

Kartik Inspirations 2016

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TURNING TO SRIMATI RADHARANI

One of the many names of Srimati Radharani is Kartika Devi, the Goddess of the month of Kartik. How is Srimati Radharani to be understood?

Srila Prabhupada gives us a significant hint: *»Srimati Radharani is the tender-hearted, feminine counterpart of the supreme whole, resembling the perfectional stage of the worldly feminine nature. Therefore, the mercy of Radharani is available very readily to the sincere devotees, and once she recommends such a devotee to Lord Krishna, the Lord at once accepts the devotee's admittance into his association.«*

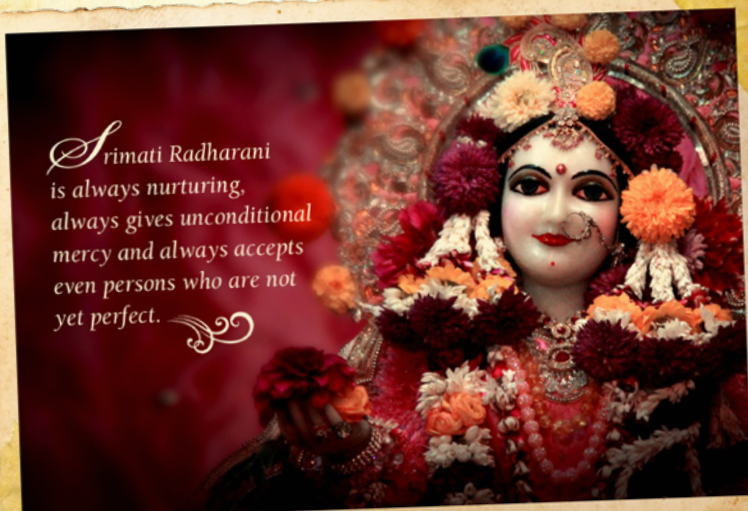
Let's think about this aspect of Srimati Radharani of being the *»tender-hearted, feminine counterpart«* of Krishna. Srimati Radharani is always nurturing, always gives unconditional mercy and always accepts even persons who are not yet perfect.

In this connection, I remember my own mother. Whenever I came home from school with bad grades, my father would chastise me, but my mother would go into the kitchen and make pudding, my favourite sweet, to solace me. That's an example of what is meant here with *»tender-hearted, feminine counterpart«*. The mercy of the supreme mother is always unconditional.

There is a beautiful prayer in this connection by Srila Rupa Goswami who says: *»Although I am unfit, although I'm an offender with a crooked mind, please Srimati Radharani, bestow upon me a fragment of the gift of service to you. This unhappy soul is not fit to be neglected by you, for you have a butter-soft heart that melts constantly by the warmth of your compassion.«*

Anyone who turns to Srimati Radharani in this month of Kartik will certainly be accepted.

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