



# Soul's Journey

ECKANKAR—Religion of the Light and Sound of God

September/October 2009

Public Events – Sonoma & Napa County Newsletter

Santa Rosa, California



**The Glory of Fall**

## **ECK Worship Service**

### **“Recognizing Your Life as a Spiritual Adventure”**

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>  
11 am - 12 noon**

**Cleric: Stefan Bokaie  
Guest Cleric: Michael Steinberg**

*“What is life other than us meeting ourselves in the play of the world?”*

*“The odyssey of Soul teaches us to cooperate with the laws of God. When we’ve learned to do that, the highest, purest, and finest love in the far-flung worlds of God is ours. You may be sure that this spiritual odyssey is worth every moment.”*

—Harold Klemp  
*Those Wonderful ECK Masters*  
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**Held at the Flamingo Hotel  
2777 Fourth St., Santa Rosa**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Cable TV**

- Please see write-up on page 3

### **Sonoma County ECKANKAR Center Open to the Public**

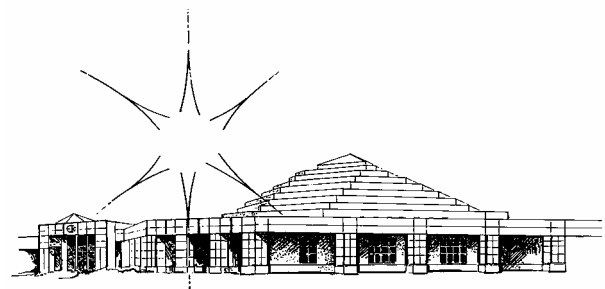
- Open 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of month from 2-4 pm  
Open 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> . and 5<sup>th</sup> Sat. of month from 10-12 noon You may also call 542-2100 to set up a special appointment  
4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Month CLOSED.

### **Upcoming Worship Services**

- Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am  
Topic: “Recognizing Your Life as a Spiritual Adventure”  
Cleric: Stefan Bokaie  
Guest Cleric: Michael Steinberg
- Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 11 am  
Topic: “The Awakened Heart: Living in the Spirit of God’s Love”  
Cleric: George Franceschini

### **Upcoming Classes and Book Discussions**

- NONE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER



**Temple of ECK, Chanhassen, Minnesots**

## **ECK Worship Service Invitation**

The public is warmly invited to the ECK Worship Services. Each service focuses on an aspect of ECKANKAR. They often feature a reading from the ECK works, singing HU, a talk, music, and a group discussion of spiritual principles at work in daily life.

Join others seeking to bring more insight and divine love into their lives at this special celebration of the Light and Sound of God.

## Blinding Blue Light: Miracle in the Operating Room

As told by Carol Kaminski

"One February, I lost my sister to AIDS. She was very interested in ECKANKAR at the end of her life. After years of drug use and hard experiences, she embraced the fact that we are responsible for our lives. As Soul, we each make spiritual choices every day. She began to listen to my descriptions of the Spiritual Exercises of ECK, of how they help us find our highest destiny, and of how, as divine Soul, we choose our lessons.

"I was very saddened by her death. But soon after, life began tugging me out of my grief, with the news that my first child would be born the following March.

"A month or so before the due date, I met my sister in the dream state. Somehow I knew we were walking the streets of London, England. I was surprised to see my spiritual guide, the Mahanta, walking with her—and that my sister was carrying my baby in her arms.

"**Do you know the Mahanta too?**" I asked her in the dream.

"**Oh, yes, she replied, I walk with him now. But that's not why I'm here. I've been chosen to deliver a message to you. They picked me, someone you're familiar with, so you wouldn't be too afraid.**

"My sister looked me full in the eyes. **You're going to have your baby soon. It's going to be a traumatic experience. You will have a cesarean, but don't be scared.**



"**No, I'm not!** I explained. **I'm having my baby naturally.**

"**No, it's not going to be what you expect, my sister insisted. It's going to be scary, but very special. You'll have a sign that everything is going to be OK. Both you and the baby will live.**

"Suddenly, my circumstances struck me as odd. **Well it's getting late, I told my sister, and I can't be out on the streets of London. I'm pregnant! I should get back to my husband.**

"Before I could turn away, she thrust the swaddled baby into my arms. It was a boy.

"As the dream faded, I realized that in my conscious mind, I didn't know the sex of the baby. My husband and I had asked not to know when they did my sonogram tests. I awoke in a sweat. But wait! It was more than sweat—my water had broken!

"Within minutes I was in the hospital. The baby was in breech position (backward in the womb), and suddenly everything deteriorated. They couldn't turn the baby, the umbilical cord was prolapsing, and a cesarean was needed.

"The doctor told me he couldn't knock me out, and the next two hours were a panic of crying and screaming. I was afraid, my husband was afraid, and then finally the doctor told me even he was nervous. The baby and I were both

in danger.

