

## Afterword

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Publius Vergilius Maro (70–19 BCE), *Æneid*, Book I

One of the joys of life is to have had many experiences for which one wishes to offer thanks. Another is to be able to offer those thanks.

I want very much to thank the organizers for this wonderful event. I thank John Crassidis especially for having started it all and for having been such a strong supporter of my work even while he was still a graduate student. I may question his judgment but not his sincerity. It is hard to imagine that I could possibly be worthy of the efforts and sacrifices he has made in order that this event might take place. Landis Markley has been my friend since 1967 when we were still theoretical physicists. For almost thirty years he has been my guardian nemesis, frequently spotting errors in my work (before publication) and making it much better. To my mind he is far more deserving than I of an event like this. I have known John Junkins, who has done so much to enrich our field, since 1982. He is the astrodynamacist I most admire, and he has been my staunch ally in many ventures. I have always been in the debt of these three people, and I have little to give them in return.

Linda Mehnert, the symposium secretary, has made enormous efforts for a person she did not know in order to make this symposium a success. She cannot be praised enough.

Kathleen Howell, who has been the AAS liaison for the symposium and a co-editor of this Proceedings volume, will also be a co-editor for the special issue of *The Journal of the Astronautical Sciences* arising from the symposium (her real trials are beginning only now). As its editor-in-chief for the past dozen years, she has treated my articles with great kindness and good humor. Jim Kirkpatrick, director of the American Astronautical Society, has been very supportive of the event and the source of much good advice. Most of the pictures on the Shuster Symposium website are by him.

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The Holiday Inn Grand Island has been very helpful throughout, especially as regards my special needs.

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<sup>1</sup>Perhaps, it will be pleasing some day to have remembered these things. This was Chippings' parting phrase at his retirement celebration in the novel *Goodbye, Mr. Chips* by James Hilton and in the wonderful MGM film.

Special thanks go to Robert Jacobs, and his late father Horace Jacobs, who, as directors of Univelt, have printed many of my conference papers in the *Advances in the Astronautical Sciences*. Bob Jacobs is to be thanked especially for his extensive help in preparing my documents in this volume for optimal presentation as electronic media.

Mrs. Pamela Crassidis, the wife of the organizer, Mrs. Melanie Crassidis, the organizer's mother, Master Lucas Crassidis, and Yang Cheng, brilliant young colleague and friend, have done much to make my stay in Buffalo very enjoyable. I will long remember my evenings at Taverna Crassidis and Mama Crassidis' baklava.

Finally, I wish to thank all of the attendees and their guests, whose presence at the event and whose long friendships with me have done so much to enrich my career and my life.

Thank you.

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