

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2021

RADHA'S AUSPICIOUS LINES



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There is one particular and very distinctive aspect in divine personalities called *charu-saubhagya-rekha-adhya* in Sanskrit. It means possessing beautiful, auspicious lines on the body, and Srimati Radharani is not an exception to this.

Once, Madhumangal was walking with Krishna when all of a sudden he stopped and said, “O destroyer of suffering, be satisfied now and please, look here. There. There are the marks on Radha's feet, endowed with groups of auspicious lines like the crescent moon, bracelet, flowers, wine, and earrings.” All of these marks tell us something about Her hidden nature.

On the heel of Srimati Radharani's right foot is a fish sign and just above it is a chariot. So when Srimati Radharani walks, Her right foot will leave a fish and a chariot sign in the dust. Like all the other signs, these signs contain a message.

The fish sign means, “Only if you fix your mind on Radha and Krishna will it be satisfied,” just as a fish is only satisfied when it is in the water. And the chariot, which is a special imprint that is only seen in Radha's foot—not Krishna's foot—means that the goal of life can be easily

reached when riding on a chariot. In the same way, when one meditates upon the chariot on Radha's right foot, one can reach the goal of life very easily. One does not have to toil around like when one has to struggle by walking. The chariot is especially helpful on a battlefield. And since the devotee in this world is sometimes battling against the forces of illusion and maya, meditating upon Srimati Radharani's lotus feet is very, very good. In fact, one is victorious in one's struggle in life just by meditating on the chariot of Radha's lotus feet.

This is the most wonderful instruction and message which comes from the beautiful, auspicious lines on Srimati Radharani's body.

I request that you do something which I would like to recommend for all these Kartik inspirations. During the day, take a moment and stop the hectic activities around you. Sit down and for a moment, think about these beautiful qualities of Srimati Radharani.

You will for sure become victorious in your struggle to remain spiritually inspired and move forward in your day, in this life, in this material existence. All the best!

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