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**J. J. Sakurai Prize for Theoretical Particle Physics Talk: The Long Road to the TeV Scale – A
Personal Reflection**
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I recount, in a personal way, the steps along the road that have led to the threshold of uncovering the dynamics of electroweak symmetry breaking. They began with a few theorists' profound dissatisfaction with the "standard" Higgs-boson description of this physics and have taken us to the enterprise of thousands – accelerator physicists, engineers, experimentalists and theorists – who designed, built and will now exploit the Large Hadron Collider at CERN.