

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2022

MIRACULOUS IMPRINTS

Welcome to today's Kartik inspirations! I am really enjoying talking about Vrndavana miracles because, personally, miracles show me that there is Radha and Krishna who care for us here in this earthly plane.

Today we hear about a young man who, on the day of his marriage, decided, *„No, I will not take to the life of a grihasta, a worldly man. I will go to Vrndavana!“* When he arrived on the banks of the Yamuna, he wondered, *„Will I receive guidance on how to live my spiritual life?“*

And yes, a saintly Vaishnava came and initiated him in the ten-syllable mantra. But then, almost like Gopa Kumara's story in the Brihad Bhagavatamrita, the saintly Vaishnava disappeared and left his new student without further instructions.

When this young man asked other sadhus, they asked, *“Well, what is your sampradaya? What is your lineage?”* When he responded that he didn't know, they said, *“Sorry, we can't instruct you because you need to get instructions that are in line with your initiation.”*

Because of this, the young man felt his life was not worth living. The sadhus were not willing to associate with him. One day, in great desperation, he tied a large Govardhana-sila around his neck and jumped into Radhakund with the desire to give up his life. As he sank in these golden-greenish sacred waters, someone came to him, untied the sila, and put a Tulasi leaf in his hand.


When the young man surfaced, he looked at the Tulasi leaf in his hand. It had the name of Sri Radha on it; Srimati Radharani had personally saved him. Of course, the news spread like wildfire. He was now accepted in the society of the saintly people because Radha had personally taken care of him. He got a name, Madhusudana Das Babaji, and was very much honored. He had a beautiful aura and was very strict in his sadhana.

Now one day, Srimati Radharani again—this time in Her full form—appeared to Madhusudana Das Babaji and directed him to excavate a large rock from Suryakund, a sacred pond. On the bank of this pond, She had once placed Her crown, jewelry, and veil before going in. And these things had left their imprints in the stone.

Madhusudana Das Baba found this stone, which Radha had directed him to, and installed it in the wall of his bhajan kutir, where it remains to this very day. It is said that when we come or associate—even only in hearing—with these great souls, our chanting will get a new life, be infused with some of their potency, purity, and even some of the mercy which they received.

Today, you can go to the bhajan kutir of Madhusudana Das at the banks of Suryakund and see this amazing stone, and you can feel encouraged that yes, Radha cares.

I wish you all the best and hope to see you again soon for the next Kartik inspiration!



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