

stereochemistry and permitted the model studies which led to the α -helix. As Hughes reminds us, Pauling became a leader in the application of x-ray crystal structure to chemical problems, and the method has remained one of his principal experimental tools. From such kinds of precise quantitative information Pauling's brilliant perceptions and intuition derive their compelling strength.

It would have been easy to remark on the rewards of reading most of the other articles in this collection, distinguished as they are by their solid chemistry, scholarship, originality, and imagination. It is in this manner that the students, friends, and colleagues of Linus Pauling have fashioned a portrait of his greatness.

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