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American theoretical physicist who, along with Sheldon Glashow and Abdus Salam, won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1979 for his work on unifying the electromagnetic and weak forces into the electroweak force. They described how photons involved in the electromagnetic force were related to bosons, a component of the weak force, the key force behind radioactive decay. He is also the author of the 1977 book *The First Three Minutes*, one of the first popular cosmology books for the public.