

## Discourses Of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba Vol 4 4th Edition

The auspicious day of Vijaya Dasami, in 1953, opened a golden chapter in the history of mankind, for that was the day chosen by Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba for His first ever divine discourse in public. The flow of divine discourses, which started on that auspicious day out of His immense compassion for the well-being and harmony of humanity, has continued unabated even after five decades. During this period, Bhagavan has delivered hundreds of discourses in various places, to a variety of audiences. His benevolent acts for the humanity at large are also unparalleled. His noble mother made three requests to Him, namely to provide drinking water, a school, and a hospital for the village of Puttaparthi. Bhagavan has commissioned mammoth drinking water projects, benefitting hundreds of villages, towns, and even the city of Chennai. He has also built schools, colleges, super specialty hospitals, and even an outstanding university, and constructed thousands of houses to cyclone-hit people. This priceless inaugural volume in Sathya Sai Speaks contains thirty three divine discourses, of which five are for the students and authorities, giving invaluable guidance. There are also five discourses addressed to the residents of different villages, advising them on the value of unity and brotherhood.

Examines the key role of a hagiographer within a charismatic religious movement. In this biographical study, Antonio Rigopoulos explores the fundamental role of a hagiographer within a charismatic religious movement: in this case, the postsectarian, cosmopolitan community of the Indian guru Sathya Sai Baba. The guru's hagiographer, Narayan Kasturi, was already a distinguished litterateur by the time he first met Sathya Sai Baba in 1948. The two lived together at the guru's hermitage more or less continuously from 1954 up until Kasturi's death, in 1987. Despite Kasturi's influential hagiography, Sathyam Sivam Sundaram, little scholarly attention has been paid to the hagiographer himself and his importance to the movement. In detailing Kasturi's relationship to Sathya Sai Baba, Rigopoulos emphasizes that the hagiographer's work was not subordinate to the guru's definition of himself. Rather, his discourses with the holy man had a reciprocal and reinforcing influence, resulting in the construction of a unified canon. Furthermore, Kasturi's ability to perform a variety of functions as a hagiographer successfully mediated the relationship between the guru and his followers. Drawing on years of research on the movement as well as interviews with Kasturi himself, this book deepens our understanding of this important pan-Indian figure and his charismatic religious movement. Antonio Rigopoulos is Professor of Sanskrit Language and Literature at the Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy. His previous books include *The Life and Teachings of Sai Baba of Shirdi* and *Dattatreya: The Immortal Guru, Yogin, and Avatara: A Study of the Transformative and Inclusive Character of a Multi-faceted Hindu Deity*, both published by SUNY Press.

Discourses of a Hindu religious leader.

Discourses by an Indian sectarian religious leader.

Bhagavan has announced Himself as the Divine Teacher of Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. By precept and example, through His writings and discourses, letters and conversations, He has been instilling the supreme wisdom and instructing all mankind to translate it into righteous living, inner peace, and universal love.

When the Ramakatha Rasavahini, the uniquely authentic, nectarine stream of the Rama's story, was serialised in full in the Sanathana Sarathi, Bhagawan blessed readers with a new series, which He named Bharatiya Paramartha Vahini (The Stream of Indian Spiritual Values). While these precious essays, on the basic truths that foster and feed Indian culture since ages before history began, were being published, Bhagawan decided to continue the flow of illumination and instruction under a more comprehensive and meaningful name, Sathya Sai Vahini - the Ganga from the Lotus Feet of the Lord - "The Flow of Divine Sai Grace". This book, therefore, contains the two Vahinis that have merged in one master stream. Inaugurating these series, Bhagawan wrote for publication in the Sanathana Sarathi, "Moved by the urge to cool the heat of conflict and to quench the agonising thirst for 'knowledge about yourself' that you are afflicted with, see, here it comes, the Sathya Sai Vahini, wave behind wave, with the Sanathana Sarathi as the medium between you and Me." With infinite compassion, this Sathya Sai incarnation of the Omniwill is giving millions of persons in all lands freedom from disease, distress, and despair, narcotics, narcissism, and nihilism. He is encouraging those, who suffer gloom through wilful blindness, to light the Lamp of Love in order to see the world and the Lamp of Wisdom to see themselves. "This is a tantalising, true-false world. Its apparent diversity is an illusion. It is One, but is cognised by the maimed, multiple vision of humans as Many," says Bhagawan. This book is the twin Lamp He has devised for us.

