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The cloak of composure we wear
carries its own unraveling
— the bit of thread
lying exposed.

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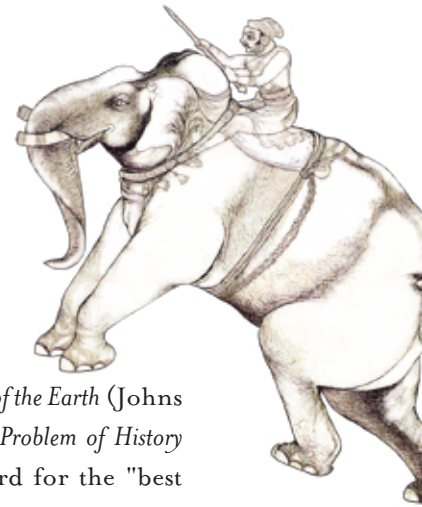
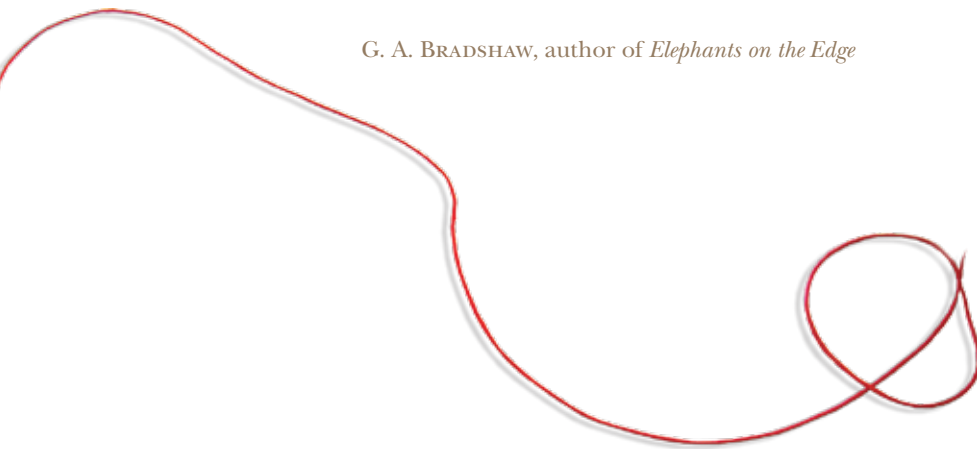
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