

Kartik Inspirations 2016

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ENTERING BHAKTI

Krishna consciousness or *bhakti* is always on a higher platform than we are. It is spiritual – it is of a very deep quality. We need someone to open the door for us, so we can enter the palace of *bhakti*, and this person is the spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada. Today I will guide you in a little meditation which I do every day in Kartik.

Please sit down properly and take a few deep breaths. Then, in your mind, go to Srila Prabhupada's *samadhi* in Vrindavan. Walk through the entrance – you will see him there, sitting on his seat. His doors are wide-open. You feel the comforting presence of Srila Prabhupada.

Then, you bow down. All of you bows down: your body, mind, thoughts and heart, the devotional feelings, bow down. Pray:

»O Srila Prabhupada, you can open the doors of *bhakti* because you already reside in the temple of *bhakti*, always. This door can only be opened from inside. By you.«

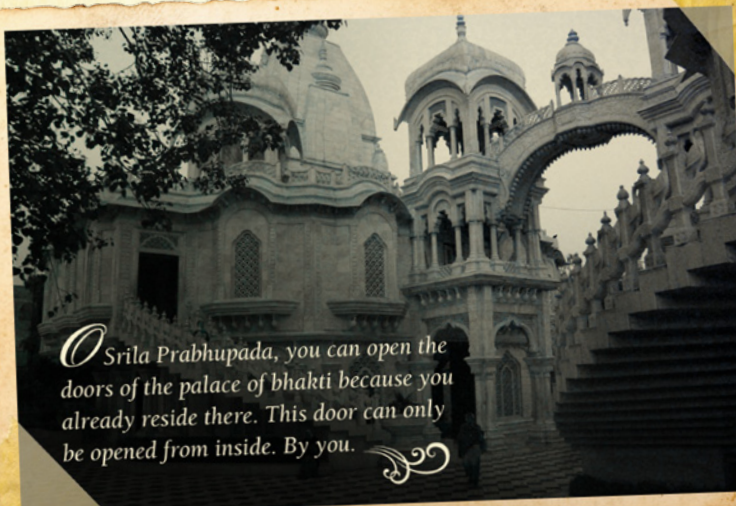
Then, when you are ready, go on into the temple, the doors are wide-open. Walk through the courtyard. On your right you will pass the abundantly growing tamal tree. Keep going until you come before Sri Sri Radha Shyamasundara, Radha Krishna, and pray:

»O Sri Radha! O Gaurangi, whose complexion is like molten gold, you are the queen of Vrindavan, the daughter of Vrishabhvanu and the divine Goddess who is most dear to Sri Hari. I offer my obeisances unto you.«

Then turn to Krishna:

»O Sri Krishna! O Shyamasundara, you are an ocean of mercy, the friend of the fallen, Lord of the universe, master of the cowherds, beloved of the gopis and above all, the beloved of Sri Radha. I offer my obeisances unto you.«

Offer your devotional practices from this devotional place. You may chant, pray, relish the Bhagavatam...



O Srila Prabhupada, you can open the doors of the palace of *bhakti* because you already reside there. This door can only be opened from inside. By you.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

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