life for all readers, regardless of race. Reviewer: Bob Kellemen, Ph.D., is the author of "Beyond the Suffering: Embracing the Legacy of African American Soul Care and Spiritual Direction," "Soul Physicians," "Spiritual Friends," and the forthcoming "Sacred Friendships: Listening to the Voices of Women Soul Care-Givers and Spiritual Directors."

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