this humble effort is dedicated to

Tarapada Santra
(1930 - 2003)
&
Kalyan Kumar Dasgupta
(1933 - 1996)

whose pioneering works have guided me all the way
“In the poetry, music and rhymes of our country,
in the ruins of ancient temples,
in the decayed pages of worm-eaten books,
in the rural festivals,
in the voluntary religious observances,
in the farm-hut of villages,
to know the perceptible objects through independent thought and research,
instead of merely memorizing the subject of education from the book
I am inviting you to look for that in the universe...”

Rabindranath Tagore