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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

**T**he first English edition of *Dharma Vahini* was a translation from *Telugu* by Prof. N. Kasturi. The present one is an attempt to improve upon the previous edition. Some grammatical errors and typos have been corrected, and some sentences have been modified to smooth and clarify the presentation - of course, without disturbing the original meaning. So also, long paragraphs have been split into two where it made sense and provided easier reading.

Sanskrit words have been replaced by their English equivalents, to make the *Dharma Vahini* more accessible to readers who do not know Sanskrit. All the same, the Sanskrit words have been retained in parentheses, following the English. At the same time Sanskrit words having no exact English equivalents are retained so as to keep the edition accurate. Some Sanskrit compounds have been hyphenated to aid those who like to analyse the meanings of the individual words.

It is a well known fact that several Sanskrit words have made their way into the English language and can be found in most dictionaries —e.g. *dharma*, *guru*, *yoga*, and *moksha*. These words are mostly used without translation, although their meanings appear in the glossary at the end of the book.

Besides definition of Sanskrit words used in the *Dharma Vahini*, the glossary contains descriptions of the people and places mentioned.

In addition to Chapter headings on the title pages, a brief expansion of the same is given in the Table of Contents, with an Index appended to the text.

A larger format is another speciality of this edition. It is hoped that the computerized typesetting, using a larger size and a different font will provide more comfortable reading.

With these changes, the revised *Dharma Vahini* is being presented to the readers with the hope that it will benefit all earnest seekers in the spiritual realm.

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## PREFACE

**T**his little book contains the articles written by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in the series *Dharma Vahini* for the “Sanathana Sarathi”, the monthly journal published from Prasanthi Nilayam. They are given here in English; but, it must be said that the original Telugu is simpler and sweeter. It is difficult to express in English the fundamental ideas of Indian culture, for English is strange to the translator and perhaps to many a reader; the English vocabulary does not offer satisfactory equivalents to many words that form the common currency of Indian languages. The reader will, therefore, pardon me for the alloy of abstruseness that might have come into the pure metal of Baba’s Telugu clarity.

This must be said of this book: It is the authentic Voice of the Divine Phenomenon, that is setting right the moral codes and behaviour of millions of men and women today. And, so, it merits careful and devoted study. The Lord has

declared that when ethical standards fall and man forgets or ignores His glorious destiny, He will Himself come down among men and guide humanity along the straight and sacred path. The Lord has come; He is guiding those who accept the guidance; He is calling on all who have strayed away to retrace their steps. Baba's love and wisdom know no bounds, His grace knows no obstacle. He is no hard taskmaster; His solicitude for our welfare and real progress is overwhelming.

May this book reveal to you the Mother's love which has made Baba write it, the Father's authority which backs every injunction therein, the Teacher's illumination that lights up every statement, and the Lord's sublime Universality, that invites you to expand your personality into a great Instrument of service.

N. Kasturi

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