



“GOVINDA” – Where are You?

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With my perspicacity, I thought I knew the answer for the question; “Govinda” Where are you?

I feel recalcitrant that initially I did not know the answer and I whispered God please speak to me and just then a bird sang.

I did not hear You and I whispered “Govinda” speak to me and the loud noise of thunder rolled across the sky.

I did not listen and looked around and said “Govinda” let me see You and low and behold there was this beautiful star in the sky.

I did not notice and cried out in despair: “Touch me “Govinda” and let me know You are here”; whereupon He reached down and touched me and I brushed the butterfly away.

I cried “Govinda, I need Your help” and an e-mail arrived reaching out with good news and encouragement. I almost deleted it because it was not packaged the way I expected!

And I walked on. I wanted a miracle and He showed me the miracle and a life was born.

With ubiquitous joy, I whispered I know the answer: “Govinda” You are everywhere.

I found this to be a great reminder that God is always around us in the little and simple things that we take for granted ... even in this electronic age.

सशङ्खचक्रं सकिरीट कुण्डलं सपीतवस्त्रं सरसीरुहेक्षणम् ।
सहार-वक्षःस्थल-शोभि-कौस्तुभं नमामि विष्णुं शिरसा चतुर्भुजम् ॥

*saSankhacakraM sakirITa kuNDalaM sapItavastraM sarasIruhekShaNam |
sahAra-vakShaHsthala-Sobhi-kaustubhaM namAmi viShNuM SirasA chaturbhujam ||*

[I bow with my head to Lord Vishnu with four hands, who has the (protective) conch and disk (in His hands), who is adorned with a (lustrous) crown and (shining) ear rings, who is attired with saffron (yellow) colored clothes, who has (beautiful) lotus eyes, and who has a (magnificent) “Kausthubam” Diamond necklace across his chest].

[Dedicated with SashtangaNamaskarams to the LORD and our Acharyas.]