

Preface

When first planning this book I intended it to be part of *Quips, Quotes, and Quanta*, but the material grew too extensive to include in one volume. Also the material in this volume is of a quite different nature. Since I have tried, as much as possible to adhere to a thematic order, there is temporal overlap with *Quips, Quotes, and Quanta*.

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As in *Quips, Quotes, and Quanta* the translations into English, unless otherwise specified, are my own.

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