[French Observing The Timucuan Rite of Consecrating the Body of a Stag to the Sun] In cerui exuvio Soli consecrando solennes ritus. XXXV.

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Description:

This elaborate engraving, produced by Theodor de Bry in Frankfurt, 1591, offers a detailed visual representation of the Timucuan people's ritual practices as perceived by European explorers. As Plate 35 from the *Brevis narratio*, the engraving provides an account of the Timucuan annual rite where the skin of a significant deer is dedicated to the Sun.

During the late 16th century, European explorers documented their encounters with various indigenous communities in the Americas. The Timucuan, inhabitants of present-day northeastern Florida and southeastern Georgia, had distinct cultural ceremonies. This engraving illustrates one such ceremony where the Timucuans prepared the deer's skin, filled it with native herbs, and displayed it on a tall tree, oriented toward the east. Accompanied by flutes and chants, the participants offered prayers to the Sun,

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asking for the renewal of their offerings within their land. The king and his mage played central roles in leading the ceremony, while the assembled participants echoed their sentiments. The ritual concluded with gestures of respect to the Sun, leaving the skin in place until the subsequent year's ceremony.

De Bry's representation serves as a window into the Timucuan culture and the interactions between European explorers and the indigenous people they encountered.

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