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Publisher’s Note

The need for revised and enlarged editions of the Series was strongly felt and expressed by devotees, especially by foreigners. An attempt has therefore been made in these volumes to meet their needs. The discourses have been presented year-wise so that there is no overlapping of the discourses delivered in a year, in more than one volume pertaining to the same calendar year. This rearrangement has resulted in an increase in the number of volumes, from the previous twelve to the present fifteen volumes, covering the years 1953 to 1982. Further new volumes have been added in due course, to cover the discourses delivered after 1982.

The retention of Sanskrit words on page after page, in the previous volumes, without their English equivalents in most cases, was causing great confusion to readers, especially foreigners, who were not familiar with Sanskrit. In the present revised volumes, 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 Sanskrit words that are repeated too often are retained without English equivalents to retain the original flavour of Baba’s discourses. Further, in this revised volume, phonetic spellings have been adopted for all Sanskrit words uniformly to enable readers who are new to these words to pronounce them correctly and to remove any vagueness in the pronunciation of these words.

A Glossary has been added in these revised editions to provide comprehensive and detailed explanation 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 revise series of volumes 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 of type, a more readable type face, and better line spacing have been adopted for more comfortable reading of the books, especially elderly readers. Very long paragraphs have been split into shorter ones, and suitable sub-headings have been added in every page, to relieve the monotony on the eye and make reading a pleasure.

Better quality paper, improved binding, dust cover with new design, foil printing, and plastic cover have been adopted for the revised volumes for better preservation and durable shelf-life of the volumes.

With these changes, it is hoped that the revised and enlarged volumes of the “Sathya Sai Speaks” Series will be of great benefit to earnest seekers in spiritual realm.
Editor’s Note for this EBook Edition

This “ebook” version of Volume 2 of Sathya Sai Speaks enables the reading of Sathya Sai Baba’s discourses on Ipads, Kindles, Nooks, and other electronic platforms. Now, the reader can choose the type face and the point size (based on the parameters given them by their electronic platform).

In addition, it is easy to access a Sanskrit word in the Glossary. And the Glossary also contains explanatory entries for most of the people, places, and literature that Swami discusses. When reading a page, just press on a Sanskrit word, and usually, but not always, the page shifts to the Glossary page where that word is defined or explained. Your electronic platform should have a button or arrow to press to get back to where you were reading. We hope that this “hypertext” feature will make it easier to use the Glossary.

We have also eliminated more Sanskrit words and replaced phonetic spelling by more traditional Sanskrit spelling. These discourses should now be readily accessible to all.
Sathya Sai Baba in the period 1960–1963
“I’ve come”, He says, “to wake you all  
Who sleep the sleep of ages —  
While one by one the pages  
Of account book of paltry deeds and thoughts  
Accumulate in defiling piles—and keep you from The happy land  
Above, beyond the sleep, the dream,  
Above, beyond the waking stage —  
The Realm of Restful Peace.”

“I’ve come,” He says, “to save you all  
Who stray away in silly pride  
Hunting fantasies in bush and briar  
With bandaged eyes, in pitch-dark gloom  
And fall into birth-and-death,  
Failure, fracture, faction, fanatic fire.”

“I’ve come,” He says, “to cure you all  
From petty selfish inanities !  
Trivial tinsel temporalities!  
Your tweedledums and tweedledees,  
The little loves and hates,  
Peevish Paisa rivalries,  
Across dividing line of ’mine’ and ‘thine’!  
Brother gouging brother’s eye,  
Sister crushing sister’s babe —  
For the sin of wall between!”

“I’ve come,” He says, “to show you all  
The Path; a Form, a Name; a Way of life,  
That cools and calms the fevered Mind  
That stills the waves,  
That fills, fulfils;  
That leads you into He (whom you forgot),  
That flows you into It, from which you came.

Here you find on every page  
The Words He spoke for You  
A few ... which I dared translate  
Into uncouth English tongue ...  
The few I gathered from His Lips  
As I sat at the Feet to catch His voice
So Sweet, so charged with Grace!
The solar rays, they open wide
The buds of Lotus, waiting for the Warmth!
May Baba’s Words, their warming touch
Unfurl the petals of your Lotus heart!

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