

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2025



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Welcome to this year's Kartik Inspirations.

I am absolutely delighted to present these inspirations to you, and I would like to extend a warm greeting to all of you. If I could, I would now come through your computer, mobile phone, or any other device you use, and thank you all personally for this. Why?

I believe that by sharing these Kartik inspirations with you over the past nine years, we have formed an invisible community of Vrindavan lovers. A community of the spirit that, in some ways, goes to Vrindavan. See, Vrindavan is a spiritual place. You don't need to go there with the physical body. You can mentally touch the ground of Vrindavan and feel inspired by Krishna's presence.

Now this miracle of Vrindavan - that it is delivering us Krishna - becomes especially multiplied if you so want or strengthened during this miracle month, where the Lord, who is not bound really by Vedic mantras or scholarship efforts, agrees to become bound by the rope of devotion.

Let me share with you a little song by Bilvamangala Thakur, who tells us how Krishna remains hidden behind the veil of maya until someone sincerely turns to Him with the mood of the people of Vrindavan.

“O Krishna. You play in the mud on the yards of the cowherders of Vrindavan, but You hesitate to appear on the sacrificial altars of the noble brahmanas. Yes, Krishna. You answer the mooing of the cows and bulls of Braj by crying out, ‘Hey, hey!’ But You remain silent when the sages and saints offer You reverential prayers. You become the servant of the gopis of Braj, but You don't want to be even the master of the austere ascetics. Thus, I know that Your lotus feet can only be attained by love, ecstatic love.”

During the upcoming Kartik inspirations, we will share with you wisdom texts and insights that arise while we stay in the land of Vrindavan. In fact, I am staying near the sacred mountain Govardhan this year. I don't know what will happen to me, but whatever inspires me, I will share with you. And all this comes under one heading. The simple heading this year is “Entering the world of Krishna”.

I request that you all stay tuned. Let us walk the path together. Every day, a new Kartik inspiration will be provided, provided the technique [technology] is still alive and does not crash. And we will be forming this magical community of the lovers of Braj. I wish you very well. I'm excited to serve you this month. All the best, and I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Ratnanandana Brahm

SACINANDANA SWAMI