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## The Purpose of the Negative Power



**Harold Klemp,  
The Spiritual Leader  
of Eckankar**

We have this little neighbor boy, Matthew, who's three years old and just now learning how to talk. He talks like Donald Duck, and you really can't understand him. He's a cute little guy, but he's now getting to the stage where, if his mother says, "You stay in the yard," he'll figure a way to get out of the gate and wander around in the street. He's a little adventurer and he's getting into a lot of trouble with his mother.

The other day I saw little Matthew being pulled along by his mother. He looked very straightforward, as if he had just gotten some kind of enlightenment. He said a couple of things that I couldn't make out, and his mother decided to translate. "Do you know what Matthew said?" she asked. No. "Matthew got lost," she said. "Oh?" "Mommy got scared." "Oh."

In the meantime, he's standing there real proud, the message is getting through. Then his mother leaned over and said, "And what happened to Matthew when Mommy found Matthew?" This is where he got his enlightenment, I guess. He stood there and didn't say one word but he got this sad expression on his face and starting rubbing his seat with his hand. I left then, because when a parent is disciplining a child, sometimes they like an audience.

A mother's anger can be a fearsome thing.

Our spiritual life is very similar to this.

Soul is sent into the lower worlds to get an education, to go to grade school, and to one day become a Co-worker with God. The negative force, which is known as Satan or whatever else, causes a big question that the Christian's really can't understand. Why does God allow Satan in this world? The best answer they can come up with is that someday God is going to get even with Satan for causing all this trouble. But they misunderstand the purpose of the negative power.

The lower worlds, including earth, have been established by God as a training school with a very stern teacher, a task master, in charge. This is the negative power. The negative power is never allowed to let things get completely out of hand, because there are limitations. There are a number of workers who help to keep this world somewhat in balance. As we ECKists develop the spiritual consciousness, we learn how to live in this world yet not be of it.

In the human consciousness, one dreads the day that family members must leave, when the time comes to shed the body. This fear, and the lack of trust or knowledge about what happens in the other worlds, is the main reason that the people who are most afraid will go out and grab others by the lapels and say, "You behave my way or you're going to be damned!" It's a sad situation—they're so frantic, so uncertain of what's coming that they try to convince themselves by pulling on someone else's lapels.

God has allowed for all these different religions so that every Soul can find someplace to get religious or spiritual upliftment. This is as it should be. We can live in peace and harmony with the various religions, and we can respect them.

—Sri Harold Klemp,  
*Journey of Soul,*

The Mahanta Transcripts, Book 1, pp. 266-268

## Community HU Songs

*"When you sing the name of God with love, the bindings and bands that constrain Soul will begin to unwind. Not all at once but very slowly, at a rate you can understand and accept. As these bindings are released, Soul rises in spiritual freedom."*

—Harold Klemp,  
*HU the Most Beautiful Prayer*

**EASTERN - 215-925-5119**

**New Britain ~**

**Circle of Miracles Church**

10 Beulah Rd.

1st Monday, 7:00 pm

**Hatfield ~**

3rd Friday, 7:00 pm

**Philadelphia – ECK Center of  
Eastern PA ~**

135 North 4th St.

2nd & 4th Sunday, 11:00 am

**E. Stroudsburg –**

**Day Street Community Center ~**

15 Day Street

1st Sunday, 9:00 am

**Yardley ~**

1st Sunday, 11:00 am

**CENTRAL - 717-394-9877**

**New Cumberland -309 3rd Street ~**

Friday, 6:00 pm, May 26

2nd Floor - Lotus Room

**Mountville – Sleep Inn & Suites**

310 Primrose Lane

4th Sunday, 11:00 am

**York – Perkins Restaurant**

2500 Market St.

1st Thursday, 6:30 pm

**WESTERN - 412-856-3680**

**Monroeville - ECK Center of**

**Western PA ~**

4290 Old William Penn Highway

4th Thursday, 6:30 pm

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[www.eckankarofpa.org](http://www.eckankarofpa.org)**

# ECKANKAR EVENTS May/June 2017

The public is invited to attend ECK Light and Sound Services, Community HU Songs, open Book Discussions, and Workshops listed. The books discussed are available (or shared) at each class. Eckankar books are also available at ECK Centers and major bookstores. Please call the nearest Eckankar Center (listed below) for more information, or email [bluestareditor@aol.com](mailto:bluestareditor@aol.com).

