

A Chronology of Cassirer's Life

- 1874 Born July 28 in Breslau (today Wroclaw Poland).
- 1892 Begins his studies at the University of Berlin in jurisprudence before changing his major to German literature and then again to philosophy, while following courses in history and art history.
- 1894 Follows Georg Simmel's course on Kant where he learns about the work of Hermann Cohen. Moves to Marburg and takes up studies with Cohen.
- 1899 Completes his doctoral thesis: *Descartes Kritik der mathematischen und der naturwissenschaftlichen Erkenntnis*.
- 1902 Publishes: *Leibniz' System in seinen wissenschaftlichen Grundlagen*. Marries his cousin Toni Bondy.
- 1903 Moves to Berlin.
- 1906 Completes his habilitation at the University of Berlin: *Das Erkenntnisproblem in der Philosophie und Wissenschaft der neueren Zeit*. With some help from Dilthey Cassirer becomes Privatdozent at the University of Berlin
- 1910 Publishes: *Substanzbegriff und Funktionsbegriff*
- 1916 Publishes: *Freiheit und Form. Studien zur deutschen Geistesgeschichte*.
- 1917 The project of the philosophy of symbolic forms is first conceived.
- 1918 Publishes: *Kants Leben und Lehre*
- 1919 Named Professor of Philosophy at the University of Hamburg
- 1920 Begins to use the Kulturhistorische Bibliothek Warburg.
Publishes: *Das Erkenntnisproblem in der Philosophie und Wissenschaft der neueren Zeit, Band III: Die Nachkantischen Systeme*.
- 1921 Publishes: *Zur Einsteinschen Relativitätstheorie*.
- 1923 Publishes: *Philosophie der symbolischen Formen, Teil I: Die Sprache*.
- 1925 Publishes: *Philosophie der symbolischen Formen, Teil II: Das mythische Denken*.
- 1927 Publishes: *Individuum und Kosmos in der Philosophie der Renaissance*.
- 1929 Is elected rector of the University of Hamburg for the term November 1929 to November 1930.
Publishes: *Philosophie der symbolischen Formen, Teil III: Die Phänomenologie der Erkenntnis*.
The Davos debate with Heidegger in Switzerland.

- 1931 Is in Paris working on *The Philosophy of the Enlightenment* at the Bibliothèque nationale.
- 1932 Publishes: *Die Philosophie der Aufklärung, Die platonische Renaissance in England und die Schule von Cambridge* and *Das Problem Jean-Jacques Rousseau*.
- 1933 In January Hitler is named chancellor and Cassirer request official leave of absence from the university. By July Cassirer is officially relieved of his duties at the University of Hamburg. Named Professor at All Souls College at Oxford. Meets Albert Schweitzer.
- 1935 Named Professor at the University of Göteborg in Sweden.
- 1936 Publishes: *Determinismus und Indeterminismus in der modernen Physik*.
- 1939 Becomes a Swedish citizen. 1940 Becomes Professor emeritus.
- 1941 Leaves for America to teach at Yale University and meets the linguist Roman Jakobson on board the Swedish freighter.
- 1942 Publishes: *Zur Logik der Kulturwissenschaften*
- 1944 Publishes: *An Essay on Man*
- 1945 Dies April 13 of a heart attack after giving a lecture at Columbia University, New York.
- 1946 *Myth of the State* is published posthumously.