

A BRIEF CHRONOLOGY

- 1903 Yves René Marie Simon was born in Cherbourg, France on March 14, 1903. His parents were Auguste Simon and Berthe Porquet dit la Féronnière. His father, an industrialist, was director of Établissement Simon Frères, the family's large farm implement manufacturing company in Normandy.
- 1919 Passes the Baccalauréat-ès-Lettres in Cherbourg.
- 1920 Enrolls at the Lycée Louis-le-Grand in Paris in the form "Rhétorique Supérieure" in preparation for the École Normale Supérieure.
- 1922 Receives his Licence-ès-Lettres in philosophy, Université de Paris (Sorbonne).
- 1923 Awarded Diplôme d'Études Supérieures de Philosophie, Faculté des Lettres, Université de Paris (Sorbonne). His thesis, *Mémoire sur Charles Dunoyer*, was directed by Célestin Bouglé.
Officially registers his doctoral dissertation topic at the Université de Paris (Sorbonne) on Pierre-Joseph Proudhon and simultaneously attends courses at the Institut Catholique de Paris.
- 1926 Begins several years of medical studies at the École de Médecine of the Université de Paris (Sorbonne).
Earns the Certificat d'Études Physiques, Chimiques et Naturelles from the Université de Paris (Sorbonne).
- 1928 Granted the degree of Lector Philosophiae from the Institut Catholique de Paris.
- 1929 Licentiate in philosophy, Institut Catholique de Paris.
Teaches at Heiligkreuz-Neisse, Nordost, Germany, during 1929–1930.

- 1930 Marries Paule Dromard in Paris. They have six children; four are born in France before the family's departure for the United States in the fall of 1938.
Accepts the chair of philosophy at the Institut Catholique de Lille. Simultaneously named director of public Thomistic lectures at the Institut Catholique de Paris, 1930–1938.
- 1932 Appointed Secrétaire Général (managing editor) of the *Revue de Philosophie*, published by Pierre Téqui, Paris, 1932–1938.
- 1934 Receives his Doctorate de Philosophie, Cum Singulari Prorsus Laude, from the Institut Catholique de Paris. Defends his doctoral dissertation on April 18 1934, before a board of examiners composed of F. A. Blanche, Daniel J. Lallement, Jacques Maritain, Georges Dwelshauvers, and Charles Eyselé. It was directed and approved by Émile Peillaube, Dean of the Faculty, and published as *Introduction à l'ontologie du connaître*.
Named editor of Cours et Documents de Philosophie, a philosophical book series published by Pierre Téqui, Paris, 1934–1938.
- 1938 Becomes director of a second book series, Les Beaux Voyages d'Autrefois, also published by Téqui.
Awarded a prize for his philosophical works by La Société des Sciences de Lille.
Leaves for the United States to become Visiting Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame and joins the regular faculty after the collapse of France.
- 1943 Teaches at and receives an honorary degree, Profesor Extraordinario, from La Universidad Nacional de Mexico in Mexico City.
Appointed to the faculty of the École Libre des Hautes Études [New School for Social Research], New York, and continues to write articles for various Free French publications in the United States, Canada, and England.
- 1946 Elected to the Pontificia Academia Romana S. Thomae Aquinatis *Diploma Cooptationis Causa* (Pontifical Academy

of St. Thomas Aquinas) in Rome. First American citizen to be so honored.

- 1948 Leaves the University of Notre Dame and is appointed professor in The University of Chicago's Committee on Social Thought, by Chancellor Robert M. Hutchins. Among his colleagues at the Committee are John U. Nef (Economic History), David Grene (Classics), Peter H. von Blankenhagen (Archeology), Edward A. Shils (Sociology), F. A. Hayek (Economics), Otto von Simpson (Art History), Mircea Eliade (Comparative Religion), Marshall Hodgson, J. M. Redfield (Economics), and Frank H. Knight (Economics).
- 1961 Yves R. Simon dies in South Bend, Indiana, on May 11, 1961.

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