

*A Note to the Reader*

Many of the topics are sufficiently involved that I have used a spiral approach to them. By this I mean that the initial presentations sometimes are made on the most direct basis, with certain sidelights or elegancies deferred until later in the chapter. I suggest that the core portion of each chapter be read in its entirety before detailed study is undertaken. Because of this aspect and also because of the structuring of the chapters into divisions, I have tried to make the Index unusually complete. It is intended to be used routinely.