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# Preface

**T**he *Vedas* originated from the breath of God, and each syllable is sacred. Each word is a *mantra*. It exhorts all men to pursue the same holy desire. All hearts must be charged with the same good urge; all thoughts must be directed by noble motives toward holy ends. All men must tread the one path of truth, for all are manifestations of the One.

The world is enchanting because it is tantalising in appearance, although it is fundamentally untrue. It is a phenomenon that is fading out. When this truth is realised, one becomes aware of the Cosmic Sport of God and the Eternal Universal Being.

*Leela Kaivalya Vahini* (originally published in the periodical *Sanathana Sarathi*) is a cool, crystal-clear stream that flowed from the Divine pen of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba to dissolve all obstacles like doubts and dogmas, purposeless arguments, and flimsy fancies of the spiritual aspirant.

We consider it to be but yet another sign of His benign grace that these periodicals could be given a book form and placed at the Lotus Feet on the auspicious occasion of His 65th Birthday, which eventually falls on the 50th year of proclamation of Avatarhood.

May this *Vahini* lead all seekers in the path of spiritual progress and fill us all with absolute bliss (*ananda*).

N. Kasturi

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## Preface for this Edition

This edition of *Leela Kaivalya Vahini* improves on the previous edition in several ways. Some grammatical errors and typos have been corrected, and several sentences have been rewritten to smooth and clarify the presentation —of course, without disturbing the original meaning. Some long paragraphs have been split in two where it made sense and provided easier reading.

Sanskrit words have been replaced by their English equivalents, to make *Leela Kaivalya Vahini* more accessible to readers who do not know Sanskrit. However, most of the Sanskrit words have been retained (in parentheses, following their English replacements). Many Sanskrit words have no exact English equivalent, and retaining the Sanskrit keeps the edition accurate.

Some Sanskrit compounds have been hyphenated between their constituent words to aid those who like to analyze the meanings of the individual words.

Several Sanskrit words have made their way into the English language and can be found in most dictionaries —e.g. *dharmā*, *guru*, *yoga*, and *moksha*. These words have generally been used without translation, although their meanings appear in the glossary at the end of the book.

Besides definitions of Sanskrit words used in *Leela Kaivalya Vahini*, the Glossary contains descriptions of the people, places, and literature mentioned in the text.

Finally, this ebook edition allows you, the reader, to choose the point size and perhaps the font. Moreover, you can click on most place names, people, and Sanskrit words, which takes you directly to the glossary explanation; your ebook reader should have a back button to help you return to where you were reading..

With these changes, we hope that the revised *Leela Kaivalya Vahini* will be of great benefit to earnest seekers in the spiritual realm.

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