"Things had reached a crossroads. Time was of the essence. I managed to breathe out, **This is it—such pain—can I sing my special song, the HU?**

"One of the doctors said, **Lady, please! Do anything you can! I don't care what it is—we need all the help we can get here.**

"I started singing the **HU** with my husband as loud as I could, as several doctors and nurses continued their work.

"The next thing I knew, the baby was born. All during my pregnancy, I had asked Divine Spirit if I could witness the Soul of my baby enter its physical body. And at the moment when they held the tiny body of my little boy up, a blinding light rushed through the room.

"It cut a swath in the shape of a huge, neon-blue Z. (A blue light is often a sign of the guidance and protection of the Mahanta, who is known inwardly by the name Wah Z.) Then the light landed in the baby's body—and he cried out with life. The nurses looked stunned as they wrapped him up. When I was handed my son, I realized he appeared just as he had in my dream with my sister, all swaddled up.

"I looked into his face. He smiled, and a moment of profound peace came over me.

"Then the doctors and nurses gathered around and told me he was a very special and lucky baby. **Whatever the HU business was that you were doing, it was really something,** one said.

"**Why do you say that?** I inquired.

"**Well,** he admitted, **I don't know if you all saw it, but the light in the OR turned blue!**

"**Did you see that too?** another one exclaimed.

"The next day they each came to my room individually, to ask more about the **HU**. My Chinese anesthesiologist kept saying, **Do the HU for me. This HU—it helped you, it saved the baby, and it saved me too! This is the thing to do!**

"Most of the nurses just accepted the amazing blue light as a sort of special sign. But it bothered a couple of the doctors. They asked around to see if the power had gone off, causing the generators to kick in. But nothing unusual had happened with the electrical system of the hospital that day.

"A few of the medical attendants even asked shyly if they could visit the ECKANKAR center. They also posed funny questions like, **Did you have any connections with anything electrical before you came into the OR?** I just smiled, as they recounted the story of the day the operating room turned blue.

"Only when I returned home did it dawn on me. My baby was born on the very day that I lost my sister—a year later to the day. She proved to me that death is just another step in the circle of Soul's existence.

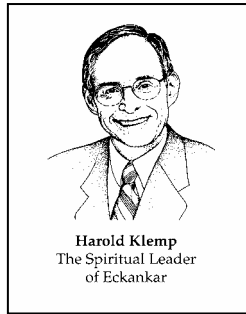
—Harold Klemp

*Stories of Past Lives, Dreams, and Soul Travel*  
pages 99-102

## Tune In to God's Love This Week!

—Harold Klemp

Author & Spiritual  
Leader of ECKANKAR



ECKANKAR, the religion of The Light and Sound of God, the ancient Science of Soul Travel, presents the video "What Goes Around Comes Around" featuring Harold Klemp, the Spiritual Leader of ECKANKAR. This program can be seen on Santa Rosa's Community Media-Comcast Broadband Cable Channel 30, and on AT&T's Channel 99, on the following dates and times.

Tue, Sep 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 am  
Fri, Sep 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am  
Sun, Sep 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Tue, Sep 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 am  
Fri, Sep 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am  
Sun, Sep 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Thu, Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm  
Sat, Sep 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 am  
Mon, Sep 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
Thu, Sep 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
Sat, Sep 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 am

Please check for more upcoming programs by following the link below to program information after July 5th.

<http://eck-ca.org/eckontvCA.html#sonoma>

There are also a variety of Harold Klemp's talks on rotation schedule, airing at 3:00 and 3:30 pm every Sunday, Monday, and Friday on Healdsburg's Channel 27



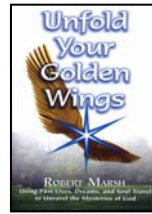
*"Karma is the effect of a positive or negative deed presented like a bill for payment. All life in these lower worlds is tied together by millions of threads of karma.*

*"The slightest act is recorded in the great Akasha, the ether that composes all life. The Akasha is a record of daily events in the Book of Life that St. Paul spoke of to the Galatians: For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. "*

—Paul Twitchell to Harold Klemp  
*Soul Travelers of the Far Country*  
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## ECKANKAR Books of Interest

*Unfold Your Golden Wings*  
By Robert Marsh



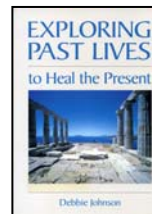
To find God in our lives we must lift our attention above the worlds of Duality and place it instead on the Soul plane. ECKANKAR offers major spiritual benefits, which include past-life recall, uplifting dream experiences, and the guidance of Divine Spirit in our everyday lives.

*Our Spiritual Wake-Up Calls*  
By Harold Klemp



Our Spiritual Wake-Up Calls can show you how to see the spiritual clues and allow more of God's love into your life. Find out how God communicates through dreams, the people you meet, or even an everyday experience to uplift you spiritually.

