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The accounts relating to Hindus have been studiously left out. While there are many reasons for this grand omission, one seems to strike us strongly and that is no light one either. Christian missionaries and political causes, led the early prejudiced writers to overlook the existence of the vast stores of the Vedic sciences and the high degree of civilisation its followers had attained to at the very outset of the world's evolution.

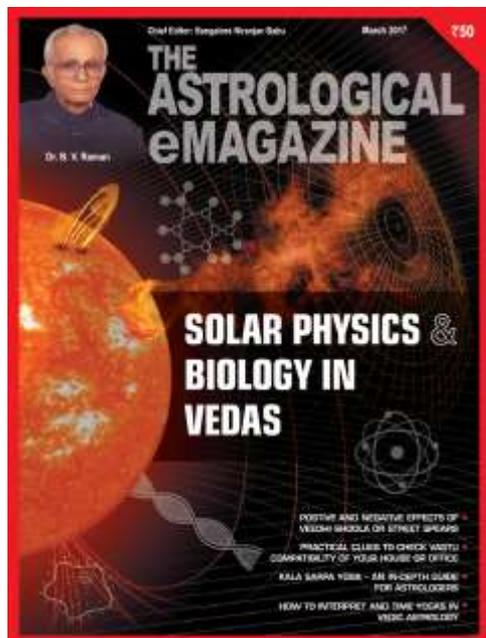
Even today the Western writers and religionists are quite unwilling to accept any grand truths from the ancient Hindus. The orientalist are happy in their own fields of investigation and whether their inferences are justifiable or not they have the supreme satisfaction of supporting each other, copying from each other and crying down the native talents. When they do not suit their own whims and fancies, most of them are cowards behind the walls, for the generality never come forward, from their covers, meet the learned native pundits of India and argue with them in an open and fair-minded manner and the erroneous views of Sanskrit literature which they learn in Sanskrit under the name of oriental scholarship. When challenged to hold their own grounds, they decline to meet the talent indigenous, and content themselves with the success their books have wrought among the European public who are thoroughly ignorant of India, and the vast intellectual treasures it contains.

The intellectual fight has therefore to be maintained between writers who decline to meet personally and who are incompetent to explain one simple stanza without referring to their note books, abstracts and quotations and the Hindu pundits who have the best of Sanskrit information at their fingers' ends and who could simply crush their adversaries by

their superior knowledge, critical study and the wonderful memory for which the Eastern adepts are noted all over the world.

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