

Kartik Inspirations 2016

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THE GOAL

The last few days of the month of Kartik are approaching and it is important to upgrade our *japa* because chanting the Holy Name is our main means of pleasing the Divine Couple. During chanting it is very important to be focused on the goal.

Consider someone rowing a boat on a lake. If he has no clear idea of the place he wants to go to, he will row in circles. He will not reach a certain destination because he has none.

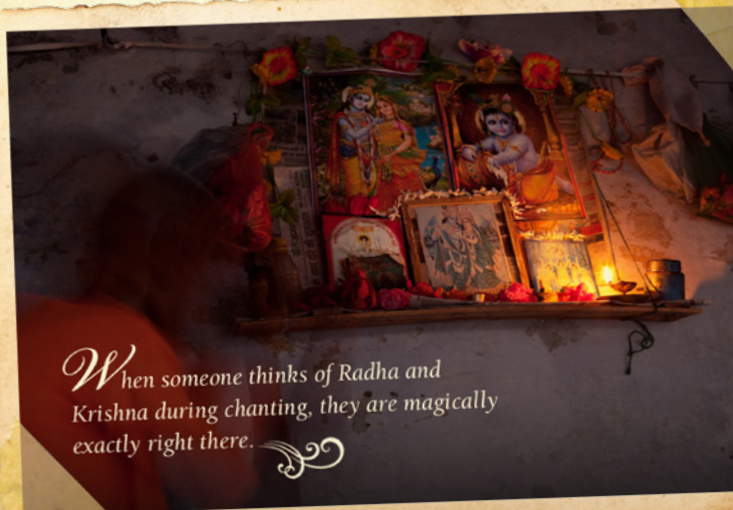
So when you practice *japa* or any type of *sadhana*, it's important to be focused on the *sadhya*, or the goal. A wonderful verse from the *Caitanya-caritamrita* confirms this:

»Those who are eager to awaken their spiritual consciousness and who thus have unflinching, undeviated intelligence (or concentration on their goal), certainly attain the desired goal of life very soon.«

This translates into our chanting in the following way: chant by fixing your mind on Radha and Krishna and pleasing Them. As you do this, you will experience something magical.

When a traveller thinks of his destination, it is present in his mind, but he is not there yet, in other words he is still separated from it. But if someone thinks of Radha and Krishna during chanting, they are magically exactly right there. The separation we feel dissipates when we are focused on the transcendental goal of chanting the Holy Name. Such a devotee will experience the association of Radha and Krishna right when he chants.

Hare Krishna.



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