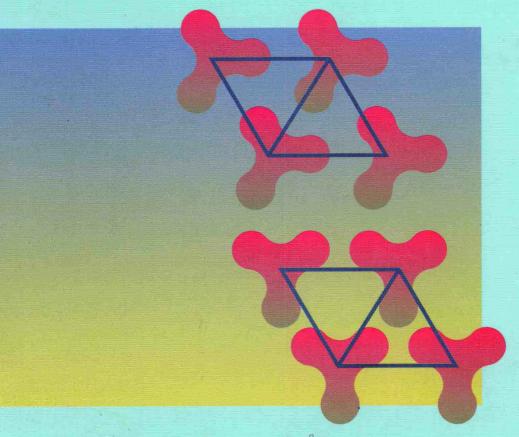
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#### **Preface**

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assigning credit for ideas. More often than not, the origins of ideas are forgotten, if they are ever consciously known. Like many scientists, I have the habit of absorbing fragments of other people's ideas—from lectures, from books, from conversations—and nurturing them as my own. In my opinion, science lives on this kind of cross-fertilization, so I hope I need not feel too guilty about such borrowings.

Many readers will not have to be told that the quotations at the beginning of each chapter are from Lewis Carroll, but for readers who were not brought up among English books I had better explain that Lewis Carroll was the pseudonym of a nineteenth-century mathematician, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (1832–1898), one of the founders of mathematical logic and the author of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass.

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