

Kartik Inspirations 2016

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This is Kartik Inspiration 3 – but before I start, I want to share something with you: I had such a good dream. In my dream, I walked around Giriraja Govardhana.

I believe there is a reason why we have spiritual dreams. It has a lot to do with identification. If we identify with our country, we think we're a German, American, Indian etc. If we identify with our gender, we think we are a man or a woman. If we identify with a group that has a certain opinion, we are totally into their world. But: if we identify ourselves as devotees, we live in a devotional world. All of our actions, emotions, and even our dreams, spring from our sense of identity.

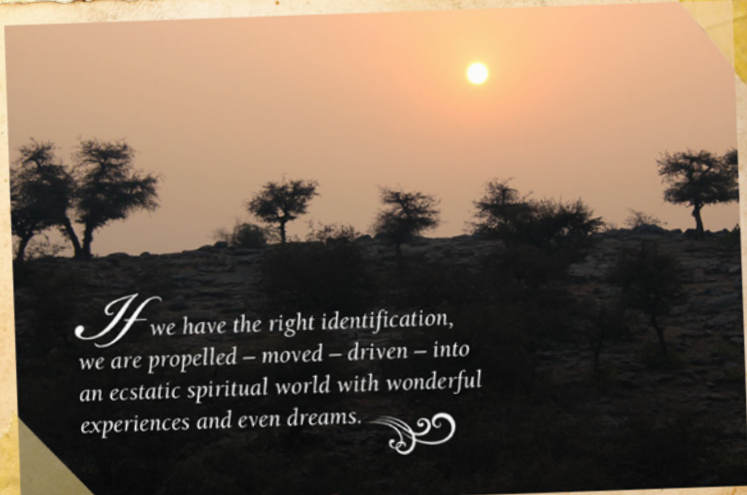
It's so important to have the right type of identification, if we really want to experience the full benefit of Kartik or even of Krishna consciousness itself, because this is what brings us into the right type of world. If we have a false identification, we live in a false world. If we have the right understanding of our identity and we can identify with it, we are propelled – moved – driven – into an ecstatic spiritual world with wonderful experiences and even dreams.

I think you all know what I'm talking about.

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura writes in one song: "I'm the servant of Radhika Madhava," and he prays for this type of life. He says, "Oh my mind. How will you ultimately take shelter at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Krishna?"

He says, "I have had this desire to take shelter at your lotus feet since time immemorial, but now this wretched servant is simply waiting. 'O Radhe, O Krishna Chandra, life and soul of the devotees, please bestow upon this most sinful person bhakti to both of you.'"

Such prayers can come from a heart that is fixed in the right kind of identification.



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