

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2022

NOT THE ONE YOU SEE

Welcome to today's Kartik inspirations. We are discussing the miracles in Vrindavan.

One of the most impressive miracles is that in Vrindavan, we can see devotees from another dimension, from the kingdom of God, taking on different bodies and acting there. For instance, in the spiritual world, Srila Visvanath Cakravarti Thakur is Sri Radha's maidservant Vinod Manjari, or Vinoda Vallabhi Manjari. It is said that once Krishna appeared to Srila Visvanath Cakravarti Thakur and ordered him to make commentaries on the books of the six Goswamis. An eyewitness had seen him writing and said, *"Whenever he would sit down to write, clouds would appear to shield him from the sun, and whenever it rained—even during monsoon season—miraculously, not a drop of water would touch him or his manuscript."*

Once there was a public debate among some scholars who could not accept Krishna's loving relationship with the gopis and parakiya bhava as the highest expression of divine love. Visvanath Cakravarti Thakur quoted various scriptures and defeated their arguments, but they became more antagonistic. They took their defeat very personally, and then they said, *"Let us kill this Chakravarti Thakur."*

One day those evil men, accompanied by a few thugs armed with knives, waited for Visvanath at the place where he would pass on his daily walk to answer nature's call. But they didn't see Visvanath Cakravarti Thakur coming down this path. They saw a charming young girl who was picking flowers. A rascal said, *"Lali, have you seen Visvanath*

Chakravarti Thakur come by this path?" And the young girl replied, *"Yes. I saw him earlier, but he seems to have disappeared."*

While speaking, she emanated a sublime radiance that distracted the men from their mission. Then one of them asked her, *"Whose daughter are you, young girl? And where do you live?"* The girl answered, *"I'm Sri Radha's maidservant. She is now in her in-law's house in Yavat. She sent me to pick flowers for Krishna."* So she talked from the reality of parakiya bhava. As soon as she had ended, she disappeared, and in her place stood Visvanath Cakravarti Thakura.

Yes, these are the great souls. They are here with us in one body which we can normally see and in which they perform their activities, but they are actually visitors from the kingdom of God, sent here for a particular mission.

The whole atmosphere of Vrindavan is surcharged with the influence of these great souls. Their bhajan echoes in the atmosphere. Their books are accessible. They stay in their samadhi tombs, waiting for devotees to come and ask them to intervene or help in their lives.

Vrindavan is the land where these extra spiritual beings still have left traces in the air. And who knows, maybe a saint who comes down walking in front of you is none other than one of these Siddha mahatmas. Therefore, a pilgrim must be highly respectful—you don't know who is here before you.

Wishing you all the best from Sri Vrindavan Dham, and see you very soon.

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