

Important dates in Erich Fromm's life

1900	23rd March: Born Erich Pinchas Fromm in Frankfurt am Main. Only child of the orthodox Jewish wine trader, Naphtali Fromm and his wife Rosa, née Krause.
1918	Final exam at Wöhler-Schule in Frankfurt, then two semesters studying juris- prudence at the University of Frankfurt. Friendship with Rabbi Nehemia Nobel.
1919	Co-founder of the Freie Jüdische Lehrhaus in Frankfurt am Main. Student in Frankfurt and – from the summer semester 1919 onwards – in Heidelberg
1920	At Heidelberg, he switches from studying jurisprudence to sociology under Alfred Weber. Until 1925, he continues talmudic studies with Rabbi Rabinkow.
1922	Receives his Ph. D. doctorate from Heidelberg in Sociology.
1924	Together with Frieda Reichmann, opens the <i>Therapeutikum</i> in Mönchhofstraße, Heidelberg. Psychoanalysed by Frieda Reichmann, later by Wilhelm Wittenberg in Munich.
1926	16th June: Marries Frieda Reichmann. Turns away from orthodox Judaism. Contacts with Georg Groddeck in Baden-Baden.
1927	First publications as an orthodox Freudian psychoanalyst.
1928	Didactical analysis with Hanns Sachs in Berlin and psychonanalytical studies at the Karl Abraham Institute in Berlin.
1929	Co-founder of the South German Institute for Psychoanalysis in Frankfurt, together with Karl Landauer, Frieda Fromm-Reichmann and Heinrich Meng.
1930	Member of the Institute for Social Research in Frankfurt, in charge of the fields of psychoanalysis and social psychology. Completes his psychoanalytic training at the Psychoanalytic Institute in Berlin and opens his own practice there.
1931	Falls ill with tuberculosis of the lungs during the summer. Separation from Frieda Fromm-Reichmann. Stays on and off in Davos until April 1934
1932	Publication of the article On the Methods and Function of Analytical Social Psychology in the first edition of the Zeitschrift für Sozialforschung.
1933	At the invitation of Karen Horney, guest lectures in Chicago. Works on the theory of matriarchy and mother right. Death of his father. Friendship with Karen Horney (lasts until 1943).
1934	25th May: The Nazi regime forces Fromm to emigrate to the USA. He arrives in New York at 31st May 1934. Works at the Institute for Social Research until 1939, repeatedly interrupted by health problems. Evaluation of his 1930 socialpsychological studies of German workers and employees.
1935	Publication of the article <i>The Social Determination of Psychoanalytic Therapy</i> . Cooperation with Harry Stack Sullivan and Clara Thompson. Frieda Fromm-



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1961	Publication of <i>Marx's Concept of Man</i> and a work on American foreign policy.
1962	Peace conference in Moscow. Foundation of the IFPS (umbrella organisation of non-orthodox psychoanalytical societies). Publication of <i>Beyond the Chains of Illusion</i> .
1963	Opening of the Mexican Psychoanalytical Institute.
1964	Publication of his biophilia-necrophilia concept, as well as the application of narcissism to social groups in <i>The Heart of Man</i> .
1965	Emeritus status at the National Autonomous University of Mexico City. Greater engagement in peace politics and against the Vietnam war. Height of his fame in the USA.
1966	Publication of <i>You Shall Be as Gods.</i> – A heart attack leads to his retreat from active duties in Mexico. Stays in Europe for long periods.
1968	Assists in the election campaign of Eugene McCarthy and publishes <i>The Revolution of Hope</i> . After Nixon's victory, withdraws from political activism. Starts work on his theory of aggression.
1969	Rents an apartment in Locarno, Tessin, Southern Switzerland, as a summer retreat.
1970	Publication of his field-research on Mexican peasants.
1973	Publication of The Anatomy of Human Destructiveness.
1974	Decides to give up the house in Cuernavaca and to stay in Tessin all year round.
1975	Works on To Have Or to Be? – Gall bladder operation in New York.
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1977	Second heart attack. – Fromm becomes a leading figure of the alternative movement in Germany and Italy.
1978	Third heart attack brings on a deterioration of his condition.
1980	18th March: Dies as a result of a fourth heart attack. Cremation in Bellinzona, Switzerland.