DEDICATED TO MY BELOVED PARENTS,
BROTHERS & FRIENDS
Vethathiri Maharishi (1191-2006) was born in the village of Guduvancheri, 30 km south of Madras. From his youth he was driven by the desire for knowledge, and in particular strove to resolve three questions: "What is God?" "What is life?" and, "Why is poverty in the world?" -- fundamental queries directly pertaining to philosophy, science and ethics. As he grew to adulthood he worked hard and yet found time to pursue deep introspection and contemplation on his life's quest. At age 50 when his textile business faltered due to unfavorable market trends, he took the bold step of a radical change in lifestyle and, known as Vethathiri Maharishi, dedicated the rest of his life to serving humanity through spiritual and social service. He devoted his entire energy and time to conveying his understanding of the nature of life, the origin of the universe and teaching techniques of exercise, meditation and introspection to develop one's fullest potential and live in health, happiness and harmony with others. He travelled the globe many times over to impart his philosophy and spiritual practices. He brought out 2000 poems to celebrate and convey his vision, and authored over 80 books in Tamil and English. His language and approach are globally oriented, contemporary, non-sectarian and non-dogmatic.

Vethathiri Maharishi's mission was to reveal the existence and functions of the One Supreme Being (Nature, God, or Truth); his aim was to enable each person to realize Truth and develop real love and compassion towards all living beings. His noble aspiration was to help bringing the individual, society and the world to peace, brotherhood and prosperity.

The base of Vethathirian Philosophy is his metaphysic: the entire cosmic manifestation is by, of and in the one Supreme Power that we perceive as Space itself; it is the One Plenum, inherent of gravity and all potential energy. This identification leads to a set of basic axioms from which a universal mechanics results. The 'V ethathirian Model of Universe' is an inclusive and integrated identification and description that starts from the origin of the cosmos and ends with the observed natural laws and phenomena. Through this comprehensive model science and religion arrive at a meeting ground that would be of benefit for all.