

NEW MATERIALS
FOR
THE HISTORY OF MAN,

DERIVED FROM
A COMPARISON OF THE CALENDARS AND FESTIVALS OF NATIONS.

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE DEAD.

If the festivals of the old Greeks, Romans, Persians, Egyptians and Goths, could be arranged with exactness in the same form with these Indian tables, there would be found, I am persuaded, a striking resemblance among them; and an attentive comparison of them all might throw great light on the religion, and, perhaps, on the history, of the primitive world.—Sir Wm. Jones on the *Lunar Year of the Hindoos*.

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