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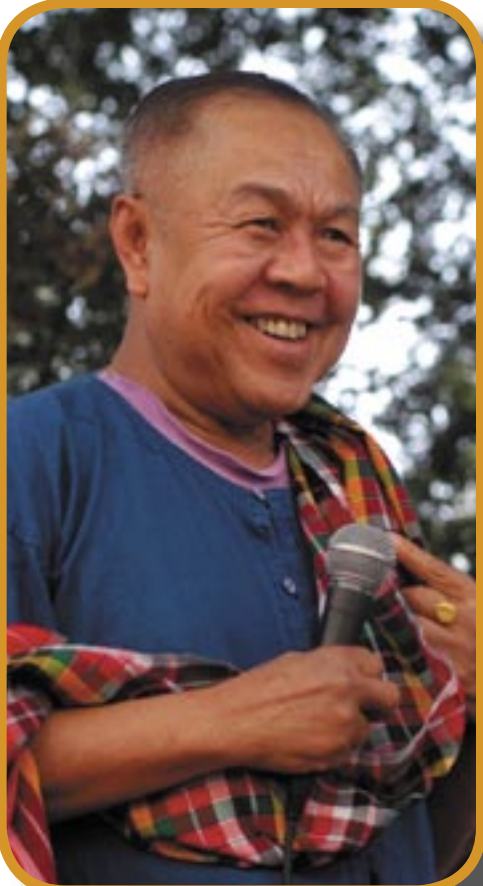
“Socially Engaged Spirituality”

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Sulak Sivaraksa is a prominent and outspoken Thai intellectual and social critic. Through his involvement with nongovernmental (NGO) organizations in Thailand, Sulak began to develop indigenous, sustainable, and spiritual models for change. Since then he has expanded his work to the regional and international levels. He has co-founded the Asian Cultural Forum on Development and the International Network of Engaged Buddhists. At the end of 1995, he was granted the Right Livelihood Award, also known as Alternative Nobel Prize, following a court victory that year to protest his arrest and political exile for criticizing the king. A battle that began in 1984. During a period of exile, he lectured at the University of

California—Berkeley, Cornell University, the University of Toronto, and throughout Europe. Educated in England and Wales, Sulak returned to Thailand in 1961 at the age of 28 to be a lecturer at Thammasat and Chulalongkorn universities and founded *Sangkomsaat Paritat* (*Social Science Review*). This became Thailand’s foremost intellectual magazine, dealing with numerous political and social issues during the time of the military dictatorship. Born in 1933, he is the author of more than a hundred books and monographs in both Thai and English. Two of the most recent are *Seeds of Peace* (1992) and *Siam in Crisis* (1990).