

## **AUTHOR BIO.**

### ***LONGINUS: BOOK I OF THE MERLIN FACTOR***

**A Novel by Steven Maines.**

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Born in northern California, Steven began his interest in writing at a young age. He was trained on the piano in the classical tradition starting at age eight, and began composing music at age twelve. His experiences with music fueled his imagination for story-telling. Perhaps it was because, in his mind, music always conjured images of a given story that the piece of music was conveying, the soundtrack to a story, as it were. Whatever the reason, he became interested in the art of story-telling and began to write short-stories.

Philosophy and spirituality are fields that have always been of great interest to Steven. He aligns his beliefs with Socrates in that, "the unexamined life is not worth living."

Steven was baptized into the Mormon church when he was eight and attended the church regularly for most of his childhood. When he came of an age to realize that the Mormon beliefs were not his, he left the church, but a life-long desire to investigate his own nature, as well as philosophy and spirituality in general, had been kindled. Steven began studying the teachings of Eastern mysticism, as well as, the deeper teachings of Catholic and Christian mysticism. The teachings of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC became quite prominent in his life as did studies with Religious Science, Unity and the "New Thought" movement in general. Steven studied philosophy and writing in college and graduated with a degree in those subjects. He began working on a postgraduate degree in philosophy, when the creative urges became too strong and he left -- for Los Angeles to further pursue his literary career.

Steven worked in the film industry as an actor and actor-double for many years. During this time, he continued his studies and research in spirituality and philosophy which became the basis for his writings of short-stories, screenplays and novels.

Steven is a gifted storyteller and frequent speaker.

*Longinus: Book I Of The Merlin Factor*, is his first in a trilogy of books. Contact Steven Maines at [www.stevenmaines.com](http://www.stevenmaines.com) or [www.purplehazepress.com](http://www.purplehazepress.com).