



# the Divine Current

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ECKANKAR in Wisconsin

Quarterly Newsletter and Calendar of Public Events

## Loving as God Loves

In Eckankar, we recently transitioned into the twelfth Spiritual Year of ECK<sup>1</sup> known as “A Year of Consecration.” It embodies the following secret: **Loving as God Loves.**

One morning while I was readying to write my annual birthday letter to my granddaughter Ellie, I found myself contemplating on “Loving as God Loves.” What does that really mean and how might I love as God loves? I wanted to dive deeper and learn as much as I could. With the help of my inner spiritual guide, the Mahanta<sup>2</sup>, the puzzle pieces came together.

Where to start? I began a contemplation<sup>3</sup>. Immediately divine love came into my awareness. Yes! God’s love is divine love. Wondering more about divine love, I looked it up in the *ECKopedia: The ECKANKAR Lexicon*.

**divine love** “The unconditional, merciful love with which the Sugmad (God) looks upon all creation. God is love, and Soul exists because God loves It.

In the infinite heart of things, love and reality will be found to be one and the same.

The purpose of life is to learn to give and receive divine love, to become a COWORKER WITH GOD. To love as God loves.”

So there it was. A puzzle piece, a clue guiding me to the meaning of “Love as God Loves.” It starts with divine love! That unconditional merciful love.

I continued my contemplation with a question floating easily in my awareness. *How can I consciously express*

**1. ECK.** The ECK is the voice of God, the Audible Life Stream or Sound Current. It is the heartbeat and the pulse of God’s creation.

**2. Mahanta.** An expression of the Spirit of God that is always with you. The Living Word.

**3. Contemplation.** This is a conversation with the most secret, most genuine, and most mysterious part of oneself—a way to actively explore the INNER WORLDS of one’s own being.

*and share divine love with all others? (How can I love as God loves?)* An image of a golden heart appeared. I knew of the golden heart from many of the ECK teachings.

I had the next piece of the puzzle. Then I wondered what exactly is *the golden heart?*

Again I did some research in the *ECKopedia: The ECKANKAR Lexicon*.

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The 2024 ECK Worldwide  
Soul Adventure Seminar

**Loving as God Loves:  
A Secret to Spiritual Living**

Online Event

**NOW STREAMING!**

November 18, 2024–January 31, 2025

**Experience the spiritual wonders of the 2024 ECKANKAR Soul Adventure Seminar from anywhere!  
Now streaming through January 31, 2025.**

This year’s theme is **Loving As God Loves: A Secret to Spiritual Living.**

Featured events include:

- the **keynote talk**, *Spiritual Stories We Tell*, by **Sri Harold Klemp**, the spiritual leader of ECKANKAR;
- **main-stage talks and performances**; and
- the 2024 digital **Spiritual Art Gallery**.

**Please see attached program for details.**

**New to ECK? Guests register free!** Take your next spiritual step today. Your life can truly be a Soul Adventure!

**For more information and to register, please visit**

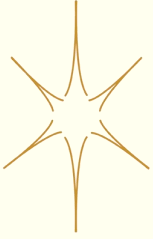
**[ECKseminars.org](https://ECKseminars.org)**.



**ECKANKAR—The Path of Spiritual Freedom**

# ECKANKAR *in Wisconsin*—Public Events

For updates to the Calendar of Public Events visit [www.eckankar-wi.org](http://www.eckankar-wi.org).



## ECK Light and Sound Services

The ECK Light and Sound Service often includes a reading from the ECK works, a HU Song, video of Harold Klemp, the Mahanta, the Living ECK Master, personal stories, creative arts, and small group discussions on spiritual principles at work in our daily lives.

**ONLINE EVENTS:** REGISTER AT [ECKANKAR-WI.ORG](http://ECKANKAR-WI.ORG) OR MEETUP. **HYBRID EVENTS:** ATTEND IN-PERSON OR REGISTER ONLINE.  
**NEW! JOIN OTHERS IN-PERSON AT THE ECKANKAR CENTER OF WISCONSIN TO VIEW THE ONLINE ECK LIGHT AND SOUND SERVICES.**  
FELLOWSHIP AND SNACKS FOLLOW ALL **IN-PERSON AND ONLINE** SERVICES AT THE ECKANKAR CENTER OF WISCONSIN.

**Online – Sunday, January 5th • 11am—12:15pm**

### *Loving God as God Loves:*

#### *Discover A Secret to Spiritual Living*

“God is love, and you exist because God loves you. The whole purpose of life is to learn to give and receive divine love—to become a Coworker with God.”

