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Foreword

Summer is a hot and dry season, and few look forward to it. But with the students of the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning and Sai devotees in general, it is different. Summer is when the much-awaited Summer Course in Indian Culture and Spirituality takes place, crowned of course by the memorable Divine Discourses of Bhagavan Baba.

Swami's discourses are always nectarine but sweeter it is when the Lord talks about His own incarnations. In the Summer Course of 1996, The *Ramayana* was the anchor around which Bhagavan developed His exhortations. The *Ramayana* is no doubt familiar to all of us but the *Ramayana* as told by Baba has revelations hitherto not made and nuances hitherto not discussed. The Sri Sathya Sai Books and Publications Trust is therefore to be complimented for undertaking the task of making Bhagavan's discourses available through the print media to Sai devotees all over the world.

Blessed are they who listen to the Message of the Lord. Even more blessed are those who spread the Message of the Lord. Most blessed are those who make their own lives the Message of the Lord.

Jai Sai Ram.

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