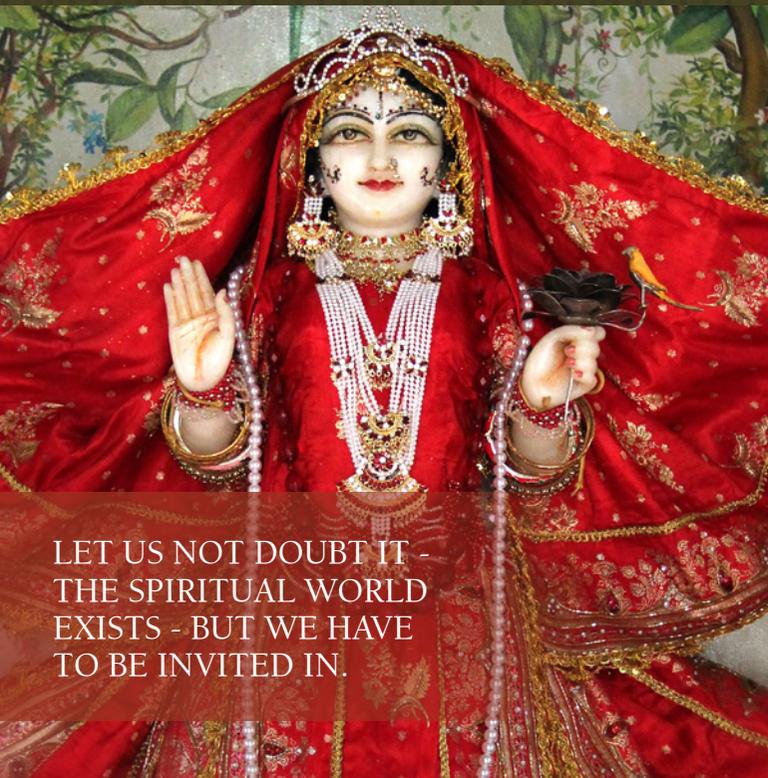


KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2018



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WORSHIP TULASI

Yesterday I told you about my experience in the cave of Purnamasi and how I had to pass through a phase of inner dryness. Well, that morning I didn't really cross the desert, but after I had lunch at the house of devotees, I went to Vrinda Devi's place. It's a beautiful garden with many, many Tulasi trees in which green parrots sing melodious concerts. And perhaps most beautiful is the temple right at the side of the sacred pond with a small veranda overarching the water.

When I arrived a dog was sleeping in front of the altar, on the left side. I sat down, chanted and uttered a prayer again. Then I suddenly felt an atmosphere engulf me, like an ocean of nectar that surrounded me on all sides. My soul could finally relax and rest in the nectar, the loving atmosphere of Vrinda Devi.

We have to be aware that there is a dimension of spirituality that we cannot access by our own strength. It's a platform, a level of existence, a reality our mind and efforts can't reach. We have to be invited there. The threshold between material and spiritual is guarded by divine personalities, like Vrinda Devi, Purnamasi and Lord Shiva. I noticed how I was given entrance into the divine atmosphere. Wow, it was such a good afternoon, an afternoon of blessings!

I encourage all of you to worship Vrinda Devi during the month of Kartik, either the sacred plant or a picture and to sing the Tulasi prayers which say: *"It is my cherished desire that you, o Tulasi, grant me residence in the pleasure groves of Vrindavan. Then my eyes shall always behold the abounded beauty of the divine couple."*

Let us not doubt it – the spiritual world exists – but we have to be invited or brought there as opposed to marching in with our own effort. And entry is given by the divine guardians, one of whom is Vrinda Devi.

So: worship Vrinda Devi. That will be helpful for getting your invitation.