—Harold Klemp, the Mahanta, the Living ECK Master

**Online— Sunday, March 2nd • 11am—12:15pm**

### *Walking Your Path to God*

“This is what the path of ECK is all about—walking the path to God. Even more, it’s about walking your path to God. Because your path is not my path, and my path is not yours. God made you a unique being. You are Soul.”

—Harold Klemp, *How to Survive Spiritually in Our Times*, Mahanta Transcripts, Book 16, p. 164

**In-person— Sunday, March 16th • 10—11am**

SpringHill Suites by Marriott, 7653 125th Ave., Kenosha

### *When to Let Go and When to Hold On*

“Life goes up and down. We have times when everything is going our way, but there are also times when we’re at the bottom. If we keep ourselves open to Spirit, there will be an equal balance. This is what is meant by the detached state: When our fortunes hit bottom, we surrender to Spirit.”

—Harold Klemp, *How to Find God*,  
Mahanta Transcripts, Book 2, p. 31

**Hybrid— Sunday, February 2nd • 11am—12:15pm**

Online & at the Eckankar Center of Wisconsin

### *Raise Your Spiritual IQ—Find Your Purpose in Life*

“As we raise ourselves in the spiritual consciousness, we are better able to solve the problems of life. We are happy. We are at home in every environment.”

—Harold Klemp,  
*The Language of Soul*, p. 94



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## **ECKANKAR Center of Wisconsin**

6501 Watts Road, Suite 150, Madison, WI 53719  
Phone: (608) 665-0826

## **Open Hours: Saturdays - 10 AM to 1 PM**

Stop in to share in spiritual exploration and conversation, or to sit in quiet contemplation in this peaceful space.



# Experience HU — The Sound of Soul

[thesoundofsoul.org](http://thesoundofsoul.org)

HU, a sacred name for God, has been sung for thousands of years for spiritual unfoldment and can uplift people of any religion, culture, or walk of life.

After a brief introduction and reading, experience singing HU for fifteen minutes followed by a short period of quiet contemplation. Then enjoy small group spiritual conversations with others of like heart.

## Visit the Eckankar Booth at the Mind Body Spirit Celebration

Sheraton Four Points Milwaukee Airport  
5311 South Howell Avenue, Milwaukee  
Saturday March 22nd • 10 am - 6 pm  
Sunday March 23rd • 10 am - 5 pm

Join us for a workshop on Sat., March 22nd @ 1 pm  
**Is There More to Life than What You See?**

### Raise Your Spiritual IQ!

Experience Journal



HAROLD KLEMP

In this practical workshop, discover simple tools and techniques to help you raise your awareness, improve your life and make better decisions. Learn how past lives, dreams and Soul Travel can help raise your spiritual IQ. Explore keys to greater love and fulfillment. Experience for yourself the answers to life's deepest questions.

Presented by Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom.

## ECKANKAR Cable Broadcasts

ECKANKAR cable broadcasts feature talks by Harold Klemp, the spiritual leader of Eckankar.

**Duluth** - Digital Channel 180

Wednesdays, 3 pm and 6:30 pm • Thursdays, 8 am

**Stevens Point** - Cable TV Channel 984

Mondays, 9 pm • Tues/Thursdays, 10:30 am

Wednesdays, 3:30 pm • Fridays, 2 pm



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## LINKS TO WISCONSIN MEETUP GROUPS ARE BELOW AND AT [ECKANKAR-WI.ORG](http://ECKANKAR-WI.ORG)

[Northeast WI](#) [Eau Claire](#) [Kenosha](#) [La Crosse](#) [Madison](#) [Milwaukee](#)  
[New Richmond/Somerset/Hudson](#) [River Falls/Ellsworth/Prescott](#) [ECKANKAR in Wisconsin Online](#)

**Eckankar Center of Wisconsin**  
**Sundays • 11 am – Noon**  
**Jan. 19th • Feb. 16th • March 16th**

6501 Watts Road, Suite 150, Madison  
(608) 665-0826 for Information

**L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library**

**Tuesdays • 6:30 – 7:45 pm**  
**February 18th • March 18th**

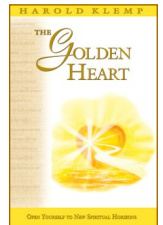
400 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire  
(715) 308-5338 Jerry for Information

## SIX-MONTH ONLINE BOOK DISCUSSION (3rd Tuesdays)

Jan. 21st • Feb. 18th • March 18th

### The Golden Heart, Mahanta Transcripts, Book 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)

by Harold Klemp



“The Golden Heart is an attitude. It is thinking of the other person before oneself, giving service, and simply being a channel for Divine Spirit.”

