

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2018

LOVE FOR
KRISHNA ARISES,
IF YOU HEAR
ABOUT THE
LOVE HE AND
HIS DEVOTEES
EXCHANGE.



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THE SCHOOL OF LOVE

Coming to Vrindavan means entering the school of love. Everyone in Vrindavan loves Krishna.

Prabhupada writes:

“Nanda Maharaja loves Krishna, the cows love Krishna, even the rivers love Krishna, and the trees.”

A famous Vraja-story addresses this atmosphere of love: Krishna was extremely playful and restless as a child. Sometimes mother Yashoda had to catch Him by the ear to stop Him from playing and forcibly feed Him butter.

So once Krishna asked:

“Mother, what is the benefit of eating butter with sugar?”

Yashoda said, *“You get strength.”*

“And mother,” asked Krishna, *“what is the benefit of getting strength?”*

“Well, you also get buddhi, mental strength, intelligence.”

“For what do I need that, mother?”

“Well, you need it to get knowledge.”

“And, mother, what is the benefit of knowledge?”

“Well, Krishna. Someone who rests in knowledge, can renounce this illusory world and attain mukti.”

“Mother, what is mukti?”

“O Krishna – it is a place free from every activity, free from birth and death.”

Krishna became thoughtful and asked, *“Will you be there, mother, to stop Me by holding Me by the ear and feed Me with butter?”*

Yashoda deliberated intensely and then replied, *“No, Krishna. There is only, well, it is mukti-loka, it is free from everything.”*

Krishna looked at Yashoda and said: *“Mother, then I don’t want to go there. I want to stay in Vrindavan, where everyone loves Me so much.”*

I believe this is the benefit of going to Vrindavan – entering the school of love.

There are few things you can do in order to develop this love. It arises in the heart, if you hear a lot about Krishna and His devotees, about the loving exchange between them.

This is the purpose of Kartik – to become absorbed in Krishna, wherever you are. Hare Krishna.