

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2022



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A SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGH

Welcome to today's Kartik Inspirations.

Here I would like to request you to find a peaceful, undisturbed place again, sit there, sit tall, and take a few deep breaths.

Today I would like to talk about a miracle that most impresses me because it is one I see almost daily. It is a miracle that the chanting of the Holy Name affects. Yes, I am here in Vrindavan, trying to establish a closer relationship with the Holy Name. Yes, I am here to come closer to Krishna, but I have not left my old self in the West. He has come with me like my shadow, and sometimes I struggle, I cannot focus, and I have issues with my taste in the chanting of the Holy Name. But especially at those times, I continue. Why?

The miracle of the Holy Name, which He is prepared to perform every single time we chant, is that by patient and faithful *Nama-seva* or chanting, the sun, the Krishna sun, will rise on the horizon of the heart. Therefore the inner darkness, the obstacles, will be resolved. They will be dispelled by the mercy of the Holy Name.

There is one particular secret about chanting Bhaktivinoda Thakura expressed that inspires me greatly this time. He talks about a person chanting the Holy Name patiently, although

he is still covered by a thick layer of material energy. He says, "*The supreme nectar — paramamritam — of favorable service rendered unto Lord Krishna will gradually become thickened until it breaks through your two bodies: the gross, (stula) and the subtle, (melinga), and will finally cause your eternal spiritual form, your aprakrita svarupa, to again awaken.*"

"Yes, here I am in the cave. The entrance seems to be closed by a landslide. Still, as I continue to chant and try to see that as a devotional service to Krishna, as something to please Him, this will become thicker and thicker and thicker, and then from outside my cave, the nectar will break through the covering, the layers. There it will fall unto my spirit soul and nourish it and awaken it with wonderful spiritual things. Truly," Bhaktivinoda says, "*in a few days, your chit svarupa, your knowing form, will awaken and remain floating in the ocean of eternally sweet Krishna prema.*"

Up until now, these things have not happened to me. But from the little things I am allowed to experience and see, I can safely and hopefully conclude that, yes, there is a great energy working. It is the *Nama-shakti* that is slowly removing everything until, one day, there is a breakthrough.

Please, stay tuned in as more and more Vrindavan miracles will reveal themselves. Hare Krishna!

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