

## **Merlin: The Prophetic Vision and the Mystic Life**

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This is a book about Merlin. Not the Merlin of fantasy fiction or films, not the Merlin of the Arthurian legend cycles, but Merlin or Myrddin as he was *before* such stories were created. This is about the earliest Merlin, the one found in ancient bardic tradition, associated with Prophecy and with a journey towards Wisdom.

### ***The Prophecies of Merlin in the 21<sup>st</sup> century***

It is rare that an author has the opportunity to interpret a set of ancient prophecies, then live to witness their conclusion. When I explored and commented upon the 12<sup>th</sup> century text of the *Prophecies of Merlin* in the early 1980's, I found that they described a future apocalyptic sequence which would occur in the early part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As I write these words, and as you read them in print, *we are within the last few verses* of the *Prophecies of Merlin*.

On the way towards that apocalyptic sequence, many remarkable visionary images occur within the text of the *Prophecies* that relate accurately to future historical events, scientific discoveries, and social issues, all which were unknown at the time that the original text was transcribed around 1132 CE. No one had examined the *Prophecies of Merlin* for accuracy before my book published in 1986. Now, in 2009, I am able to complete the task and offer it to you.

### **Sidereal alignments and the year 2012**

As I worked on the *Prophecies* I knew that ancient cultures were able to calculate and predict sidereal (astronomical) alignments and relationships. Such calculations are known to be embodied in Neolithic alignments and stone chambers in Britain, and in temples and sacred sites of other ancestral cultures. A number of ancient texts on astronomy/astrology show a similar knowledge and deep interest that permeated ancient cultures. A cosmic cycle is described in a number of historic sources, including the now famous Mayan calendar, which culminates in specific sidereal patterns and alignments, and then closes. This calendar did not originate with the Mayans, but was inherited from more ancient sources. A similar inheritance occurs in the *Prophecies of Merlin*, which come from a tradition replete with pre-Christian images and themes, far older than that of the medieval threshold text created by Geoffrey of Monmouth.

*In the late 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, we have reached the culmination of sidereal patterns and alignments that occur in cycles of twenty five or twenty six thousand years. These alignments, which are physical astronomical occurrences, created a relativistic "through-line" between Earth, Sun, and the Galactic center.*

What, if anything, does this mean for humanity on Earth, living our brief frantic lives within that direct alignment? Are we affected by this cosmic pattern shift? The *Prophecies* say that we are, as do a number other traditional sources.

To grasp what is happening at this time, the first quarter of the 21<sup>st</sup> century CE, we should bear in mind that everyone born in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries was born into the peak of a cycle of sidereal alignment... and likewise into an age when humanity surged forward in technology and impacted the planet in a manner hitherto unknown. Some of that impact is described in the verses of the *Prophecies*, more than eight hundred years before it would manifest in our modernist culture. They accurately predict atomic energy, environmental pollution, auto-immune deficiency, quartz micro-chip technology, and many other unique aspects of modern life.

### **The Apocalypse**

*The Prophecies of Merlin* closes with an apocalypse, described as a revolution of the ordered paths of the planets through the Signs of the Zodiac. The *Prophecies* offer a significant sequence of visions, pre-Christian in content and goddess based in mythology, whereby this Revolution of the Signs can be understood and experienced *within our consciousness*. Thus it is an inner revolution that may be synchronized with the outer sidereal alignments. In the later chapters of Part One, I explore this inner transformation in detail.

The *apocalypsis* in the *Prophecies of Merlin* reveals a sidereal pattern, rotating into place somewhat like the tumblers on a combination lock, wheels within wheels, whereby a goddess unravels the old order, and brings in a new cycle. It is this sidereal or cosmic shift, this unraveling, that (in the *Prophecies*) causes the planets to abandon their customary movement through the Signs, marking the end of a long term pattern. We know that a synchronistic 25/26,000 year cycle creates the current sidereal alignments, which form a through-line linking the Earth, Sun, and galactic center.

*This alignment came into its peak in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, and we begin to incrementally fall away from it around the year 2012 CE. The Winter Solstice, December 21<sup>st</sup> 2012 is regarded as a significant date in this context.*

Although there has been a furor of speculation regarding the year 2012, ranging from serious to utterly absurd, it is seldom understood or made clear that such alignments move very slowly. We have been in the through-line, the straight connection, for most of the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and will be very slowly falling away from it for the rest of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Thus it is a long-term alignment that we live through, rather than some single event.

### **The New Age and the Sign of Aquarius**

Much has been made of the “Age of Aquarius” in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, though we are strictly in the Aquarian epoch of the Piscean Age, and not yet in the Aquarian Age. The *Prophecies* make specific references to the astrological/astronomical sign of Aquarius and its mediation of cosmic change, which can be found in our main text. This cosmic change brings in a new age.

While the contemporary idea of the New Age seems to have been hijacked by heterodox materialism, the original concept of Swedenborg and of William Blake was that the New Age is ever-present as a transformation of consciousness, a revelation from within.

...we have all been living, from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present day, within the culmination of a steady sidereal movement towards a remarkable cosmic alignment. We will all live in within it, and our children and grandchildren will live within it, for a long time to come. The Aquarian age is not entered until a few years *after* this sidereal alignment begins the

incrementally slow fall away from its peak, but in terms of stellar time, we could say that, for us on Earth, the alignment ushers in the New Age. But we are not there yet!

Far from being a quaint and bizarre conundrum of medieval chronicling, *The Prophecies of Merlin* embody a tradition. This tradition is one of prophecy for individual inner transformation and vision, leading towards a synchronistic major collective transformation triggered by sidereal alignments in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, constellating around, before, and after, the Winter Solstice of 2012 CE.

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