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If it be considered that the doctrines on which these humble Kalendars are calculated, have from time immemorial ruled the Chronology of many civilized and wealthy nations, the subject may not be deemed undeserving of the attention of the votaries of science.

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This little book is intended to be useful to epigraphists and interesting to students of technical chronology. I have spared no pains in endeavouring to render the Explanation as intelligible and concise as the subject would allow, and I advise readers not to try to make use of my Tables without having thoroughly studied it.

If the demand for this work proves sufficient I intend to publish a second part dealing with *yogas*, *nakṣatras*, Jovian cycles and reduction to other *Siddhāntas*.

For the mathematical foundations of the Tables I refer to my articles on Hindu Chronology in the *Acta Orientalia* of the years 1921—26. All calculations have been effected to at least five significant figures; I am indebted to the Dutch Oriental Society for a subvention which enabled me to have part of the work done by others under my supervision. The trouble which my young friends H. W. VERHEYEN, astronomical computer, and A. KUIPERS have taken over the calculatory work and the diagram illustrating the Explanation deserves full appreciation.

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