

Preface

This book is directed both to laymen and to scientists, both to technicians and to artists.

Let us start with the scientific and technical domain. Suppose one is dealing with a mathematical, physical, chemical, ecological or economical system, which is controllable by two parameters. These parameters are the coordinates of the diagrams in this book. The grey shadings or colors on them tell us if the system is predictable (like the phases of the moon) or if chance plays a role because its predictability is limited (like the weather).

On the other hand, one may be inclined to draw these diagrams solely for their aesthetic sake. The method is not difficult to understand or program for a user with high school level maths. Moreover using the included CD-ROM removes the need to understand it at all.

I have been drawing diagrams of this kind for a quarter of a century. As a result I have exhibited all over the world, won a prize, and designed the covers of books and CDs as well as logos and postcards. Now, following my 63rd birthday, I have decided to reveal all my “little secrets” here in this book as a legacy.

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