

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2018

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ACCEPTING EVERYTHING FAVORABLE TO PURE DEVOTION

*Hare Krishna and best greetings from
Vrindavan-dhama!*

The last step on the road to Krishna and on the road to Vrindavan is accepting those things which are favorable.

I would like to make a point: concentrating on the favorable, positive aspects of *bhakti* is very conducive because it gives us the strength we require to give up the unfavorable things.

Bhaktivinoda Thakur sings about these things with joy in his heart. He says:
“I will execute with utmost care those activities favorable to Your bhakti. I will like those things which are conducive and engage my senses in them. I will engage my ears by earnestly hearing descriptions of You, I will engage my eyes by looking at Your divine abode.”

And he continues with how he engages his body:
“by eating remnants of Your sacred food”.

And then he concludes:

“Anything I will do will give pleasure to Your devotee. I choose these things and will embrace them as conducive to Your devotional service.”

Being in Vrindavan-*dhama*, I can't refrain from emphasizing how absolutely conducive it is to be here. It is extremely beneficial to see Govardhan hill, the Yamuna, the dark clouds and the dust which held Krishna's feet.

My dear readers, by giving you an overview of *sharanagati*, I hope that you are now walking enthusiastically on the path that will also bring you here, to Krishna in His sacred abode.

From tomorrow onwards we will concentrate more on directly Vrindavan related subjects and on the experiences which can be made here. By reading these you will be in Vrindavan mentally and in this way absorb the full benefit of the month of Kartik and its observances. Let us stay connected.