

Pauli's formulations, Laurikainen has chosen to supply large quotations, in German (supplemented by English translations in the appendix), from Pauli's letters. Nevertheless, in his own commentaries, Laurikainen sometimes introduces substantial deviations from Pauli's original wording. Particularly unsatisfactory is Laurikainen's own notion of statistical causality, here freely attributed to Pauli.

Pauli looked in vain for an appropriate "neutral language" by which he could relate physical and psychological aspects of phenomena in a symmetrical fashion. But what Pauli ventured as only first thoughts in his informal letters to a friend and colleague, Laurikainen presents as definite conclusions. Here more than elsewhere we must distinguish carefully between Pauli's formulations in his printed articles and the tentative and unaccomplished elaborations in Pauli's correspondence. The restriction to only a small amount of Pauli's correspondence on psychology, the lack of any comment on the content of Fierz's responses to Pauli's letters, and the absence of an explanation of the conceptual background of Jungian psychology will make it difficult for the reader unfamiliar with this psychology to obtain a clear idea of Pauli's views.

This book nonetheless represents an interesting start in making public the rich, and until now almost unknown, legacy of Pauli's philosophical musings. I hope that the publication of the complete Pauli correspondence now in progress will provide a stronger basis for understanding this new psychological-physical worldview.

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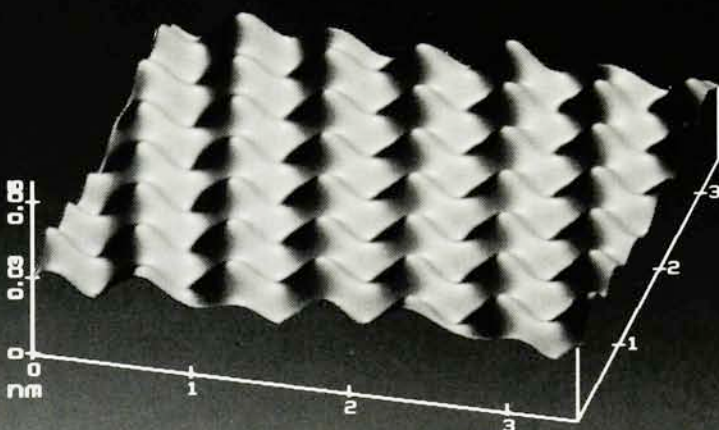
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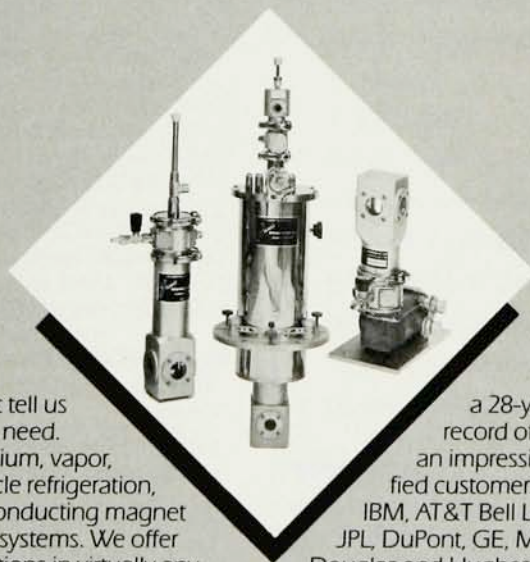
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