—Harold Klemp, *The Golden Heart*,  
Mahanta Transcripts, Book 4, p. 294

The 2nd edition can be purchased at your favorite bookseller or at: [https://www.eckbooks.org/items/The\\_Golden\\_Heart-8-0.html](https://www.eckbooks.org/items/The_Golden_Heart-8-0.html), **but is not required to attend this discussion.**

For info. call Linda Mary at (608) 393-8851

## Visit the Eckankar Booth at the Eau Claire Rooted Holistic Health and Wellness Fair

Elks Lodge #1408

3606 Curvue Road

Eau Claire, WI 54703

**10:00 am – 5:00 pm - March 16th**

Free Lectures

Fair Admission \$5.00



**the golden heart** “The loving heart, the open heart. The golden heart is full of love for God and has compassion for those who are lost in the darkness of the HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS.”

It was then that I got an inner nudge to write about the golden heart in my birthday letter to Ellie. Though she is only turning 9, I wanted to help her understand—what it is, how it works, and how she might use it in her life. As I wrote, I consciously opened my golden heart to her.

Here’s a part of my birthday letter to Ellie:

*So let’s talk a little about **the golden heart**. Your mom has one, and I see it in you as well. It is all about how you give and receive love in your life. There is a secret and it is this: the only way to get more love in your life is by first giving your love to others.*

*Imagine a cup of water filled up to the top. Can any more water fit in the cup? Nope. Because it is already filled to the top. So now, imagine your heart filled with love all the way to the top. Can any more love come in? Nope, because it’s already full.*

*So in order to receive more love or new love into your heart, first and most importantly, you have to give some love from your full heart out to someone or something else. Then you will have made room in your heart to receive more love.*

*The golden heart works just like breathing. You’re doing it all the time, and you don’t even notice. You are giving out or sharing your love with someone or something, which then allows more love to come back into your heart, just like breathing in and out.*

*Love goes out from you to someone or something; then love comes back to you from someone or something. So simple, so natural, yet many people don’t know this se-*

*cret. They try to hold onto love, not understanding the importance of giving it back out. Then the love gets stuck. And love that is stuck isn’t shared with anyone else. That can be sad.*

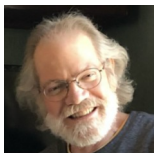
*Imagine that everything is connected and made out of love because really it is. Think of all this love like golden honey coating everything everywhere. See yourself in your imagination bringing all this love which looks and flows just like golden honey into your heart. Then see yourself giving all this “golden honey love” away without holding back.*

*This will create a wonderful feeling of being connected to everyone and everything in nature. Everyone around you will feel your expression of this love even if they don’t say anything about it. Talking about it is not important.*

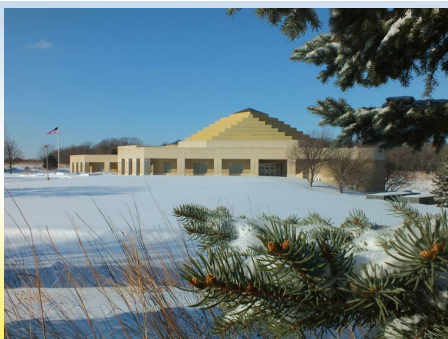
*And because you are not afraid of giving out this golden honey love, you will have more space in your heart to receive this love back from friends, family—even animals, trees and plants. Especially animals like your cat Riley and Erin’s dog Odin. They can feel your love. You will see it in their eyes.*

As I completed my letter to Ellie, I wondered what I had learned about “loving as God loves.” God (ECK) is love. For God, there is no other, no otherness, and no separation. What is the common name for absence of separation? Love. This is God’s nature. We are all connected by this divine love. As we open to this connection of love, we see the face of God shining in everyone and everything.

For me, this is loving as God loves—giving and receiving love through our own golden hearts. This is living in the flow of the divine love of ECK. We simply give and receive love and thank God for this precious gift of life.



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## Resources for Spiritual Exploration **New!**

### **ECKANKAR Seeker Central**

[ECKSoulAdventure.org](http://ECKSoulAdventure.org)

### **Adventures in ECK Parenting**

How to bring divine love into every moment of life.

### **Animals are Souls Blog**

Soul dwells here in the world of nature.