This volume titled 'Summer Showers in Brindavan, 1973' assumes special significance, because it contains explanations on the highly revered Bhaja Govinda shlokas of Adi Shankara by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba Himself. It must be said that all the participants of this summer course have been highly fortunate to receive divine explanations on Adi Shankara's Bhaja Govinda shlokas coupled with human values of universal importance on the variegated backdrop of Bharatiya Culture and Spirituality. The teacher-taught relationship has been very sacred in the Indian traditional way of life. Propagation of Bhaja Govindam shlokas (stanzas) had been the combined effort of Adi Shankara, the guru of the highest standard, and His disciples who were totally charged with the sacred spirit of upanishadic philosophy and human welfare at large. These verses carry the very essence of all the vedas, all the shastras and all the puranas. Their meaning and implications assume special significance because of Bhagawan's unique way of dealing with the subject. Before starting this special course, Bhagawan exhorted all participants to preserve these valuable verses of Shankara in their hearts in a spirit of 'tapas' and thus sanctify their lives. The readers of this book will feel that they are at par with the participants of the 'Summer Course', in so far as benefiting from these highly erudite teachings; and in obtaining Bhagawan's divine blessings.

The annual sessions in Indian Culture and Spiritual Life, conducted by the Will and munificent Grace of our beloved Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, are aimed at

educating, correcting, and guiding students in the discharge of their duties in their daily life, and conducting themselves modestly and progressing steadily and steadfastly in their spiritual life, on their journey Godward. Expounding on The Nature Of Truth, the adverse effects of negative emotions, the benefits of Self-control And Detachment, and the differences between the three Vedic schools of Dvaita, Advaita, And Vishishtadvaita, Bhagawan teaches and enriches, enlightens and invigorates our lives. Conducted in the searing heat of the Indian Summer, the aptly and auspiciously named Summer Showers brings to the world the cooling showers of Swami's compassion and grace. His divine wisdom relieves devotees of the heat of their sufferings, lights the lamp of the Divine in their hearts, and brings them gently and ever steadily to the spiritual path, revealing the way to the Self. With the blessings of Bhagawan, we present Summer Showers in Brindavan, 1972.

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Bhagavan Sathya Sai Baba has been a name to conjure with in different parts of the world. An enchanting bhajan composer and singer, a world teacher, and unexcelled educator of the vital, a Yogishwara pressing an amazing variety of talent and capacity into service for the fulfillment of his mission, a kalpataru or a wish-fulfilling tree for his devotees, the very avatar of Love, the voice of one's own innermost heart speaking to each individual externally, a universal presence to be felt and known, a promoter of the unity of world religions and of a philosophy that embraces Matter and Spirit and the inaugurator of a new social order, he is easily the most colourful and many faceted prophet that modern India has produced. Several antinomies meet and mingle and are reconciled in his personality - the most significant pair being one of Solitude and Multitude. Thousands of Sathya Sai Baba Samitis function in all parts of India and there are hundreds of them in the U.S.A., U.K., and several other parts of the world. Crowds collect in their lakhs to hear him in India. What is the secret of this charismatic power that Bhagavan Baba wields wherever he goes? Baba declared in the Sri Sathya Sai World Conference held in Bombay in 1968 that the mission for which he has come is the spiritual regeneration of India and of the mankind through her. And he has said that he will not cease from his labours till his mission is fulfilled.

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