This issue of *KronoScope* celebrates the life’s work of J. T. Fraser on the occasion of his eightieth birthday, marked on the calendar in May, 2003. It celebrates beginnings as well as continuity. The study of time as an integrated, interdisciplinary endeavor began with the efforts of J. T. Fraser, and continues because of the impact of those efforts and the spirit of the man. The tributes that appear in these issues speak of inspiration, dialogue, connection, and a remarkable humanity; they are a small sampling from the many scientists, scholars, poets, artists, musicians, and friends who have shared thoughts and experiences of time with this Renaissance man and master “timesmith.”

It is impossible to place J. T. Fraser in any one disciplinary niche. He is a scientist, an engineer, and a humanist who has been able to bridge the distance between disciplines in order to engage fruitfully in a “multicultural,” transdisciplinary dialogue that goes beyond the dichotomy of C. P. Snow’s two cultures. For him, intellectual discovery is the foundation of human values; for him, relationships nurture the sense of worth and dignity in each individual.