



Life and Times of "Dr." Albert Einstein

A tale of 2 Alberts

Date	Event
1852	Albert Michelson is born in Strzelno, Poland. His parents move to the United States when he is two years old. He grows up in the rough mining towns of Murphy's Camp, California, and Virginia City, Nevada, where his father is a merchant.
1879	Albert Einstein is born in Ulm, Germany, the first child of Hermann and Pauline Einstein.
1880	The Einstein family move to Munich, Germany, to establish an electrical engineering company named Einstein & Cie.
1884	Einstein's parents hire a tutor to teach him the violin. The result is disastrous because Einstein is given to sudden fits of rage and constantly attacks his tutor.
1885	The 6 year old Einstein begins school at the local Catholic elementary school. His teachers fear that he is mentally retarded.
1887	Famous Michelson-Morley experiment in the U.S. proves that the earth is not moving!!
1888	Attends the Luitpold Gymnasium in Munich.
1894	The family business goes into liquidation and the Einstein's move to Milan in northern Italy.
1895	Fails to pass the entrance exam to the ETH —the Swiss Technological University.
1896	After a year of study he passes the entrance exams and attends the ETH.

1896	Einstein falls madly in love with a "gifted" Hungarian fellow student named Mileva-Maric. He affectionately calls her his "little witch."
1900	Einstein finally graduates from the ETH.
1902	Einstein and Mileva have a daughter named Lieserl. Lieserl is given up for adoption and seems to disappear from history. Many people later surface claiming to be Einstein's daughter, Lieserl.
1903	Marries his lover Mileva Maric. She comes a co-conspirator in his "discovery" of relativity.
1905	1905 is called the <i>annus mirabilis</i> or <i>miracle year</i> for Einstein. During that fateful year he submits 5 papers on relativity all of which appear in the prestigious German journal: <i>Annalen der Physik</i> . A supplement to the special theory of relativity is received by <i>Annalen</i> which contains the formula $E=MC^2$.
1909	Professor Hermann Minkowski who called Einstein a "lazy dog" dies at the young age of 45. Einstein is appointed extraordinary professor of theoretical physics at Zurich University at a salary of 4.500 Swiss Francs.
1912	Professor Jules Henri Poincaré who was one of the giants of theoretical physics dies suddenly at the age of 58.
1919	Divorces his wife Mileva and she is given custody of their 2 boys. The divorce agreement states that any money he might earn in the future from relativity should go to her —the real authoress!! Albert marries his cousin Elsa Einstein.
1922	Receives the Nobel Prize for physics. Mileva receives ALL the prize money.
1931	Visits the United States for "research" at the California Institute of Technology. He meets his mentor Dr. Albert Michelson. Attends a séance with author Upton Sinclair and his wife, Mary Craig.

1933	Rockefeller Foundation director Abraham Flexner brings Einstein to the U.S. He is appointed research professor at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, New Jersey.
1935	Buys a house at 112 Mercer St. in Princeton, New Jersey.
1936	Einstein's second wife, Elsa, dies suddenly after returning from a trip to Europe. His secretary, Helen Dukas, becomes his housekeeper and arranges all of his appointments.
1939	Atomic scientists Leo Szilard and Eugene Wigner visit Einstein on Long Island, New York. They explain to him the awesome power that can be released from an atomic explosion. Einstein agrees to write a letter to President Roosevelt urging him to commence work on nuclear fission.
1941	Work on the Manhattan Project commences. Einstein plays no part in the development of the atomic bomb because he knows <i>nothing</i> about physics.
1955	Einstein dies at his home and his ashes are sprinkled over a local river. His secretary and housekeeper Helen Dukas is the major beneficiary in his will.

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