# The Blue Star

The Path of Spiritual Freedom





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Singing HU can: Expand your awareness Help you experience divine love Heal a broken heart Offer solace during times of grief Bring peace and calm

With eyes open or closed, take a few deep breaths to relax. Then begin to sing HU (pronounced like the word *hue*) in a long, drawn-out sound: HU-U-U-U. Take another breath, and sing HU again. Continue for up to twenty minutes. Sing HU with a feeling of love, and it will gradually open your heart to God.

#### www.HearHU.org

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# News of public ECK events in Montana

Letter from the RESAs (Regional ECK Spiritual Aides)

#### **Spiritual Journey of Discovery**

Albert Einstein defined mastership in this way: "Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his whole strength and soul can be a true master. For this reason, mastery demands all of the person."

While he may have been talking about physics, his statement rings true in our quest for spiritual mastership. There are many lessons in the journey of spiritual mastery. One of the first steps is the moral compass that we develop as we journey through life. This moral compass is developed from family, school, and our religious and spiritual studies. However, each of us is on our own path that is right for us.

As we progress on the spiritual journey of discovery we learn to temper moral certainty with a universal love for all life. This love helps us soften our judgments. This love eventually provides the spiritual liberation for our personal journey back to God.

With love in ECK service,

Norm and Mikie Lee, Co-RESAs

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HU – A sacred name for God, a love song to God that can open the heart to divine love. ECK – The Life Force, the Holy Spirit, which sustains all life. It can be experienced as the Light and Sound of God. The Mahanta, The Living ECK Master – The spiritual leader of Eckankar. His duty is to lead Soul

The Mahanta, The Living ECK Master – The spiritual leader of Eckankar. His duty is to lead Soul back to God. The Living ECK Master can assist spiritual students physically as the Outer Master, in the dream state as the Dream Master, and in the spiritual worlds as the Inner Master.

Divine Love – The merciful love with which the SUGMAD looks upon all creation. The Ocean of Love and Mercy.

SUGMAD - The supreme God. The formless, all-embracing, impersonal, infinite, the Ocean of Love and Mercy; from It flows all life, all truth, all reality, all wisdom, love, and power.

RESA, CoResa – Regional ECK Spiritual Aide. An ECK Spiritual Aide is a member of the ECK clergy appointed by the Living ECK Master to meet with individuals who wish personal spiritual assistance. A Regional ECK Spiritual Aide is appointed by the Master to serve as his key representative in a designated region.

Soul – The True Self. The inner, most sacred part of each person. It is eternal. Soul Travel – The expansion of consciousness, an individual moving closer to the heart of God. Most people experience it as sort of a gradual shifting of awareness. Chela – A student or follower of the Eckankar spiritual leader.



The Spiritual Leader of ECKANKAR

#### Harold Klemp, The Mahanta, the Living ECK Master

Author Harold Klemp is known as a pioneer of today's focus on "everyday spirituality." He was raised on a Wisconsin farm and attended divinity school. He also served in the US Air Force.

In 1981, after lifetimes of training, he became the spiritual leader of Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom. His full title is Sri Harold Klemp, the Mahanta, the Living ECK Master. His mission is to help people find their way back to God in this life.

Each year, Harold Klemp speaks to thousands of seekers at Eckankar seminars. Author of more than one hundred books, he continues to write, including many articles and spiritualstudy discourses. His inspiring and practical approach to spirituality helps many thousands of people worldwide find greater freedom, wisdom, and love in their lives.

—Harold Klemp, ECK Essentials, p. 77

## Sweet Dreams

Tonight, before you drift off...let the twilight kiss you so soft...
and your heart so gently open to the love you hold inside.
Sweetly, sweetly, listen for the music of the spheres, as so lovingly its lullaby can wash away your fears.
One of the great loves stays beside you.
Through your dreams this one will guide you...
as the lessons come like lifetimes till the twilight comes again.
Ask and you'll be taken...through the heavens to awaken...
hidden heartsongs of your higher self...forgotten long ago.
Your maker loves you deeply, soundly and completely...
ever calling you and guiding you to find your one true home.
Sleep and dream now dear one.

Rest and know that this is all done... with a love and mercy finer than most people will perceive. A great full Soul you are...you see...as you believe.



Sweet Dreams!

---Steve Christiansen

If this life has you on a more conscious quest for spiritual freedom, you may have heard of the simple yet life-changing practice that inspired the poem above.



