

Introduction of Henry Eyring by H. Tracy Hall at BYU Forum assembly, October 7, 1971

Henry Eyring was born 70 years ago in Colonial Juarez, Old Mexico Thereby becoming a member of two minority groups: the Mormons and the American Mexicans. From this beginning he rose to become one of the world's renowned scientists. I hope you will read some of the details of this great man's accomplishments in Today's Daily Universe. He has been honored by governments, scientific societies, universities, corporations, and foundations.

His scientific works are detailed in six books and 460 articles that he has written Henry Eyring is a generalist. He is interested in everything and has probed into such questions from "how do atoms split" to "why doesn't honey pour like water".

As I look back 25 years to the time I became one of his students, I recall 5 things distinctly:

1. His boundless energy, He was more physically fit than any of his students
2. His interest in his students. He would come up the stairs to the 3rd floor of the old chemistry building several times a day to ask what I had accomplished the past hour.
3. His feeling that anyone was teachable. You could be an English major who had failed high school algebra yet he would encourage you to enroll in his advanced quantum mechanic's 747.
4. His Genius at solving a complex problem: He could strip away the unimportant and non essential to expose the simple heart of the matter and then dissemble it in beautiful mathematics.
5. He was not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was very famous; he held important positions but everyone new he was a Latter-day Saint.
6. Fellow students, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Dr. Henry Eyring, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Metallurgy of the University of Utah.
Dr. Eyring