

The Salem Sound Current

ECKANKAR
Religion of the Light and Sound

Public ECKANKAR Events for Friends and Families

Question: *“I am fifteen and I like to hunt. What is the karma in doing this? In your book The Wind of Change, you said you broke your arm because you shot a deer. Does this mean I’ll die because I shot a pheasant?”*

Answer: “Life feeds upon life. In the eighth century BC, the Greek poet Hesiod said, “Big fish eat little fish.

“Some Native Americans offered a prayer before the hunt, thanking Divine Spirit for the gift of food they hoped to find that day. The prayer showed a respect for life, while still recognizing the need for physical life-forms to feed upon yet other life-forms.

“During my deer hunt, I did not have this sense of detachment and thanks.

“There was a lot of social pressure in my home community for men to go hunting and prove their manhood. Deer hunting was an annual rite of passage, but I was starting to have a problem with it. My deepest regret later was about going hunting to please others. The karma that followed was due to ignoring my own strong feelings.

“You can hunt and fish. Just hold an attitude of gratitude to ECK for Its gifts of food.” From “Youth Ask a Modern Prophet about Life, Love, and God” by Harold Klemp. This book can be ordered from your local bookstore or at <http://www.eckankar.org/Books/index.html>.

Discover How HU Can Change Your Life for the Better

From moments in the distant past until the immediate present, there have been times when you have wished for something you could do to change your life for the better. Well, now you can do something to bring about this change. HU is an ancient name for God and when it is sung with love in your heart, God’s Love works with you, as Soul, in a new and exciting way. Come and experience singing the HU with others and see what IT has to show you. This Community HU will be held on Tuesday, June 1, from 7-8 p.m. in the Salem Public Library Boardroom. Invite your friends and family members to come along. Meanwhile, if you would like to hear thousands of people singing HU, go to <http://www.eckankar.org/hu.html>.

New First Year Class Started

Experience the miracle of spiritual growth with ECKANKAR Membership and The Easy Way Discourse Class. Reading the ECK books is a nice start, but if you really want to get serious about your spiritual path nothing is as effective and rewarding as becoming a member of ECKANKAR, getting the discourses, and discussing them in an ECK Satsang Class. A new Easy Way Satsang Class is meeting after the ECK Worship Service on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Call Ed Bloom at 503-304-2988 to sign up. Call Kay at 503-362-2695 for information about joining any other ECK class you might like to attend.

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For those who wish to take the next step on their spiritual journey with ECKANKAR, membership provides you with a series of discourses (written lessons) that you can discuss by joining a local Satsang class. For more information/to join a class, please call Kay Marikos at 503-362-2695.

To have this newsletter sent to your email address, please call 503-362-2695.



Harold Klemp
The Spiritual Leader
of Eckankar



Visit ECKANKAR's Web site
at www.eckankar.org.

Public ECKANKAR Events for You, Your Friends and Families

You're cordially invited to attend ECK Worship Services in Salem. ECK Worship Services give you a small taste of the ECK Satsang Class experience, one of the most stabilizing, educational, uplifting and enjoyable activities ECKists have the good fortune to attend. Someone reads aloud a brief passage about a spiritual topic. Then those attending sing HU, a love song to God, for a few minutes and follow that with a contemplation of the reading and topic. An open discussion of the topic and how it applies to one's daily life follows. Those who attend often discover how the spiritual guidance of the Mahanta, The Living ECK Master is at work and available more and more in their lives.

ECK WORSHIP Services in Salem take place at Chemeketa Community College, Building 28, Room 101— a little north and east of Building 2 and 16 (take the sidewalk between Building 16 and the other small buildings and walk back to Building 28), on the third Sunday of the month, from 11 a.m. until noon. This month, on **May 16th**, the **ECK Worship Service** topic will be **"Healing the Hurting Heart."**

ECKANKAR Membership

When someone wishes to learn a new skill or skills, sometimes, if they are fortunate, they get to study and work alongside a master craftsman who can teach them more than they could ever learn out of any book or training class. They get the benefit of all of that person's experience— specially developed techniques, tools, and shortcuts to getting the very best results. In ECKANKAR, we have the good fortune of having a master craftsman in the spiritual arts and sciences with us always. Membership in ECKANKAR enables us to study and work much more closely with the Mahanta, the Living ECK Master as we construct and travel our individual paths to God. Membership provides you with his writings in the form of monthly discourses, quarterly newsletters and members—only meetings to help you grow and unfold spiritually in ways you never dreamed could happen. You have the opportunity to attend Advanced Spiritual Study Classes called ECK Satsang Classes that help you and others to go ever deeper into the most secret of spiritual teachings with the guidance of the Mahanta and discover how to apply what you learn to your daily life. For more information or to join a class, please call Kay Marikos at 503-362-2695.





ECKClergyService

ECK members and the public are welcome to contact a member of the ECK clergy about the following services.

The four ECK celebrations of life are: The ECK Consecration Ceremony for young children, celebrating new life and a new phase in Soul's journey home to God; the ECK Rite of Passage for boys and girls of about age thirteen, celebrating their personal commitment to the ECK teachings; the ECK Wedding Ceremony; and the ECK Memorial Service.

The ECK Spiritual Aide session, though not counseling, can help you find your own answers in challenging situations through the personal guidance of Divine Spirit. The ESA session is conducted by an ECK Spiritual Aide, who is an ECK cleric specially appointed and trained to offer this assistance.

There are no fees for the above services, but ECK clerics accept donations to ECKANKAR. For more information, please contact:

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For more information about ECKANKAR:
<http://www.eckankar.org>. or call 1-800-Love-God

For more information about ECKANKAR activities
in Oregon: www.eckankar-oregon.org

For information about local activities call: Marilyn or Dave Van Grunsven. Local Directors of Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties at 503-538-7774.

If you are interested in helping others learn about ECKANKAR, please contact Ed Bloom at 503-304-2988.

If you wish to make a donation, please contact Alan Gibson at 503-689-8910.

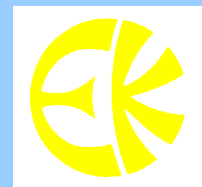
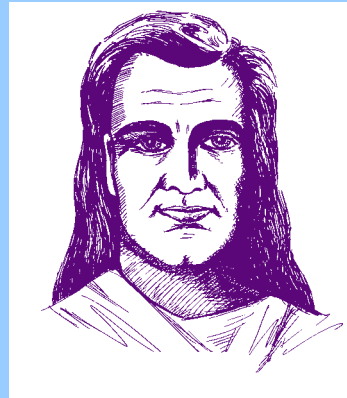
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