

Blessing Trees

Welcome to this Kartik Inspiration. Today, I was walking around Govardhan and came to my favourite old friend—a tree. In Vraja-vilasa-stava, Srila Raghunatha Dasa Goswami worships the trees of Vrindavan in a few verses. For instance, verse 73,

“May the huge kadamba tree enhance the pleasure of my eyes. When Sri Radha rolled Her eyes in a loving gesture, Krishna, the lifter of Govardhan Hill and the Lord of the grove, immediately plucked flowers from the tree and decorated the most delighted Queen of the grove, Sri Radha.”

Yes, these trees are actually wish-fulfilling trees. In Sri Vrindavana Mahimamrita, there is also a verse that glorifies the trees of Vrindavan, as they can provide anything you desire,

“Meditate on Vrindavana's splendid, limitless, most wonderful, charming trees and vines, which bear splendid fruits and flowers in every season, which are spiritual, which can assume any form they wish, which are great philanthropists (this means they are kind to others), which fulfil all desires, and which are filled with love for Radha and Krishna.

Where I am currently staying, there is a huge tree. I have learned that when you are in Vrindavan, you should select one of these trees and serve it, because they are

considered desire trees. So I went today with a bottle of water, and first embraced the tree. I expressed my desire to purify my heart and come closer to Radha and Krishna, and then I somehow felt very personal and asked, “And how are you?” And I heard, “I have a few ants under my bark. When you pour your water, please pour it on the bark. It will go inside, and then the ants will go out.” I said, “Well, let's see,” and took my bottle of water, poured it over the bark of that beautiful friend of mine, and yes, a few ants, perhaps 10 or so, started to run out from under the bark.

These trees, my dear everyone, are very, very powerful. They are living trees, and they certainly are talking trees. This kadamba tree is a special tree; he has these beautiful flowers with which Krishna decorates Srimati Radharani and with which Radha makes garlands for Krishna. But every single tree, every single creeper, every resident of Vrindavan is full of the shakti to give blessings.

My tip is, when you look next time at a photo of Vrindavan and see the forest of Vrindavan, remember that these are not ordinary trees, they are blessing trees and talking trees, and if you come to Vrindavan, take one of those trees, serve him, embrace him, ask for blessings and you will see a miracle manifest before your eyes.

Please join us for the next Kartik Inspiration.

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In Vrindavan, every tree, every creeper, every resident is filled with the power to give blessings. Serve them, and you will see miracles unfold!