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Examples are everything.

Man is an imitative creature,
and whoever is foremost leads the herd.

Friedrich Schiller

If these notes prove to be a source of inspiration or to give you a new appreciation of the programmer's trade, some of my goals will have been reached.

Edsger Dijkstra

All things excellent are as difficult as they are rare.

Baruch Spinoza

Try to give all of the information to help others to judge the value of your contribution, not just the information that leads to judgment in one particular direction or another.

Richard Feynman

As indicated in the introduction (p. 18), the following nine appendices contain material of secondary importance. By this, we do not mean that they are anecdotal, but only that reading them is not essential to understand the rest of this work. Therefore they can safely be ignored by readers who are not as skeptical as the author himself is.

The first of these nine appendices was not written by the author; it is included here for the sake of completeness, and because the *Reports* are not easily available.