

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2022

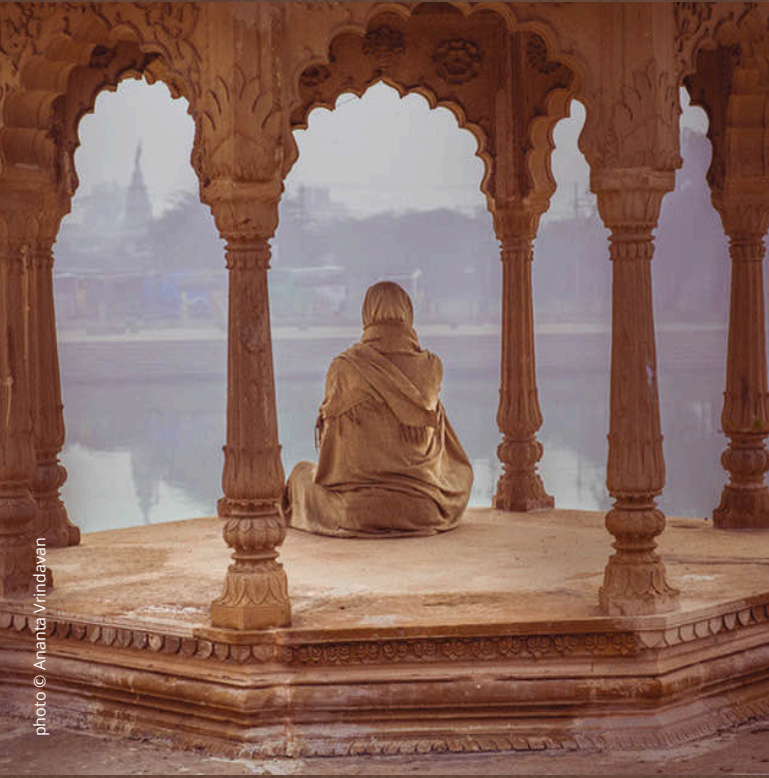


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WE CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE.

THE DIFFERENT LENS

Welcome to this Kartik Inspiration. Vrindavan often does not only act as a guru but as a mirror. A mirror shows you that which you cannot see without any assistance. So, in the same way as a mirror shows you the hidden aspects, Vrindavan often shows you the false ego and its various manifestations.

You expect in Vrindavan sometimes everything will be very nice, the breeze, Govardhan, Radhakund, all the deities, all the holy places, but instead, you look into a mirror and see all the things that still need to be improved, and it can be shocking.

I experienced this shock the other day. I went on Govardhan parikrama, and when I was coming towards the end of the parikrama, my mind was lamenting, *“Oh, I’m thirsty, oh my feet are hurting, mosquitos are coming, and I forgot my mosquito spray. Oh, the people and the smell of the open canals.”*

So many things my mind found until I found myself sitting at the steps of Radhakund and thinking, *‘What was all this complaining about? The mind only sees through the material perspective, the perspective of the ego, which wants to enjoy. But here I’m sitting on the warm steps of Radhakund. It is dark, but the people around me are offering lamps to Srimati Radharani. Wonderful! On my right hand there is an old Bengali sadhu who sings a bhajan in a broken voice with so much devotion.*

Wonderful! Then on my left is a family coming with a few children, and one child falls into the kund, and the other children save him and everyone laughs. Wonderful!

Everything changes in Vrindavan-dhama when the perspective changes. The moment we put ourselves and our enjoyment in the center, yes, then we will see a little village in Uttar Pradesh where many things are still in the developing process. When we, however, put Radha and Krishna in the center, it seems as if an entirely different reality plays out in front of us, and we can see Krishna and Radha behind the veil of the apparent things. We can see Them behind the veil of illusion, and They always attract our hearts naturally. The feelings which I felt at Radhakund with that changed perspective were so different than what I saw moments before through the lens of my ego.

In Vrindavan these things happen instantaneously. In other words, you switch from one consciousness very quickly, very easily, and with a lot of help to a higher, more exalted consciousness.

Vrindavan-dhama ki jay!

Wishing you all the best and see you for the next Kartik Inspiration.

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