



Letter: Adi K. Irani to Don Stevens June 3 1966

REPLY

Kings' Road,
Aldenham, Herts.
3rd June 1966

My dear Don,

Your letter of May 29, 1966 along with the two typed copies of AVATARISM, was forwarded to Baba at Guruprasad, Poona.

Baba has cited the urgency of having a fresh publication of the Discourses and expresses his happiness and satisfaction over your efforts to get this publication done early and cheaply in Japan.

On hearing the text of AVATARISM Baba remarked that he has no objection to anyone putting out a new edition of the Discourses provided the party finances it, but he does not approve of any individual or body having the sole right over the future copyright and editions of these Discourses.

When all is said and done the simple fact is Baba has legally assigned copyright of the Discourses to me for my lifetime, and as Baba cannot designate till after my lifetime the copyright reverts to either Baba or the trustees of His last Will and Testament.

Baba has thought it "proper and desirable to ensure control to the Author" of the Discourses, Laxman Ramchand, Poona and Life at 1986, for there were all new books at the time he assigned copyright to certain beneficiaries, but the 5 vols. of Discourses is a very old publication dating back to 1879 and he has already assigned the copyright to me.

In view of this condition you should let me know whether Gurumaa requested Will want to reprint the Discourses under my copyright.

I am sure that Baba would not be less happy with Gurumaa's consent's understanding to avoid the damage this way for the important thing of you key, is the "getting on with the publication job."

As far as the cost of printing by Gurumaa concerned this should be fully recovered from sales.

Yours brotherly,

Dr. Adi K. Irani

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San Francisco, Calif.

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