

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2018

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INSTALL KRISHNA IN YOUR HEART

One of the places I regularly chant at has a little garden with an empty throne. A vine with honey-like flowers grows around the throne. In the morning a small bird, like a colibri, visits the vine and drinks the honey. On one of my visits I placed a wooden block with the carved letters of the Holy Name onto the empty throne.

When I came back the next morning I noticed a miracle. Overnight two huge flowers, about the size of two palms, had blossomed around the throne the Holy Name had been installed on. I saw this as a definite inspiration. Whenever we install Krishna in our heart, in our life, when we give Him a prominent place: time-wise, attention-wise, by the arrangements we make to keep a good slot for Him – everything will blossom.

The scriptures say that when the Holy Name is properly cultivated, He will unfold a bit and show us the form of Krishna. When He is cultivated more, we will suddenly become aware of Krishna's qualities, like His extraordinary mercy for His devotees and His playful nature in His pastimes which evoke smiles on the faces of His devotees. When the Holy Name blossoms even further, we will actually become a witness of His divine pastimes, which are always taking place. This is especially true here in Vrindavan. Lord Krishna never takes even one step outside of the borders of Vrindavan and prefers to frolic in His eternal pastimes here. And sometimes He peeks through the curtain of the bewildering potency and gives us a little sign: *"I'm here. Whenever you call for Me, I'm here. I'm listening to you."*

This is the magic of Vrindavan – you actually contact Krishna.



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