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Focus: Synchronicity: A Spiritual Gift

“This is what we are all about in Eckankar. To realize the gifts of God and Divine Spirit. To realize what we already have, and not do it in an abstract way. To realize that every event in your life is a small circle of activity that fits into a larger circle, and into yet larger circles.

“Life is a series of circles of activity.”

—Sri Harold Klemp,¹ *What Is Spiritual Freedom?*, Mahanta Transcripts, Book 11

FEATURE ARTICLE



A Seemingly Coincidental Chain of Events

By Sri Harold Klemp

An ECKist² in California was preparing to move to another state. Her son made arrangements to rent a truck to move her belongings. In his conver-

sation with the rental agent, he mentioned that his mother was looking for a real estate agent in the area to sell her home. The rental agent just happened to know someone.

That very afternoon the ECKist went to visit the real estate agent. She liked him right away and felt comfortable listing her home with him.

A question came up later about the real estate transaction, so she called his home. His wife answered and said he wasn't in. As the two women chatted, the agent's wife began to tell the ECKist about something that had happened to her daughter. She had tried to discuss it with relatives, but they wouldn't listen, preferring to brush it off as mere coincidence.

The real estate agent's daughter had fallen into a coma and had to be rushed to the hospital by ambulance. The doctors found that her lungs were filled with fluid. They placed her in the intensive care unit with plans to drain some of the fluid from her lungs the following morning.

Throughout the night the mother sat at her daughter's bedside. Sometime during the night,

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a priest walked into the room. He sat down and began to talk with her. She asked him who he was and where he was from. Though a Catholic, she didn't recognize his name or that of his parish.

The priest talked with her for a long time, looking intently into her eyes. Just before he left he said, “Your daughter will be healed. She is in God's hands.”

In the morning the woman asked one of the nurses, “Who was that priest who came in here last night?”

The nurse looked confused. “Nobody came in here last night,” she said. Anyone who is familiar with hospitals knows that the intensive care unit is carefully monitored; visitors are only allowed in with permission. The nurse had seen no one come in.

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1. Sri Harold Klemp is the spiritual leader of Eckankar.
2. ECKist: A follower, or student, of Eckankar.

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The woman never did find out any more about the mysterious visitor.

When the doctors examined her daughter that morning, they found no trace of fluid in her lungs. All symptoms were gone.

This unexplained healing was especially meaningful to the real estate agent's wife, who herself was suffering from multiple sclerosis. Her daughter's experience gave her hope for her own recovery. Be-

ing able to talk it over with the ECKist helped her to realize that a power beyond the limited knowledge of man and science could intervene here on earth.

The ECKist had come in contact with this real estate agent's wife through a seemingly coincidental chain of events. Yet through this experience the ECKist began to see the hand of ECK³ working through her, reaching out to give an understanding about the ways of Spirit to someone who had never heard of ECK before.

—From *Unlocking Your Sacred Puzzle Box*, Mahanta Transcripts, Book 6, by Harold Klemp

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A SPIRITUAL STORY

Say Yes to the Great Adventure of Life

By Coral Compagnoni, California

I had just graduated from college, but I didn't have a job, I didn't know where I was going to live, and I felt very worried for my future. So I met with one of my college professors and asked how he had navigated that time in his life.

"Well, Coral," he said, "a door opened, and I walked through it. Then another door opened, and I walked through that. And so on." I did not find this as helpful as he hoped it would be. Still, the ECK, the Holy Spirit, was speaking to me through him.

A few weeks later, a friend of mine invited me to join her and her family in Italy. All I had to do was buy the plane ticket. I thought, *Well, maybe this is the door opening for me. I'll go, and then the Mahanta,*⁴ my inner guide, will make everything clear. But—spoiler alert—that is not what happened.

During my six months in Europe, I didn't really have an agenda. Sometimes the ECK would give me a nudge about where to go next, or I would get a call from a friend who invited me to visit them. This is how my journey progressed.

At one point I found myself in Edinburgh, Scotland, at a performing-arts festival I'd always wanted to see. As I stood in line in a church, waiting to use the restroom, I heard my name. I turned



around, and there behind me was one of my best friends from junior high school! This was a Soul I have a very special connection with, someone who has now moved in and out of my life over the last twenty years. I knew, in that moment, I was exactly where I was supposed to be.

I had a similar experience a few months later, walking down an alleyway in Prague: I ran into someone from high school. I began to realize that by my running into these people from California, when we were halfway around the world, the ECK was showing me something about the connecting fabric of life.

Another time, I went to a poetry reading in London and met someone who shared a book of his favorite poems, signed by the author.

"Take it home and read it," he said. "Just bring it back to me next week."

But when the next week came, I couldn't get it back to him. I didn't have his number, and I thought, *Wow, I'm never going to be able to return this book.* I was about to leave the country.

I had to run some errands, and just then I got a very strong nudge from the ECK: "Bring that poetry book. Put it in your purse." I thought, *What? That's just going to make my purse heavy. Why would I bring that book?* I lived an hour away from where I had attended the poetry readings. But the strong nudge came through again: "Bring the book!" So I put it in my purse and ran my errands.

