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Publisher's Note

Sathya Sai Speaks series is, according to the late Prof. N. Kasturi, the original translator and compiler, "a fragrant bouquet of flowers that never fade or falter." These discourses were delivered by Swami out of profound compassion toward seekers of Truth during the last few decades. The discourses delivered after 1982 are printed for the first time, which have not been published in book form so far. Volume XVI, covering the year 1983, is the first in the new series. Further new volumes are being added, one volume for each year, covering discourses delivered from 1984.

The retention of Sanskrit words on page after page, without their English equivalents in most cases, was causing confusion to readers, especially foreigners, who were not familiar with Sanskrit. An attempt has been made to aid easy reading by replacing Sanskrit words with English equivalents wherever they

do not affect Baba's original expression. Sanskrit words have been retained wherever it was felt necessary to preserve the essence of the original expression of Baba and where the English equivalents may not do full justice to the text in the particular context. However, in all such places, the English equivalents have been given along with the Sanskrit words. Some very commonly understood Sanskrit words or such words that are repeated too often are retained without English meanings to retain the original flavour of Baba's discourses.

A glossary has been added in all the editions to provide comprehensive and detailed explanations of the more important Sanskrit words for the benefit of lay readers who may be interested in *Vedic* religion and philosophy. It is hoped that this will be of great help to devotees to understand more clearly the topics of Baba's discourses covering a wide spectrum of *Vedic* philosophy.

The volumes of Baba's discourses are being brought out in a larger format, Demy Octavo size, so that they can be companion books with other publications in private libraries. Computerised typesetting using a larger size type, a more readable type face, and better line spacing have been adopted for more comfortable reading of books, especially by elder readers. Very long paragraphs have been split into shorter paragraphs and suitable subheadings have been added in almost every page, to relieve the monotony of the eye and to make reading a pleasure.

Paper quality, improved binding, with new designs and foil printing, have been adopted for these volumes for better preservation and durable shelf life of these volumes.

It is hoped that the revised and enlarged volumes of the *Sathya Sai Speaks* Series up to Volume XV and fresh ones

from Volume XVI onward will be of great benefit to earnest seekers in spiritual realm.

Since we found this volume to be too heavy, we have divided it into two parts, the first part containing discourses delivered from 1 January 1999 to 30 June 1999 and the second part containing discourses delivered from 1 July 1999 to 31 December 1999.

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