

Questions for Professor McDougal

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1. What was it like growing up in rural Mississippi in the early part of the 20th century? What did you do for amusement?
2. What were your schooldays like before you attended the University of Mississippi?
3. Were there any female or mature students at Ole Miss in your time?
4. Were you ever tempted to leave Yale, to try something different? Government, private practice.
5. Were there any major disappointments along the way? Postitions, achievements, honours, titles that you would have liked but that did not come your way?
6. What do you most regret not having done in your professional life?
7. If you were starting over again what would you do differently?
8. Were you looking forward to retirement? Were there things you had planned to do during retirement?
9. As a result of Holdworth's letter you were give a fat Fellowship to Yale and after some time there you spent three years in Illinois. How long were you at Yale on that Fellowship and what you were doing during that period of time?

The tape seems to suggest that you spent a year taking classes at Yale (dates), that you rebelled against American legal realism, and that you came to admire Wesley Sturges. Is this correct? Incidentally, am I spelling Wesley Sturges' name correctly?

9. 10. Some say you were economical with the truth when it came to evaluating the policies of the State Department.
11. The story of Harold's interest in whether the town Hall was wired for direct or alternatng current, this being the story which the Law Faculty in Chicago laughed at. We need a couple of lines of explanation about this. What was Harold's point?
8. 12. What are some of the things you would like to see done in the world in the next 100 years?
13. Your long and fruitful collaboration with Harold was probably unprecedented in the recent history of scholarly research. You seem to have complemented one another.

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1. Many people see you as a born teacher, an uninspiring teacher, who happened to be a lawyer. How do you see yourself?
2. You often said that you were "geared for combat" and "at my best on attack". Do you still see yourself that way?
3. What do you regard as the highlight of your professional career? (good)
4. What changes have you seen at Yale over the years?
5. You were regarded as a radical in property law but as conservative in international law. Do you agree?
6. Last time we spoke of the major figures in international law in the United States. We mentioned Hyde, Jessup, and Hudson. Would you include Quincy Wright, Edwin Dickenson, Clyde Eagleton, Hardy Dillard, Ernest Gross, and Richard Baxter?
7. Woolsley and Borchard preceded you at Yale. What did you think of them?

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