

KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2022

LIVING DUST

Welcome to today's Kartik Inspiration. I hope our spiritual aspirations and hopes are getting nourished while hearing about these Vrindavan miracles. Today we will hear about the miracle of the living dust of Vrindavan.

The scriptures say that the dust in Vrindavan is actually the dust from Krishna's lotus feet. When Vrindavan's residents leave Vrindavan to journey, they bring a little bottle of dust with them to sprinkle on their meals so they can keep their intimate connection with Vrindavan Dham. Also, many devotees have dust in their houses that purifies the entire atmosphere. Every day, they may put a few grains of dust on their head.

Prabhupada said, *"When you take a little dust from Vrindavan Dham, it means you are taking the dust of Krishna's lotus feet. And that means that you can ask the dust for blessings."*

In another lecture, Prabhupada said, *"You can get everything from the dust from Vrindavan because this dust is not material. If you want something from the dust in Hyderabad, you can't get it because that dust is material. But in Vrindavan, even from the dust, if you want anything, it will be delivered immediately."*

There's a well-known story about this in relationship with Jagannath das Babaji Maharaj. One day, he was seen to receive food—I believe it was a chapati—from the lowest of people, a street sweeper.

Afterward, when people became upset, a large group of distinguished citizens approached Jagannath das Babaji and said, *"Babaji, you are the crest jewel of Vrindavan. It pains us to hear anyone criticizing you. But now everyone is talking about you. How is it that you, a pure saint, accepted food from the hand of someone as low as a street sweeper, who touches stool and everything?"*

Jagannath das Babaji answered, *"Listen. The street sweeper is covered with the dust of Krishna's lotus feet. There is something else I wish you to know. That sweeper from whom I accepted the chapati was one of eighty thousand saints. Before descending from the spiritual world to this planet, Lord Krishna ordered eighty thousand saints to take birth in various families in Braj. And since that time, those saints have engaged themselves in service to the Holy Dham. This street sweeper should be worshipped; he is a saint."* This time, the distinguished citizens bowed down and begged for forgiveness. They hadn't considered this.

It is known in Vrindavan that if you really want transformation and purification, you must take a broom in your hand and clean the streets of Vrindavan. You will become covered with dust. You will perform dust-seva. Great devotees have been seen to clean Radhakund, or the path around Govardhan, because this dust can fulfill all our spiritual aspirations. It's living, wish-fulfilling dust. Isn't that a miracle?

Thank you very much for listening, and see you all tomorrow. Hare Krishna.

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