

Introduction to MERLIN

We should make something very clear, right away. **MERLIN tells time!** It doesn't tell you what's going to happen. Nothing can tell you what's going to happen, unless of course what's going to happen already exists. In that case we're all just reading from cue cards or teleprompter and this existence becomes pretty academic. The truth is no one can predict exact events except by accident because events in the future appear to be the result of a composite phenomenon involving multiple forces and effects, some of which we even, probably control. To paraphrase the late actor, Cary Grant, everyone would like to be Nostradamus; hell, even Nostradamus would like to have been Nostradamus and wasn't! **Exact predictions by other humans only happen by luck or accident.**

A majority of us grew up embracing the notion that either the future is all planned and preordained and we're just a bunch of actors playing-out roles, or more typically that the future is just one big crapshoot and you can't predict anything because it hasn't happened yet. Research suggests the likelihood that neither of those positions is true. **Events really seem to be the convergence point or gathering place for multiple factors, rather than the result of simple cause and effect.** If true, one of those factors may be time. Not the more random clock-time you're used to thinking about, the wall clocks and calendars that decorate our lives, but something more infrequent and at the same time, more organized. Something that's akin to ocean tides or the seasons; sunrise and sunset, the phases of the Moon.

No, MERLIN doesn't predict exact events but it does something almost as interesting and maybe even more useful. It finds the times of your life when the big events will happen and indicates how dramatic they're likely to be and how long they're liable to last. In a word, well, three words -- onset, intensity, duration. **The when of things, the how big and the how long!** You could think of it as chapter headings or even some of the sub-chapter headings of a lifetime. (And) if the future turns out to be this composite phenomenon we think it is, knowing when to make changes could dramatically alter, for the better, what happens in the future. Your future!

Did you ever notice how in all the thought-provoking science fiction stories about going back in time, they always warn you not to change anything in the past or the future might change accordingly? Suppose I told you that our research over the past fifteen years suggests that **if you were to plan the timetable of your choices or change the starting moment of your endeavors, you'd change the outcome.** It's true. That's what makes MERLIN so fascinating. It provides you with a time-sensitive framework for initiating change and a roadmap of the route that change will follow – in advance!

MERLIN can forecast the likely timetable for the major events in your life, but more importantly it can tell you **when to commence changes to produce the effect you want to achieve.** And that's something worth knowing about. If time does come in waves, as our research appears to indicate, **knowing which one to catch and when to catch it could represent the difference between something that succeeds and all the other somethings that didn't.** The difference between making the future happen on purpose instead of by accident.