

PREFACE

The author in this volume and in its hoped for successors summarizes the material relating to jyotiḥśāstra that he has been collecting since 1955 in various libraries in America, Europe, and India. He is indebted to the authorities of these institutions, and in particular to those of Widener Library at Harvard; the David E. Smith Collection at Columbia; the Library of the University of Pennsylvania; the Library of the University of Chicago; the British Museum and the India Office Library in London; the Bodleian Library; the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris; the Staatsbibliothek in Berlin; the Universitätsbibliothek in Leipzig; the Biblioteca Nazionale in Firenze; the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, the Deccan College, and the Ānandāśrama in Poona; the Asiatic Society and the University of Bombay in Bombay; the Oriental Institute in Baroda; the Gujarat Vidyā Sabhā, the L.D. Institute, and the B.J. Institute in Ahmadabad; the Scindia Oriental Research Institute in Ujjain; the Viśveśvarānanda Vedic Re-

search Institute in Hoshiarpur; the Sarasvatī Bhavana in Benares; the Vira Pustakālaya and Kaisar Shamsheer Rana in Kathmandu; the Asiatic Society and Sanskrit College in Calcutta; the Oriental Institute in Mysore; the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library in Madras; and the Sarasvatī Mahal Library in Tanjore. He must also express his profound gratitude to the American Philosophical Society for a grant that enabled him to visit India in the summer of 1965 and to investigate many manuscript collections at that time. But the individual to whom this cataloguer owes most is India's foremost student of Sanskrit manuscripts, Professor V. Raghavan of the University of Madras, who most generously made available his numerous handwritten catalogues of Indian and European collections. May this work prove as useful to the students of jyotiḥśāstra as Raghavan's *New Catalogus Catalogorum* is to the students of Sanskrit literature in general.

