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To the Reader

Today, we are right in the vortex of a crisis in human history. Fear stalks mankind, from one end of the world to the other. Anxiety rules the heart of people and deprives them everywhere of sleep and rest and joy and laughter. Virtue has become rare, and wickedness has put on respectable robes. In the family, in society, in the nation, and in the community there is a pathetic cry for peace (*santhi*).

But we need not despair; we have a *Prasanthi Nilayam*, the abode of Supreme Peace, where Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba has inaugurated the process of reestablishing *Prasanthi* (Supreme Peace)! His Miraculous Powers proclaim Him a God; His Omniscience astounds the pundits of science; His Omnipresence is felt even across the seven seas; His Grace is available to all who cleanse their hearts with the tears of repentance. He is thirty-six years of age now, and He has promised to wear this human habiliment for well nigh sixty years more. He teaches us the secret of Supreme Peace in conversation, by speeches, and through His letters and writings. These last are to be found in the monthly magazine, published from the *Prasanthi Nilayam*, and this book is the English translation of a series He wrote on the subject of Supreme Peace (*Prasanthi*). Study it with devotion, dear reader, and practise its lessons, for they are from the *Avatar* of the Lord Himself, come to retell the ancient wisdom to men who have lost their way.

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Preface for this Edition

This edition of the *Prasanthi 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.

The original version of *Prasanthi Vahini* had no chapters or sections. We have inserted section titles in appropriate places in order to make the contents of *Prasanthi Vahini* more accessible to the reader. The titles appear in the table of contents.

Sanskrit words have been replaced by their English equivalents, to make the *Prasanthi Vahini* more accessible to readers who do not know Sanskrit.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 *Prasanthi Vahini*, the Glossary contains descriptions of the people and places mentioned.

Finally, clicking on the names of people, places, and also most Sanskrit words in the text will take you to the Glossary entry for that item, making it much easier to use the glossary. Your ebook reader should have a back button to get you back to where you were reading

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

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Stream of Supreme Peace

Readers! May this stream of divine love (*prema*) put down the burning fires of disquiet, ignorance, injustice, and irreligion that is consuming you, and may it slake your thirst. May it shower peace, joy, and happiness on you.