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The Bukit Batu Pahat temple, Kedah: restored stone basement and plinth.  
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## PREFACE

**W**HILE I have devoted a number of books to the cultural history of Indianized South-east Asia, in the present volume I deal specifically with that truly fascinating region, the Malay Peninsula, of which we now begin to have a comprehensive understanding. Admittedly one reason for my giving it such special attention is that there, more than elsewhere, I have taken a considerable part in the accumulation of the archaeological evidence on which must be largely based a study of the "Hindu period", a term here used for the Indianizing period generally.

Though writing primarily as an archaeologist I have taken due note of other sources of information that may enable the formation of well-balanced judgements. But I have not gone into the *details* of trade (so ably handled in recent years by others), of which the items have all too infrequently left their mark on the archaeological record; and I have stopped short of the immediately pre-Islamic period of such places as Singapore and Malacca which, for lack of archaeological material, must remain purely within the historian's domain.

My researches in what is now Malaysia were carried out with the support of the Governments of Malaya, and in Peninsular Siam I have enjoyed the helpful co-operation of the Thai Department of Fine Arts, as previously of the Thai Royal Institute. My wife, who has throughout been associated with me in the field-work, has read the manuscript and made valuable suggestions.

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