

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2018

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HUMILITY – A VISION OF REALITY

Haribol and greetings from Vrindavan.

Today I will start my Kartik *vrata*, following the example of my exalted spiritual master Srila Prabhupada who truly wanted to uplift the whole world.

I will try to assist all of you, my dear listeners, in going deeper in your own spiritual life. I will try to share realizations and insights as they come up.

But before we get started, let us ask a question: Who's efforts and prayers are actually recognized by the Lord?

Bhaktivinoda Thakura answers this question: *"Sri Nanda-Kumar Krishna, the youthful son of Nanda Maharaja, hears the prayers of anyone who takes refuge in Him by this six-fold practice of surrender."*

Krishna consciousness, God consciousness, starts at the point of surrender. And the entry into this path is humility. Humility means to develop something like a feeling of repentance. Srila Prabhupada makes the point that Krishna is in the heart of every living entity, but can only be realized by a soul who is repentant. This kind of humility and repentance go together.

Listen to the following wonderful and inspiring song of Bhaktivinoda Thakur, with which he starts his song collection.

He says:

"O Lord, I forgot You and came to this material world, where I have experienced a host of pains and sorrows. Now I approach Your lotus feet and submit my sad story."

Then he describes a life of forgetfulness and ends by saying:

"Now I sadly weep. I failed to worship You, O Lord, and instead passed my days in vain. What will be my fate now?"

Although this may sound like dejection, it is not. It is entering a vision of reality and instantly connecting with the Lord. One is filled with a fresh perspective, energy and happiness.

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