PREFACE

The dissertation on 'An Historical approach to the myths and Legends of the Vedas' is an endeavour to carve history, out of the allusions scattered in the Vedic texts. It gives the history of Ādityas, Pūruses, Bharatas, Kuruśas, Pāncalas, Ikṣavākus and their priests—the Angirasas. The dissertation tries to establish that Indra, Mitra, Varuna, Vivasvat, Yama and a few others were human beings of this land and were the rulers in the pre-Buddhistic period.

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