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A survey of the history and culture of the Indian sub-continent before the coming of the Muslims

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IN MEMORY OF
MY MOTHER
WHO DIED WHILE THIS WORK
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"I shall not now speak of the knowledge of the Hindus, ... of their subtle discoveries in the science of astronomy—discoveries even more ingenious than those of the Greeks and Babylonians—of their rational system of mathematics, or of their method of calculation which no words can praise strongly enough—I mean the system using nine symbols. If these things were known by the people who think that they alone have mastered the sciences because they speak Greek they would perhaps be convinced, though a little late in the day, that other folk, not only Greeks but also men of a different tongue, know something as well as they."

The Syrian astronomer-monk Severus Sebokht (writing A.D. 662).