The "HU Song" is at once a love song to God and a spiritual exercise. To do it, get comfortable and take a few deep breaths. Gently place your attention on your inner visual screen, where daydreams and images come to you. With your eyes closed, sing "HU" (an ancient name for God, pronounced like hue) as a song of love. You may notice a feeling of peace, warmth and comfort. You may also recognize the presence of the Divine through greater insights into your daily life.

— S.C

To listen to thousands singing the HU song, click on this link: <u>https://youtu.be/qxJXBrdLbeg</u>

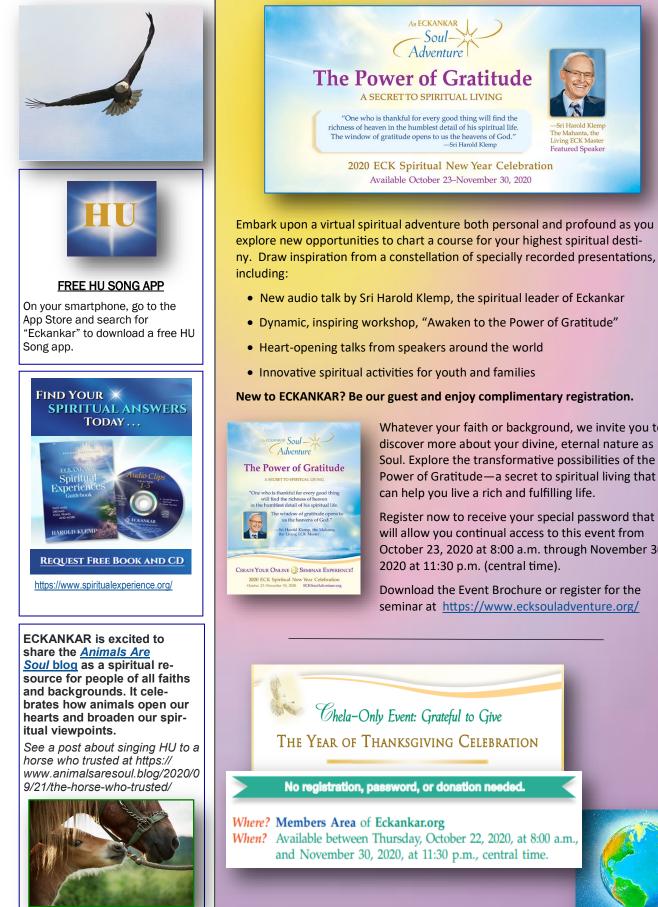




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Featured Speaker





Whatever your faith or background, we invite you to

October 23, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. through November 30, 2020 at 11:30 p.m. (central time).

Download the Event Brochure or register for the seminar at https://www.ecksouladventure.org/

discover more about your divine, eternal nature as Soul. Explore the transformative possibilities of the Power of Gratitude—a secret to spiritual living that can help you live a rich and fulfilling life.

Register now to receive your special password that will allow you continual access to this event from



#### **ECK on TV**

Sri Harold's talks are airing on Community 7 Television every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. You can view these on your computer or other device. <u>http://www.comm7tv.com/</u> In Helena, access Sri Harold's talks each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. on Channel 189 <u>https://</u> www.helenacivictv.org/ watch-live

In Missoula, tune in to MCAT Channel 189 Sundays at 5:00 p.m. <u>http://69.144.69.99/</u> CablecastPublicSite/?



Look for EDKANKAR events at https://www.meetup.com Local Groups in your area

- ★Bitterroot Valley Spiritual Seekers
- ★Bozeman Eckankar Spiritual Discovery Group
- ★Western Montana Eckankar Spiritual Discovery Group
- ★Kalispell Eckankar the Path of Spiritual Freedom Meetup

#### **ECKANKAR e-books**

You can find ECKANKAR e-books on Kindle and Nook, including the award-winning Autobiography of a Modern Prophet, by Harold Klemp.

amazonkindle

#### Eckankar Events in Montana to be Held Online by Zoom

We will be holding Eckankar events in Montana online using the Zoom format until we can meet again in person.

The Zoom format allows both video and telephone users to attend the same meeting. Zoom is easily downloaded and accessed. The connection can be by telephone, computer, or smartphone. It does require an invitation which can be sent to you by email, mail, or phone. If you would like to attend an ECK book discussion class, an ECK Light and Sound Service, or you have questions, please contact Regional ECK Spiritual Aides (RESAs) Norman and Mikie Lee by phone or email (contact information below). In the Bozeman area, please contact Michele Soule or Tom Walker at 406-539-2891.

