

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2022

IN THE FIRE OF SEPARATION

Welcome to our Kartik Inspirations. In these inspirations, I want to take you into a different world. A world where you can gain hope and inspiration. A world of spiritual miracles.

There was a great devotee called Krishna das who lived in the thick forest of Ranavari. He left his body in a miraculous manner that is well-known all over Vrindavan. At that time, the great devotee Jagannath Das Babaji and his disciple Bihari lived nearby in another cottage. So, towards the end of the night, Jagannath Das Babaji, who had a spiritual vision, told his servant, “Bihari, why don’t you go over to the cottage of Krishna das? Look what is happening.”

When Bihari arrived, the door was closed and was latched from the inside. But when he peeked through the cracked door, he saw Krishna das sitting in a cross-legged position. His body was ablaze with fire. And yet, he was undisturbed and coolly chanted the Holy Name as if nothing was happening. Bihari returned and told his spiritual master Jagannath Das Babaji, “*Krishna das’s body is burning!*” The wise guru said, “*Aha! Virahanala, the fire of separation.*”

By that time, all kinds of residents had heard about this. Brijbasis came running to the door, and they saw that the fire had already reached Krishna dasa’s throat! The entire body was ablaze. But Krishna das was absolutely undisturbed. While the Brijbasis looked on, he raised his two arms in the

air and said to them, “*I bless you, that no famine, no epidemic, no calamity, shall befall your village.*” Jagannath Das Babaji had also arrived by that time, and when he saw that the fire had reached up to Krishna das baba’s throat, he quickly prepared three ghee wicks (cotton swabs dunked in ghee, which are highly flammable) and put them on the head.

While Krishna das chanted, his whole body started to blaze, including his head, and everything fell into ashes. But before this happened, he smiled. Because now, the fire of separation, the spiritual fire, had totally engulfed him. He was able to go back home, back to Godhead, to Srimati Radharani. This teaches us the right mood: eagerness and an urgency to reach Srimati Radharani.

I am aware that not all of us will catch fire in a literal sense. In fact, only great perfected beings can do that. Ordinary people like you and me will see how the fire of desire, the fire of inspiration, will rise in our heart and burn away the impurities, but it will not be a fire that burns our body, so don’t worry.

How siddha Krishna das Babaji achieved perfection is a miracle, because he wanted to leave this world and go to the eternal world where he could continue service to Srimati Radharani.

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A SPIRITUAL EAGERNESS
TO REACH THE DIVINE COUPLE.

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