

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2022

NO FEAR OF DEATH

Welcome to today's Kartik inspiration.

Some of you may have heard that my father passed away on the first night of the full moon of the month of Kartik. And his last words were, *"Don't take me to the hospital. I have no fear of death. In fact, I want to leave now."*

The news reached me when I was just in a car driving from Govardhan town. I immediately decided to do something to show my gratitude to my deceased father. In the tenth canto, Krishna says that we cannot repay our debt to our parents even if we try for one hundred lifetimes. It is because they have given us this human body, the chance of all our opportunities.

So I decided to request devotees from various parts of the world to do ceremonies and yajnas, and they all responded. Even in Ranganath, a light burns from morning till evening and throughout the night just in honor of the father and to give some auspiciousness.

But I want to tell you about something very amazing to me. I am here in Braj, and every evening, I do Damodarastakam with my assistants. One night, all of us felt that my father was there and that he wanted us to offer an extra light on his behalf. So I said, *"I know it sounds esoteric, but I feel my father is here, and he would like a light to be offered to Radha and Krishna."* And I immediately did so. And after I did this, we all felt he was satisfied.

In the scriptures it is said that the relatives of a devotee have also a benefit. In the month of Kartik especially, Srimati Radharani is very merciful. One of Her names means that Radha has a transcendental form that melts with compassion. So I could sense that Radharani had arranged that my father would find me in the month of Kartik, and that he would communicate both to my assistants and me that we should offer a light on his behalf. And when we did so, he was very, very relieved and satisfied.

Yes, this is one of the many Vrindavan miracles. See you tomorrow for more.

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ŚACINANDANA SWAMI