

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2022

GLORIOUS PASSING

Welcome to today's Kartik inspiration.

We will hear about the glorious passing of a great Vaisnava called Bhakta Kavi Gopal Krishna. In 1862, the poet was 78 years old. On the day he left this world, he first completed his morning devotional activities. He got up at the scheduled time, took his bath, did his little worship, and then recited the maha-mantra on his japa-mala. Like every other day, he sat in a perfect padmasana pose and then interrupted his japa briefly to write his last poem. In this poem, he describes his meditation about his eternal spiritual form and how he wishes to enter the eternal—nitya Vrindavan. I will read his poem in English to you.

“If I receive my spiritual body given by Sri Gurudev, then I will go with that body to the spiritual world, and I will stand near Radhakund. I will be so thrilled as I arrive that I will pay my humble respects, and tears of joy and happiness will come out of my eyes.

“As I look around, I will see the trees and creepers in the forest on the bank of Radhakund. I will be so overwhelmed that I will call their names with affection, and I will pay obeisances to each single one of them and embrace them. But then something special happens. I will actually see the lotus footprints of Radha and Krishna in the fine sand. This will overwhelm me so strongly for a second time that I will immediately roll on the ground.

“And then I will look up and see the Lord's wonderful form of eternal pleasure before me. Again I will feel unlimited joy, and

I will always stay from that day on near the lotus feet of Radha and Krishna.”

After writing this beautiful poem, he completed his daily quota of japa—maybe 64 rounds, maybe more. And then he knew: now my final call has come. He took his pen, wrote on the wall the last line he would ever write, and then departed.

Those who came later and saw that he had left his body saw this last line and copied it. This is the line:

*Jiva jiva belaka hoilo
Saja Radha Govinda bhajam*

“O jiva soul, O jiva soul, now you are going to leave this world. Pray to Radha Govinda.”

What a glorious passing of someone who had engaged his entire life in the glorification of Krishna. Even in the moment of death, his consciousness remained fixed. He was not overwhelmed by fear or any disturbance. He completed his daily worship, wrote his last poem, and then left a message *“O, jiva soul, you are now going to leave this world. Pray to Radha Govinda.”*

I think we have no doubt that Bhakta Kavi Gopal Krishna returned to the eternal Braj.

Thank you very much, and see you very soon for the next Kartik inspiration.

Sacinandana Pravis

SACINANDANA SWAMI

“O, JIVA SOUL, YOU ARE NOW
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BHAKTA KAVI GOPAL KRISHNA