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Welcome to this Kartik Inspiration.

Why are we always so blissful when we are in Vrindavan?

The answer is given in Vraja-vilasa-stava. In text 8, it states that the Goddess of Fortune is roaming around Nandisvara Hill, the place where Nanda Maharaj and Yashoda, the parents of Krishna, live. The Bhagavatam echoes this, “Right from the day when Krishna appeared in Vrindavan, Rama, the Goddess of fortune, walks there. She thinks, ‘Those who are companions of Krishna should be served by me. Those who are pilgrims and visitors in Vrindavan should be served by me. Because, if I serve them, then Krishna will be very satisfied with me.’”

This idea is also there in Srimati Radharani. She has ordered Her servant Lalita to move around in Vrindavan and look for anyone who sincerely calls out for Radha and Krishna, and then to take that person and bring them to the lotus feet of Radha and Krishna.

How can we translate these super high subjects into our lives? This is how: When you feel morose, bitter, or disappointed on your spiritual path, you are not touched by good fortune. Your devotional service is most probably not fully manifested. However, due to your tendency to find faults, you are reacting in this manner. The proof that Krishna consciousness works is really when you feel the transcendental ecstasy in your heart.

Once Srila Prabhupada asked us, “What is the proof that Krishna is God?”

Catch The Ecstasy

One devotee answered, “He says so in the Bhagavad-gita.” Prabhupada said, “Krishna may say so many things. What is the proof?” Another devotee said, “Well, Prabhupada, you said it.” Prabhupada was not satisfied. He said, “Oh, I am just an old man, I can also say so many things.” And then he softened his voice and said with confidence, “You know Krishna is God because you feel His presence when you chant as well as when you serve. You feel the ecstasy. This is the proof.”

The spiritual world may be far away for many of us. The direct vision of Radha and Krishna may be a very distant hope. However, when we contact Them through the processes of chanting or serving, we feel the touch, almost like the invisible electricity. You can’t see it, although you hear about it. But if you touch it, as we did as children touching the cow wires, which protected the cow fields, then you feel something touching you, energy moving through you.

In the same way, by these simple processes that we perform in the month of Kartik, such as offering a lamp while singing, or chanting our rounds mindfully — free from all stress in our minds, like that we need to fulfil the quota — and chanting lovingly, we become touched by the fine, subtle spiritual electricity which comes from the huge powerhouse of Radha’s and Krishna’s mercy.

Let’s keep on trying. See you for the next Kartik Inspiration.

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