

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2021



ALL RADHARANI'S QUALITIES
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ONE SUPREME QUALITY:
HER AMAZING LOVE FOR KRISHNA

RADHA'S MAHA-BHAVA

Today we will continue to look at the beautiful qualities of Srimati Radharani. Let us focus on the last of the qualities, which are in relationship to Her mind: *maha-bhava*, that She is situated on the highest level of love.

Rumi famously said, “If you want to learn to love, go into the classroom of the lovers.” So hearing about Srimati Radharani’s love for Krishna will teach us how to move forward in the most important project, that is to learn to love Krishna. Yes, Radharani is *patava-anvita*, expert in performing Her duties. She is *lajja-shila*, shy. She is *su-maryada*, respectful. She is *dhairya*, calm, and *gambhira-shalini*, grave. And She is *su-vilasa*, playful. But I will not deal with these intimate qualities in this Kartik Inspiration, as all these qualities emanate from this one supreme quality: her amazing love for Krishna. In the Vaishnava tradition, love is also expressed by another word—thirst, unquenchable thirst.

Once a friend of Srimati Radharani came to Krishna. In order to make Him even more inclined to Radha, this friend talked about Radha’s qualities. She said, “O holder of the flute, Radha has so much thirst for You that She has

doubled the flow of the Yamuna by the intense showers of Her tears.” Wow, Yamuna must have overflowed because Srimati Radharani cried so many tears in a longing way for Krishna. Radha’s friend continued, “Her body’s color is like that of a moonstone emanating rays of light.”

When there is love in the heart, an effulgence comes into the eyes and into everything. The voice gets filled with love, the vision gets filled with love, even the hearing gets filled with love. One sees the beloved everywhere. So Srimati Radharani emanates rays of that light of love which pervades every function of Her. And the friend continued, “Radha’s throat is filled with broken syllables, She doesn’t speak in a coherent way. Her body is like a kadamba flower, with goosebumps. She is like a banana tree, trembling in strong winds. Somehow or other She remains in this state.” When Krishna hears this, the love in His Heart begins to vibrate even more for Radha and He only has one thought, “Where is Radha?”

I would like you to take a moment of your time and be mindful and perhaps even put this question into your thoughts: *Where is Srimati Radharani?*

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