Contents

Acknowledgements	vii
Preface	ix
Part I: Language and World	
I The Word is a World (La parole est un monde)	3
2 What Do We Have in Mind When We Talk about	
Language?	10
3 What Do We See in the Term Worldview?	14
4 Boas	20
5 Sapir	25
6 Whorf	33
Part II: Humboldt, Man and Language	
7 Worldview (Weltanschauung or Weltansicht)	53
8 Sprache	58
9 The Work of the Mind	63
10 Form	74
11 Creativity, Culture and Character	81
12 Catching the Character	97
13 A Seeing and Feeling Worldview	106
14 Four Dangers in the Comparative Approach	113
15 Reformulating the Worldview Hypothesis	120
World	123
Language	128

vi CONTENTS

Thought	131
Worldview	134
16 A Final Word	144
Glossary	147
Bibliography	154
Index	160