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The prophetic dimension of the thought of Raymond Abellio

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Abstract

Any knowledge borders into a wisdom and a prophetism¹
Raymond Abellio, *Manifeste de la nouvelle gnose* (p. 82),
Gallimard, 1989.

One can certainly grasp the originality and strength of the thought of Abellio by referring to the above sentence of his last opus, of posthumous publication. « *Knowledge* » more precisely becomes « *gnosis* » in the author's words, « *wisdom* » takes place in the *continuum* of Tradition writings, and « *prophetism* » in the interpretation of times, present and future, by the one who speaks to his fellow men.

My talk will have three parts : first it will highlight the notion of « *prophetism* » present in all aspects of Raymond Abellio's work (novels, essays, memoirs); the second part will discuss Abellio's assessment about his own time, of which the present times are for us the continuation; the third part will point out how the experience of the « *Absolute Structure* », *i. e.* considering the constituent data of the « *meaning* », allows him to surpass the causes of a first sight disillusion, giving access to a higher level wisdom.

¹ French text : *Toute connaissance confine dans une sagesse et un prophétisme.*