

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2021



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There is a very ancient temple in Vrindavan in an equally ancient part of the town. It is the temple where the deities of Narottama Dasa Thakura are worshipped. Today is this great acharya's disappearance day.

Once Srimati Radharani appeared personally in his dreams and said, *"When Krishna is in the forest of Vrindavan, He likes to take a particular milk sweet. I wish you to go to Champakalata gopi and under her direction boil milk for this milk-based sweet."*

You can just imagine what a great devotee would see in his spiritual form when he stood before Radha. Well, he would say, *"Nava-yava—She is always fresh and youthful."*

Srimati Radharani was once described by a messenger. The messenger said, *"The God of love has given You control over His kingdom. Your eyes are like bows and Your glances like arrows. In this way You conquer Krishna!"*

So, yes, Srimati Radharani is so attractive due to Her freshness and youthfulness. In Her left hand She always holds a blue lotus. Because it is in contact with Her freshness and youthfulness, that lotus never wilts, it always stays the same. Actually, in the spiritual world nothing ever wilts but, yes, Radharani has this shakti, this presence—she is ever fresh and youthful.

Do you know that Radha is the prime energy of Krishna? Without Her, we would not have any idea of who the Lord is. How do you know a person? You may look at someone, but you do not know his capabilities and intelligence until he speaks or does something. Imagine a person starting to speak very eloquent words and then giving an instruction to his servant, *"Build a villa by the sea!"* Or imagine this person breaking out in spontaneous song. Then you know, *'Wow, he seems to be a very well-connected, wealthy person who knows how to sing.'*

In the same way as a person can be known by his various energies, Krishna can only be known by His Supreme energy—Srimati Radharani. The Vishnu Purana lists six energies of the Lord, like His strength, His fame, and so on, and amongst all these there is one main energy. It is known as *Sri*, which can mean *"mercy," "love,"* or *"beauty."* So, all the other five energies of Bhagavan are subservient to this main energy *"Sri"*—mercy, love, or beauty. And, of course, *Sri* is Srimati Radharani.

Connecting with Srimati Radharani means to also connect to the main source of all of Krishna's energy. It will make you fresh, it will make you inspired, it will make you blissful!

See you for the next installation of the *"Kartik inspirations."* Today, please turn with prayer to Srimati Radharani.

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