> Please contact RESAs Norm or Mike Lee for more information. Phone: 406-375-9077 Email: coresamt@gmail.com

# **Current Montana Eckankar Events by Zoom**

Events	Date	Time	Торіс	Contact for Invitation
ECK Light and Sound Services by Zoom	Oct 18	10:00 am	How Patience and Love Bring Inner Peace	Norm and Mikie Lee 406-375-9077
	Nov 15	10:00 am	Spiritual Tools for Daily Living	Norm and Mikie Lee 406-375-9077
	Dec 20	10:00 am	Relationships and Spiritual Growth	Norm and Mikie Lee 406-375-9077
Chela Forum by Zoom (for members of Eckankar)	Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15	6:30 pm	N/A	Norm and Mikie Lee 406-375-9077

#### Easy Way Satsang Classes by Zoom

Are you a new member of Eckankar? If you're ready to start your study of the ECK discourses (lessons), you're invited to join a monthly Satsang class to study the first discourse series, *The Easy Way* by Zoom. If you're interested, please call Ryan Torkelson.

Easy Way Satsang classes starting soon Contact Ryan Torkelson 406-360-2034 for more information or an invitation to the class

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Please contact Tom Walker for classes and events in the Bozeman area. 406-539-2891

Find online resources at https://

eckankarblog.org/share/?utm\_source=seeker

ECKANKAR BLOG

For information about events in the Billings area, please contact Shayla Walker at 406-245-4771.

#### Other Websites to Share

- The Soundof Soul.org—Experience HU and listen to the sound of Soul.
- AnimalsAreSoul.blog—Share spiritually uplifting, real-life stories about animals
- Eckankarblog.org—Stories and articles to inspire and answer every seeker's heartfelt spiritual questions.
- SpiritualWisdomJournal.org—The Spiritual Wisdom Journal is a free, quarterly, online newsletter for
  people who want more spiritual perspective and encouragement, especially in uncertain times.
- InnerGuidance.org—This site is a great one to share with people who are interested in learning more about inner guidance and how it can help solve problems in our daily lives.



# **Eckankar on YouTube**



Channel

https://www.youtube.com/c/ <u>eckankar</u>



Sri Harold Klemp Channel

https://www.youtube.com/c/ SriHaroldKlempOfficialChannel

**ECKANKAR** See us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/ Eckankar

#### You're warmly invited...

...to share your stories, poems, and photos with the Montana ECK Newsletter in The Year of Thanksgiving, the spiritual new year that begins October 22, 2020.

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#### **Montana ECK Choir**

If you love to sing and express your love for God musically, you are warmly invited to join the Montana ECK Choir. Since we can't meet in person at this time, we have been meeting and practicing by Zoom.

Please contact Michele Soule if you'd like more information or an invitation to join us by Zoom. Michele Soule 406-404-5807

#### September ECK Light and Sound Service and Founder's Day Celebration

On September 20, the first ECK Light and Sound Service by Zoom was conducted by ECK cleric, Mikie Lee. Following the service, a short Founder's Day presentation was given by Jeanne Neff, and concluded with a rousing bluegrass song entitled, "Peddar Zasq" by the Hindu Kush Mountain Boys Plus One. Founder's Day celebrates the anniversary of the translation (passing) of the modern-day founder of Eckankar, Paul Twitchell (spiritual name Peddar Zasq). Afterwards, attendees stayed on the Zoom call for discussion and fellowship. The next ECK Light and Sound Service will be held by Zoom at 10:00 a.m. on October 18. The topic will be "How Patience and Love Bring Inner Peace." If you'd like to attend, please contact Norm or Mikie Lee for an invitation. 406-375-9077

What is an **ECK Light** and Sound Service?

An ECK Light and Sound Service is a celebration of God's love for Soul. This

service offers you the chance to explore your own direct connection with the Divine.

You'll get to share your insights in a group discussion on a spiritual topic. Eckankar welcomes people of all faiths and backgrounds.

All ECK activities are held by Zoom at this time. Please call Norm or Mikie Lee for an invitation. 406-375-9077



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For the email version, please email the Newsletter Specialist, Mikie Lee at coresamt@gmail.com

Thanks for reading *The Blue Star*. We look forward to bringing you local ECKANKAR news.

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"Love is the most important element behind any gift to ECK." - Harold Klemp



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Please call these phone numbers for more information about ECKANKAR and for ECK events in each area, or visit the websites listed below.

Billings, MT	406-245-4771
Bozeman, MT	406-404-5807
Hamilton, MT	406-360-6796
Helena, MT	406-227-3534
Kalispell, MT	406-253-1954
Missoula, MT	406-244-0008
Statewide in MT	406-375-9077

#### www.eckankar.org

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