

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2021



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RADHA MELTS HEARTS

Today I would like to speak about melting the heart. Staying in Vrindavan during the month of Kartik does something to your consciousness. You develop new perspectives—old things to which you gave a lot of importance seem to be insignificant, while those hidden but powerful things that were covered by a very busy life in the West but had a lot of potency inside of them come to the foreground. This happens when the heart gets melted.

Imagine you have a mould and you pour melted lac into the mould. Say the mould is the mould of an elephant, then your lac also takes on the form of that elephant. So, the way you melt the heart in spiritual life is by hearing from great personalities who have such a great bhava or love in the heart that would melt even stones. So, when you hear their prayer, your own heart becomes affected. When you then follow their line of thinking, your heart, your new heart takes on a new form. This is called the art of transformation.

In the month of Kartik we worship Srimati Radharani and just hearing about Her qualities, hearing about Her extraordinary service melts our heart.

Once Srimati Radharani was in Her own courtyard. She walked over thorns, then after that there was a path in the courtyard which was slippery because She had put water over the ground. And then in the third path of the courtyard, She was seen blindfolded walking in the subjective darkness. She didn't see anything.

So one gopi asked Her, “Why do You make these arrangements?” and Radha said, “Sometimes when I go to Krishna, I have to cross through the thorny part of the forest, therefore I am practicing how to walk over thorns. At other times there is a monsoon, and the path becomes slippery, so I have put water over the mud in the courtyard to learn to keep my balance even on the very slippery ground. And sometimes I go when there is not even a single star in the night sky, when the moon is absent. So for that I am practicing to find my way blindfolded.”

So, this means a lot of attraction is there for Krishna and this is what we learn staying in Vrindavan. Everyone is attracted, but the one who is most attracted is Srimati Radharani.

Good, let us sit and become mindful about Srimati Radharani's great attraction to Krishna that helps Her to overcome all kinds of obstacles.

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