*Exploring Past Lives*  
By Debbie Johnson



Learn the secrets of the true nature of Soul, a divine spark of God. How we take on bodies like clothing to understand different thoughts, emotions, and actions. Explore why we are here, and how we learn to express God's love.

These and many other books for youth and adults by Harold Klemp, Paul Twitchell, and other authors are available at [www.eckankar.org](http://www.eckankar.org), at your local bookstore and Amazon.com



## Explore ECKANKAR at [www.eckankar.org](http://www.eckankar.org)

Now anyone in the world with Internet access can see video clips of Harold Klemp, Spiritual Leader of ECKANKAR, giving spiritual wisdom on dreams, past lives, Soul Travel, and other topics. Tell friends, family, and seekers.

Membership in Eckankar is also available for those who wish to take their spiritual studies further. Members receive printed monthly lessons from the Mahanta, the Living ECK Master, Harold Klemp. These lessons can be studied privately at home or with others in spiritual study (Satsang) classes.

For more information visit ECKANKAR'S Website at [www.eckankar.org](http://www.eckankar.org) or call 1-952-380-2222, Ext. BK57, or write:

ECKANKAR  
Attn: Information, Dept. BK57  
P. O. Box 2000  
Chanhassen, MN 55317-2000 USA



**ECK Worship Service**  
**“The Awakened Heart: Living in  
the Spirit of God’s Love”**

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 A.M**

**Cleric: George Franceschini**

*“When love fills our heart, it becomes the  
awakened heart.*

*“We suddenly see and understand all there is to  
know about life itself—that it is good, that it is  
necessary, and that we exist because God loves us.  
That is all there is to the mystery of life. Soul exists  
because God loves it.”*

—Harold Klemp  
*The Awakened Heart*  
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“In contemplation or before sleep, imagine yourself sitting in the audience at a gathering with the Living ECK Master speaking from the stage.

“Visualize the golden Light of God coming into your heart center, coming in so quietly and gently that you may not realize It’s there. Imagine your heart center reacting like the pupil of an eye, opening gently to allow more Light to come in.

“There is a way for each person to control the opening of the heart center and the flow of Light within. Ask the Inner Master how to maintain the inner connection with the ECK, the Holy Spirit, to find a balance that is right for you.”

—Harold Klemp  
*The Art of Spiritual Dreaming*  
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**Sonoma County ECKANKAR Center (707) 542-2100**

**To change your address on the mailing list, or request being added, please call the above number.**

**Sonoma/Napa County ECKANKAR Center  
California Satsang Society  
1038 Fourth St., #1  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404**

**First Class Postage**

**!!! NOTICE !!!**

The Library is a great resource!

Don't forget to order ECKANKAR books by Harold Klemp and/or Paul Twitchell and have them delivered to your local library branch!

**Visit ECKANKAR's Web site  
at [www.eckankar.org](http://www.eckankar.org).**

# ECK Seminar Bulletin: July 2009

## 2009 ECK Worldwide Seminar October 23–25, 2009 • Minneapolis, Minnesota

*What does it mean to be a spiritual being?*

*It means to employ the highest force of creativity that is possible among people.*

—Sri Harold Klemp

*What Is Spiritual Freedom?*

Mahanta Transcripts, Book 11, p. 156



Experience the presence of **Sri Harold Klemp, the Mahanta, the Living ECK Master**, Saturday, October 24.



A Special Friday-Morning Program in the Main Hall  
(Hall B, Level One, MCC)

### **HU Song**

*Friday, 8:00–8:30 a.m.*

**Acres of Diamonds Meeting—Shifting Gears in the Twenty-First Century** (for all chelas. See program on site for activities for guests to ECKANKAR.)

Features a dynamic panel of Eighth Initiates.

*Friday, 9:00–10:30 a.m.*

**How to Survive Spiritually in Our Times, Part 1** (workshop)

*Friday, 11 a.m.–noon; Mary Carroll Moore*

### Spotlight on Workshops:

**Embracing the Qualities of Mastership** (workshop for ECK members)

*Friday, 3:30–4:30 p.m.; Maggie Stanford, Steve Stanford*

**Spiritual Exercises to Touch the Face of God** (workshop)

*Saturday, 2:00–3:30 p.m.; Don Ginn, Julie Olson*

### Preregistration and Housing:

**Hotel cutoff date for special room rates: September 23.** Reserve your rooms online at [www.ECKseminars.org](http://www.ECKseminars.org) or through the Minneapolis Housing Bureau by calling (888) 947-2233 toll-free in the U.S. or (612) 767-8000, international (Convention Code 3120).

**Preregister for the seminar by October 16:** to preregister online, go to [www.ECKseminars.org](http://www.ECKseminars.org) or call (952) 380-2222.

**Celebrate A YEAR OF  Creativity at the 2009 ECK Worldwide Seminar!**