

# Kartik Inspirations 2016

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## KRISHNA'S EFFULGENCE

As I am going through my Kartik-vrata, by Krishna's mercy certain things become alive in my heart. These days I am reflecting deeply about how I can think of Krishna. Thinking about His qualities, lotus feet and so many other things is a wonderful aid we are provided with.

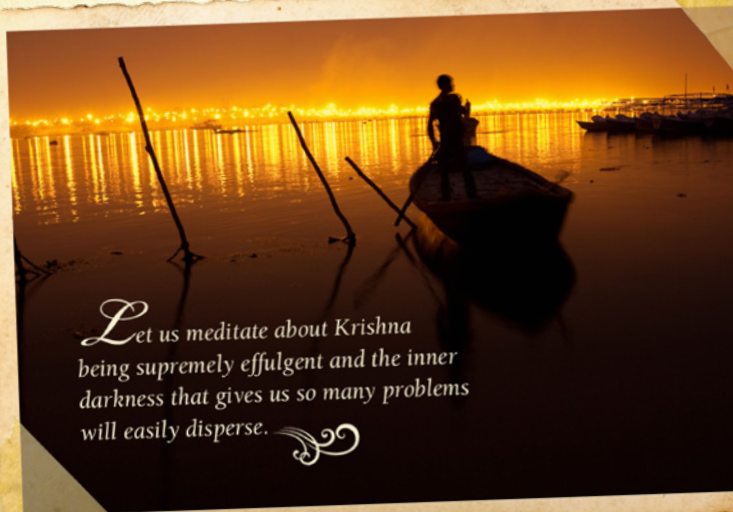
Everything here in this universe is bright because of Krishna's effulgence. Everything beyond this universe is illuminated by the rays emanating from Krishna's body. Also in Vrindavan everything is illuminated by Krishna's effulgence .

This world is covered by a dark layer of ignorance (*avidya*), which is covered with dark layers around the shell of the universe – so while we are here it's very appropriate to think about Krishna, who is extremely effulgent and the source of all other effulgence.

This was how Akrura, who we talked about yesterday, thought of Krishna as he was travelling on his chariot to Vrindavan. In his mind he thought: *»Simply by the effulgence of Krishna's toenails many souls in the past have transcended the insurmountable darkness of material existence.«*

Thinking about the *nakha-maṇḍala*, the circle of light which forms around each particular nail on Krishna's lotus feet, is a great way to become free from inner darkness. Krishna's toenails are compared with effulgent moons that are surrounded by an orb, or a circle of light.

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