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## Dear Reader

Addressing a mammoth gathering at Gudur some years ago, Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba said, “You will not be wrong to call Me *Premaswarupa* (Embodiment of Love).” In fact, Baba showers love (*prema*), seeks love, and establishes love in the heart of the individual, the fabric of society, and the complex of nations. Humanity, which has lost its way and is shivering in terror, unable to control the evil that it has generated by its insane pranks, needs Baba’s grace and love to allay its neurosis and bring it back to the light. Baba said twenty-two years ago that He would inaugurate His task of recreating and reforming man on the true basis of *dharmā* when He had completed thirty-two years of stay here upon the Earth. In 1958, when He reached that moment, He blessed the venture of a monthly magazine, and he named it *Sanathana Sarathi*, a name full of the fragrance of the *Gita* and the Lord’s role as the charioteer of whoever selects Him as the guide.

It is significant that the very first series of articles that Baba wrote for the *Sanathana Sarathi* was *Prema Vahini* (Stream of Divine Love). These discourses are collected in this book as they were first presented, in English translation. Truth (*sathya*), *dharmā*, peace (*santhi*), and love are the four pillars of the new world of the Sai era, and under Baba’s guidance, humanity has to discover peace through love. For that task, this book will be of great help, for while reading it, you are in touch with the very source of love; while translating its message into action, you are visibly led on by the grace of the Lord Himself; while enjoying the thrill of spiritual practice (*sadhana*) prescribed here, you are responding to the majesty of the very Ocean of Mercy.

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## Preface for the Ebook Version

This edition of *Prema 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Sanskrit words have been replaced by their English equivalents, to make *Prema Vahini* more accessible to readers who do not know Sanskrit.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. Further, in the ebook version, clicking on a Sanskrit word, a person's name, or a place may take you directly to the Glossary for the definition; a link on your reader should take you back to where you were reading.

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. *dharma*, *guru*, and *yoga*. 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 *Prema Vahini*, the Glossary contains descriptions of many of the people, places, and literature mentioned.

Finally, the ebook edition generally lets you, the reader, choose the font and font size to suit your needs.

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