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". . . this book as a whole, like all other works by Daniélou, commends itself for the author's original insights into various aspects of Hindu culture and spirituality." (*Georg Feuerstein, Traditional Yoga Studies, Feb 2007*)

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ALAIN DANIELÉLOU (1907–1994) spent more than fifteen years in the traditional society of India, using only the Sanskrit and Hindi languages and studying music and philosophy with eminent scholars. He was duly initiated into esoteric Shaivism, which gave him unusual access to texts transmitted through the oral tradition alone. He is the author or translator of more than thirty books on the religion, history, and arts of India and the Mediterranean, including *The Complete Kama Sutra*, *The Myths and Gods of India*, and *A Brief History of India*.

JEAN-LOUIS GABIN, Ph.D., began collecting and editing the various texts in this volume in collaboration with Daniélou while he was still alive. He is working on an additional Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion and Indology on the subject "Tradition and Modernity in the works of Alain Daniélou." He also has edited and published five posthumous collections of Alain Daniélou's work in French as well as serving as editor of the English edition of *India: A Civilization of Differences*.

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