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Preface

This book is an expression of the deep respect, affection, and appreciation we feel for our mentor and friend, Muzafer Sherif. As Muzafer was approaching his 80th birthday in 1986, it occurred to several people that he was deserving of a *Festschrift* in his honor. The wheels of academia grind slowly, but this book is the result of conversations and correspondence which began in the spring of that year. It is to be regretted that we could not complete this project before Muzafer's death in 1988, but he knew about it and was pleased. When he read drafts of some of the chapters, various topics and assertions rekindled old fires burning in his soul.

Some of the varied chapters in this book focus directly on Sherif's ideas and contributions. Others use Sherif's concepts and take off into new territory. We sought to collect papers that would represent the range of Muzafer's work, but that is very difficult in that his scope was very great. Given his orientation in Social Psychology, we felt that, at a minimum, the chapters must *not* be mired down in any one discipline. We wanted this book to be interdisciplinary and international in outlook, and in that respect we succeeded.

When it came to writing an introductory chapter, our feeling was that the chapters in hand were very solid and could stand by themselves without any special introduction. Therefore, we did not write the common sort of introductory chapter which often goes something like, ". . . and in the next chapter, so and so writes about such and such. . . ." We decided instead to try to write a brief intellectual portrait of Muzafer. This seemed especially appropriate since he never wrote much autobiographically, and he certainly lived an interesting life. The task turned out to be much more complicated and far more lengthy than anticipated. The end product also appeared to be more like a portrait of an intellectual, and thus, the title for our chapter 1. While working on that chapter, we had the invaluable help of many people who provided us with new information, materials, comments, suggestions, and corrections on a preliminary draft. In this regard, we wish to acknowledge the contributions of O. J. Harvey, Mary Alice Ericson, Jim Whittaker, Bill McGuire, Dave Westby,

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