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## AN OWEN BARFIELD CHRONOLOGY

- 1898 Arthur Owen Barfield is born on 9 November in Muswell Hill, a suburb of London, son of Arthur and Elizabeth Barfield
- 1917 Poem, "Air-Castles," published in the magazine *Punch*
- 1918 Commissioned Second Lieutenant, Royal Engineers trainee
- 1919 Enters Wadham College, Oxford; meets C.S. Lewis
- 1921 Receives First Class Honours in English Language and Literature; begins work on B.Litt. thesis (later to become *Poetic Diction*); works part-time for the London weekly newspaper *Truth*
- 1923 Attracted to Anthroposophy; marries Maud Douie in April
- 1925 *The Silver Trumpet* published; "Great War" with C.S. Lewis begins
- 1926 *History in English Words* published
- 1928 *Poetic Diction* published
- 1929 Son Alexander adopted
- 1930 To support his family, begins work in his father's law firm in London and trains to be a solicitor (later receives B.C.L. from Oxford)\*
- 1935 Daughter Lucy adopted
- 1944 *Romanticism Comes of Age* published
- 1945 Son Jeffrey adopted
- 1948 Play, *Orpheus* performed (not published until 1983)
- 1949 Joins the Church of England
- 1950 *This Ever Diverse Pair* published under the pseudonym "G.A.L. Burgeon"
- 1957 *Saving the Appearances: A Study in Idolatry* published
- 1959 Partial retirement from law practice
- 1963 *Worlds Apart* published; visiting professor at Drew University (later a visiting professor at several other American and Canadian universities)
- 1965 Final retirement from law practice; *Unancestral Voice* published
- 1967 *Speaker's Meaning* published
- 1971 *What Coleridge Thought* published
- 1977 *The Rediscovery of Meaning and Other Essays* published
- 1979 *History, Guilt and Habit* published
- 1980 Maud Barfield dies
- 1981 Assumes editorship of Coleridge's *Philosophical Lectures* for *The Collected Coleridge*
- 1985 *The Year Participated* published
- 1990 *Owen Barfield on C.S. Lewis* published
- 1993 *A Barfield Sampler* published
- 1997 Dies on 14 December in Forest Row, East Sussex

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\* Sources differ as to when Barfield entered law practice and received his B.C.L.