

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2022

THE AMAZING POTENCY OF KARTIK

Welcome to this year's Kartik inspirations. Our motto is "Vrindavan miracles".

Perhaps the greatest miracle is that the month of Kartik gives us Radha and Krishna. Scripture says, "Even a modest offering during this month is rewarded with the residence in Radha and Krishna's Divine Abode."

Why is this month so powerful? Well, in His great love for His foremost worshipper, Krishna has given over the rulership of this month to Srimati Radharani, who is therefore known as Kartika Devi, the Goddess of Kartik.

Some devotees who are exclusive Radha bhaktas will therefore dedicate all their Kartik observances fully to Srimati Radharani.

The very good news is that She rules by compassion and as such will not take into account our innumerable mistakes, failures, or whenever we are bit off track, no—compassion does not take account of this. Please, take notes.

All the spiritual activities you execute during this month of Kartik—even the smallest offering—bestows unlimited and extraordinary benefits that will not be exhausted by time or what comes afterwards. As the *Skanda Purana* says, it is "askhaya," without possibility of being cut or interrupted. This is the benefit of the month of Kartik.

What are these small or modest offerings? The *Hari-bhakti-vilasa* says something which I always consider the most important offering: offering a ghee lamp before the Lord. Doing so during the month of Kartik ensures one transfer to the eternal spiritual world, which is free from all kinds of material obstacles.

Of course, there are many other things you can do. The general principle is: do whatever helps you to remember Radha and Krishna and try to leave aside whatever makes you forget. It is highly recommended to chant extra rounds or, at least, to make sure that you increase the quality of your rounds.

It is very good to increase your reading of scriptures, especially the *Srimad Bhagavatam* and the various prayers and devotional songs that can enhance your devotional mood. *Saranagati* by Bhaktivinoda Thakur or the *Gopi Gita* from the 31st chapter of the 10th canto are very good, but above all, ranging supreme, is to take a ghee lamp or a little light—preferably it is a ghee lamp—and offer this lamp to the Lord while reciting the Damodarashtakam prayers.

Then, your ultimate residence in the spiritual world is guaranteed.

See you tomorrow for the next Kartik inspiration.

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