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In that city of eight million people, who do you think I ran into on the street? There he was. And there I was with his book. Again I knew the ECK was putting me just where I needed to be.

I also decided to go to the Czech Republic, and there I found a way to work on a farm in exchange for room and board. I had a list of all the farms in the Czech Republic, but I didn't know one from another. So I said, "Mahanta, where should I go?" I opened my heart, closed my eyes, and dropped my fingertip onto the list. A few days later, I was in a very, very, very small, village in the southeastern Czech Republic. It was a farm run by an elderly woman in her eighties. She spoke English, and she loved literature. We talked about books, and she wanted to show me all her books.

She took me to a room with a wall filled with books. And my eyes landed upon a particular shelf *full* of Eckankar books. My jaw nearly hit the floor.

"Oh my gosh, are you an ECKist?" I said.

"A what?"

"An ECKist. Those are Eckankar books."

"Oh no," she replied. "I just got those at the used-book store in town to practice my English. But I really liked what they had to say." This opened the door for us to talk about spirituality and many other topics.

These kinds of miracles happened throughout that whole trip. Through them, the Mahanta showed me that what I needed to move forward in life was to recognize that I'm always right where I'm supposed to be, and that the Mahanta is always by my side guiding the way.

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A SPIRITUAL EXERCISE TO TRY

Connecting Diamonds



Every event in our life is part of a divine plan that accounts for each so-called mistake or happening of chance. Most people don't know that life connects. They don't realize that the events in their lives are diamonds and that invisible lines run between them in every possible direction and combination of points. To be happy, we must take the initiative to connect those points that bring love and goodness to us.

How do you start?

You cannot ever put too much emphasis upon having a spiritual frame of mind. So begin every day with the Spiritual Exercises of ECK. Sing *HU* or your personal word. The spiritual exercises will give you the strongest connection of all—a bond with the ECK, the Holy Spirit.

Second, sit back and dream the sort of life you would like. What would you like to do? To be? Think backward from the goal of your desire. That will be your plan for achievement.

Third, begin.

That's looking at your plan for spiritual happiness and success from end to beginning. Now let's look at it more logically. There will be three stages, or connecting diamonds, to this plan. First, you must do something, or make a beginning. But where? In what direction? Until you know the third, or final, point of the connecting diamonds (your goal), you cannot begin to work toward that end. So see a picture of your goal.

You'll notice that an uncomfortable space still lies between step one, the starting point, and the third step, your goal. This middle point is the unformed, creative part where the Holy Spirit works Its wonders to help you accomplish what you cannot do yourself.

How do you get moving?

You'll never get to this miraculous part of life until you set a goal. Then you must take the initiative and begin to move toward it. Only then will the Holy Spirit help you through the large, unknown second area, where you must exercise your talents to create a better life for yourself. . . .

Do you want to be happy? Then set out to learn about the connecting diamonds in your own life. They shimmer and glisten all around you.

But always begin your search by singing *HU*, or some other love song to God.

—From *The Living Word*, Book 2, by Harold Klemp

For more spiritual exercises, visit www.Eckankar.org and explore the *Spiritual Exercise of the Week*.

Ask a Modern Prophet about Synchronicity

Can you explain more about synchronicity?

Synchronicity applies to timing and events, and a discerning eye will see the winds of ECK (Holy Spirit) filling and emptying the sails of our ships so we land in the right place, at the right time.

The name for this spiritual phenomenon is “In God’s Time.”

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When it gets right down to it, all events in life occur in God’s time. There is no mistake, no accident. Good and evil play their part in the divine scheme of giving everyone the right thing at the right time. We, and all our plans, fit into place on the divine calendar.

—Answer from Sri Harold Klemp

What is the Golden-tongued wisdom?

If you are open to the Holy Spirit, you will find truth coming to you through the actions and words of other people. This is a facet of the ECK-Vidya, the ancient science of prophecy. I call it the Golden-tongued Wisdom.

When God speaks to you through others, the words may even come via the electronic media. For

instance, the radio or TV is on. Suddenly a sentence pops out that is precisely for you. It may mean nothing to anyone else, but for you it has a significant meaning.

This is just one of the ways God speaks to you. If you are aware enough to notice it when it happens, you will find that it is always a constructive, positive kind of a statement. It builds; it’s never destructive. . . . It has to be uplifting; it has to be for the good of creation, for the good of mankind.

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The Golden-tongued Wisdom is the Inner Master giving us a spiritual message. It is part of the secret teachings for those who have the ears to hear.

If you can tune in to the Inner Master, you will find that there is such a thing as spiritual hearing and spiritual vision. It’s the kind where Divine Spirit will open up truth for you so you can know something that is important to you at the time. It’s usually to bring comfort, wisdom, or some form of insight or love.

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—Answer from *The Drumbeat of Time*, Mahanta Transcripts, Book 10, and *The Slow Burning Love of God*, Mahanta Transcripts, Book 13, by Harold Klemp

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Accepting the Blessings of Life

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