

Lightwaves

Eckankar

The Path of Spiritual Freedom **October 2017**

News of public and member ECK events on the South Coast

THE ECK LIGHT AND SOUND SERVICE

Youth and Families and Everyone Welcome!

Sunday, October 8th 11:00 AM – Noon

Coos Bay Library Cedar Room

525 Anderson, Coos Bay

This month's discussion theme:

The Power of Love

“Love, I say, has no bonds, knows no restrictions, and is not limited by conditions; and like its source, God, is omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient in all its beneficial results.”

--Paul Twitchell, *Stranger by the River*, p. 133

“Karma isn't everything. Neither time nor deeds can measure what love will do. Love is always the trump card. Love determines a lot of things, and it's more powerful than karma.”

--Harold Klemp, *The Road to Spiritual Freedom*, p. 308

For information about ECKANKAR events on the South Coast call 541-756-2255
Oregon Satsang Society, Inc. P.O. Box 1622, North Bend, OR 97459

You are warmly invited to the ECK Light and Sound Services. Each service focuses on an aspect of Eckankar. The service lasts about an hour and features a reading from the ECK works, singing HU, 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. For those who like, fellowship and light snacks follow the service.

“The greatest thing we can possibly gain from this life is the ability to love, and to love greatly.”

--Harold Klemp, *The Spiritual Life*, p. 58

The Open Heart

In this spiritual exercise, you practice keeping an open heart throughout everyday life. It's very tough; I have to work at it all the time too.

No one technique will work of everyone, but there are ways to keep your attention on having an open heart. Start with something you can love, even a pet or a plant, and just love it a lot. As the love comes, let it pour through you.

The habit of love is catching; it builds, gains momentum, and becomes easier. But like a plant that needs watering and loving care every day, the habit of love takes constant attention.

Love won't come through unless the heart is open. To work with an open heart is to love or care for something or someone more than you do for yourself. This is the first step to the divine love that we are looking for.

--Harold Klemp, *The Spiritual Exercises of ECK*, p. 185

Children, Youth, and Families in ECK

Children have the wisdom of God and are closer to it than many people who have spent years in this world gaining all kinds of knowledge about the nature of religion. Children have it naturally.

–Harold Klemp, *The Secret of Love*, p. 96

Millions of families today are looking for a spiritual home.

Some find solace in the religion they grew up with. Others are still searching.

You may be among them.

Eckankar offers families spiritual support to handle the pressures in society and at school. Eckankar offers your family spiritual values based on God's love instead of fear and guilt.

The ancient wisdom contained in Eckankar's teachings can make the job of being a parent easier. For instance:

- Each member of your family is Soul, a divine spark of God. This understanding helps you respect your child's individuality. Seeing that spark of God helps a family **have greater compassion and love for each other.**
- God speaks to each person through the Light and Sound in subtle and sometimes dramatic ways. Learning to listen to the Voice of God can help you **live with greater confidence and less fear.**
- When family members share a clearer knowledge of the spiritual laws taught in Eckankar, such as the Law of Cause and Effect (karma), **self-discipline and self-responsibility make more sense.** You and your family can learn together how to take charge of your lives, start to release negative habits, and learn to relate to each other in more loving and respectful ways.
- Eckankar's spiritual exercises help all family members **become better problem solvers** through creative imagination and direct contact with God.

www.eckankar.org/child.html

Would you like more information about ECKANKAR?

Call 1-888-Love God and receive as a gift the *Spiritual Experiences Guidebook*

Eckankar's web site: www.eckankar.org

or write: ECKANKAR, P.O. Box 2000, Chanhassen, MN 55317-2000

For seminar info: www.visitECKseminars.org

Direct Link to HU: A Love Song to God: www.HearHU.org

Oregon's web site is www.eckankar-oregon.org for activities in all Oregon areas

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