Rama Legends and Rama Relief in Indonesia

By Willem Stutterheim

Abhinav Publications, New Delhi. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. First Edition. 526pp. The work first published in 1925 in the series Der Indische Kulturkreis in Einzeldarstellungen has been considered a classic, but has not been alas easily accessible to the English reading public. Also for long, the work has been out of print. With the publication of the English translation many new vistas of exploration will immediately open up. It is remarkable that despite the paucity of published material, the comparative absence of structural linguistic models for the study of languages and theoretical paradigms, the late Professor Stutterheim employs the tools of structural linguistic analysis, comparative literature, and historical reconstruction. This is a far more challenging task than descriptive archaeology and stylistic analysis. Fundamental to this is his ability to correlate and revaluate the relationship between the written texts and oral transmission. While all this is very familiar to contemporary scholarship, a reading of this monograph convinces one that Professor Stutterheim anticipated modern scholarship by many decades. His concern was not restricted to the archaeological features of this group of temples but went much further into interpretation and identification of the historical processes of acculturization, diffusion and autochthonous tendencies. Along with...

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