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS      ECKANKAR: THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES      BOOK DISCUSSIONS

### EASTERN

**Langhorne Borough ~**  
*Past Lives, Dreams, and Soul Travel*  
 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm

### WESTERN

**Greensburg ~**  
*The Slow Burning Love of God*  
**Mahanta Transcripts, Book 13**  
 1st Sunday, 10:30 am



A video is available on Eckankar's YouTube site. *Eckankar*:  
 "ECKANKAR: The Reality of Spiritual Experiences,"

It is a 5 minute video which expresses the love and Light and Sound of the Eck teachings through the heartwarming stories of Eckankar members from around the world.

Viewers are introduced to Sri Harold Klemp, the Spiritual Leader of Eckankar.

**Monroeville – ECK Center of Western PA ~**

**Second Sundays @12:00 noon**

- ▶ **May 14 – ECK Wisdom on Life After Death**
- ▶ **Aug. 13 – ECK Wisdom on Inner Guidance**
- ▶ **Nov. 12 – ECK Wisdom on Conquering Fear**

### ECKANKAR OF PA 2017 REGIONAL SEMINAR

**Friday, August 18 & Saturday, August 19**  
*The Road to God:*

*The Adventure of a Lifetime*  
**Hilton Garden Inn**

530 W. Pennsylvania Ave.  
 Fort Washington, PA 19034-3304

*Speakers, Panel Discussions, Creative Arts, and Workshops*

**\*\*\*Friday Evening, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm\*\*\***  
**Free Community HU**

**and Musical Presentation, followed by a "meet and greet" and refreshments.**

**\*\*\*Saturday Morning, 10:30 am\*\*\***  
**Free Newcomer Workshop**

**Plus one additional Session of Your Choice**  
 (see choices in program brochure)

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**215-925-5119**

### ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

**Monroeville – ECK Center of Western PA ~**

**5th Sunday Roundtable Discussions**  
 (Open Donation) –

**Every 5th Sunday @ 10:30 am**

- ▶ **Jul. 30 – Family and Relationship Spiritual Lessons**
- ▶ **Oct. 29 – Stopping the Cycle of Harmful Habits**
- ▶ **Dec. 31 – Gaining Spiritual Strength**

**For More Information**  
**call 412-856-3680**

### ECKANKAR MEMBERSHIP

Eckankar, The Path of Spiritual Freedom can help you find answers to your deepest spiritual questions. For more information:

**Visit Eckankar's Web site**  
**[www.eckankar.org](http://www.eckankar.org)**

**Or call 1-800-LOVE GOD**

**Or write: ECKANKAR**  
**P.O. Box 2000**  
**Chanhasen, MN 55317 U.S.A.**

## The public is welcome to attend these: ECK Light and Sound Services

The public is warmly invited to ECK Light and Sound Services. Each service focuses on an aspect of Eckankar. They often feature a reading from the ECK works; singing HU, talks, music, and a group discussion of spiritual principles at work in daily life. The service lasts about an hour. Join others seeking to bring more insight and divine love into their lives at this special celebration of the Light and Sound of God.

### EASTERN

**Lehigh Valley – Charles Chrin Community Center ~**  
**4100 Green Pond Road, Palmer, PA**  
 4th Sunday, 10:00 am

**Philadelphia - ECKANKAR Center of Eastern PA ~**  
**135 N. 4th St.**

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday, 11:00 am

**E. Stroudsburg - Day Street Community Center, 15 Day Street ~**  
 1st Sunday, 9:45 am

### CENTRAL

**Mountville – Sleep Inn & Suites**  
 310 Primrose Lane  
 2nd Sunday, 11:00 am

### WESTERN

**Monroeville - ECKANKAR Center of Western PA ~**  
**4290 Old William Penn Highway**  
 1st & 3rd Sunday, 10:30 am

## ECKANKAR CENTERS (call for ECKANKAR Center Hours)

**ECKANKAR Center of Eastern Pennsylvania**  
 135 North 4th St.,  
 Philadelphia, PA 19106  
**215-925-5119**

**ECKANKAR INFORMATION For Central Pennsylvania**  
**Call: 717-394-9877**

**ECKANKAR Center of Western Pennsylvania**  
 4290 Old William Penn Highway  
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