

# The Salem Sound Current

**ECKANKAR**  
Religion of the Light and Sound

## Public ECKANKAR Events for Friends and Families

“God Loves, but not because we deserve it or have earned it. The reason is simply that God is love, therefore God loves. We are Soul, God’s creation, and IT loves us because that is ITS nature. We have to recognize that we, as Soul, must one day come into the fulfillment of our spiritual being too. We, as Soul, must become love.

“We can never become God, but we can become Godlike. In becoming Godlike, we begin to share this divine quality of unconditional, no-strings-attached love. It’s the kind of love that continues even when the person gives us nothing back. We just love. Sometimes it is called goodwill, which is a good way to give love to the world.

“Of course, even though we give goodwill to our family members, we also give human love. This is the warm love that sometimes slips into imposing conditions; it is a normal human trait. When we are among our loved ones, we see each other’s dirty laundry and faults. We can’t always hold ourselves to the high state of divine love, moment by moment. It is not within us because we simply have not reached that spiritual state. But what we can do is set our sights to entering into the state of divine love permanently.

“I doubt that anyone on earth can hold the state of divine love 100 percent of the time. We’ve heard the apocryphal stories of saints who have held it from moment to moment. Perhaps some of them did hold divine love. On the other hand, who determines whether a saint did or did not hold that high state of love? Usually it is some other person in the crowd who concludes, ‘That person over there is a saint. That person has divine love.’ In any event, it is not as easy to hold that state as one would like to believe.

“History is filled with errors simply because it is reported by fallible human beings. The qualities of divine love are usually defined by people who do not have divine love. This, to me, is ironic. But these people are often gifted in writing, they are the reporters of history. They are the ones who presume to determine what divine love is, how it emanates from a certain person who especially inspires them, and whether such a person is or was a high spiritual being.

“History is fallible because it is recorded by those who are still striving for divine love. So history is subject to interpretation. Yet divine love is what we are in the world to learn. Earth is a school a classroom of God.” From “We Come as Eagles,” by Harold Klemp. This book can be ordered from your local bookstore or at <http://www.eckankar.org/Books/index.html>.

### Have You Had a Spiritual Experience?

Sometimes people have unusual dreams, visions, awarenesses, happenings in their lives, insights, or other strange occurrences that defy explanation but seem important and significant for some reason. Come share and discuss your experiences and those of others as we explore this topic at Chemeketa Community College, Building 28, Room 101, on Thursday July 15th at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Bring your friends and family members. Directions are given below under ECK Worship Services.

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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](http://www.eckankar.org).

#### 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 our 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, August 3, 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. Call Kay at 503-362-2695 for information about joining any other ECK class you might like to attend.

#### 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 **July 18th** the **ECK Worship Service** topic will be **"Understanding Inner Experiences."**

#### 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](http://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.

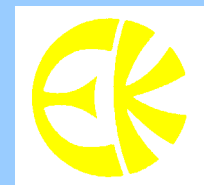
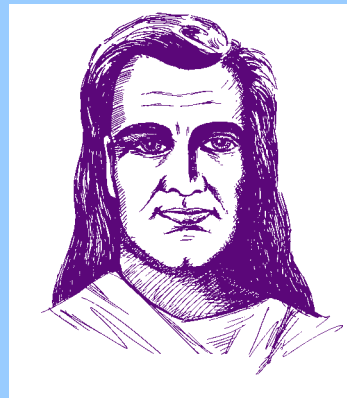
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