About the Author

Lawrence M. Krauss is Foundation Professor in the School of Earth and Space Exploration and the Physics Department at Arizona State University, as well as Co-Director of the Cosmology Initiative and Inaugural Director of the Origins Project. The Origins program involves new and wide-ranging interdisciplinary research, teaching, and outreach focusing on all aspects of origins: from the origins of the cosmos to human origins, to the origins of consciousness and culture. Krauss is an internationally known theoretical physicist with broad research interests, including the interface between elementary particle physics and cosmology. He received his PhD in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1982, and joined the Harvard Society of Fellows. In 1985, he joined the faculty of physics at Yale University, and then moved to Case Western Reserve University as Ambrose Swasey Professor in 1993. From 1993 to 2005, he served as chairman of the physics department at Case. He is the recipient of numerous international awards for his research and writing, and is the only physicist to receive awards from all three major US physics societies, the American Physical Society, the American Association of Physics Teachers, and the American Institute of Physics.

Krauss is also one of the few prominent scientists today to have actively crossed the chasm between science and popular culture, causing him to be heralded as a unique "public intellectual" by *Scientific American* magazine. For example, besides his books and radio and television work, and his newspaper and magazine commentaries, Krauss has performed solo with the Cleveland Orchestra, narrating Gustav Holst's *The Planets* at the Blossom Music Center in the most highly attended concert at that venue, and he was nominated for a Grammy Award for his liner notes for

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* Indeed, as this book goes to print I just learned that Saul and Brian, along with Adam Reiss, who was part of the High-Z Supernova project, were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2011 for their discovery.