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Terms

**ECK**

The life force, the Holy Spirit.

**ECKists**

Followers of Eckankar.

**Living ECK Master**

The title of the spiritual leader of Eckankar.

**HU**

The singing of the word HU is considered a love song to God. It can be sung aloud or silently to oneself.

**Inner Master**

The inner form of the Living ECK Master.

**Spiritual Exercises of ECK**

Do one exercise every day for about twenty minutes to build spiritual stamina gently over time.

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## Willie and Unending Love by Mary Schebil, Big Rapids, Michigan



My training for Small Animal massage therapy took place at a Humane Society in Portland, Oregon. It was a very large facility and at the time housed an additional 80 animals rescued from Hurricane Katrina.

We were allowed to work on any of the animals we chose and while I worked on many different dogs and cats, I kept being drawn to one particular dog, Willie.

I didn't know what the attraction was since Willie, a large 80 pound dog who had been rescued from the hurricane, wasn't particu-

larly endearing with his dull scratchy coat and the large sign on his kennel that read "Will Bite,"—and when we practice with an animal we are closed in the kennel with them. Since I had previously handled dogs who were prone to bite at a veterinary clinic where I had worked, I followed the inner prompting and choose him as a massage candidate numerous times, building a trust between the two of us.

When it came time for the certification test, I once again chose Willie as the animal I would work with. This test would determine if the long months of practice and

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## 2011 Regional Seminar Explores Spiritual Experiences

The teachings of Eckankar are a great resource to explore the nature, meaning and significance of spiritual experiences. Members of Eckankar and spiritual seekers gathered at the Eastern Michigan University Student Center in Ypsilanti on April 2 to share and grow spiritually through talks, panel discussions, fellowship and song.



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study would pay off or if I would have to start the training over, so there was a bit of tension involved. As I knelt down in the kennel on the cement floor next to Willie and began to massage him for the last time, my tension soon melted away and it seemed as if we were dancing in the Light, the massage strokes following the rhythm of the dance. This dance continued until I reached the part of his back that I knew was a tender area and as I put my hands on him, a scene appeared where I saw how he was injured in the hurricane and lost his owner whom he had deeply loved. The scene was so vivid and I felt his pain of loss so keenly it moved me to tears. Then I felt Willie release this trauma that had settled itself in his back.

It was at that point that the instructor

walked up to the kennel to watch me work and grade the massage techniques I was using. Still crying, I explained to him what I had just experienced and then as best I could demonstrated the techniques required for certification. I finished the massage, composed myself, and when I stepped out of the kennel, Willie was asleep, in peace, on his mat.

From this experience I learned the fathomless depth of love animals are capable of, that we can give love and assistance to an animal as well as receive it from them, and also that this love that we share with animals continues to give to others. When the results of the examination were announced, I had been awarded perfect marks, something the instructor had never done before! I knew he had been touched by the golden love flowing between Willie and I.

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## **Spiritual Exercise: A Technique to Go Slower** by Harold Klemp, *The Living Word, Book 3*, pp. 257-8.



Life puts you in situations that can cause you to panic. You have to remember to calm down, to get yourself, Soul, back in control of the mind. That helps you think clearly enough to see what needs to be done. Then you can take care of the situation.

Patience and composure are among the attributes of an ECK chela. What can you do to develop these two qualities in yourself?

In contemplation ask the Inner Master what you can do to go slower. Once you've

figured out this secret, you can be patient. You can let the storms of life blow over you while you think of a way to find shelter.

One way is through surrender. Tonight, before you go to sleep, speak to the Mahanta. Say, "I am a child of thine. Take me where you will, to show me the way of Sugmad (God)."

Soul—the spiritual principle, the creative spark of God—cannot work if you panic. Anxiety shuts down the creative centers. When you can't think, whatever you try to do becomes one blunder piled upon another. If you slow down, the spiritual principle can begin working through you so that you can figure out the solution to the problem that is bothering you.

### INNER JOURNEY Subscription Form

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## WESTERN MICHIGAN EVENTS

### **Cadillac**

For questions and location: Mary at (231) 796-5028.

**Worship Service, Saturdays, 10-11am.**

July 9—*Finding Divine Spirit in Everyday Life*

Aug 6—*Law of Change*

Sept 10—*How to Become a Master*

**Book Discussion, 2nd Wednesday** of month, 7pm, *A Modern Prophet Answers Your Key Questions about Life, Book 2*, by Harold Klemp.



### **Grand Rapids**

For questions on area activities: (616) 245-7003.

**Worship Service, 2nd Sunday, 10-11am.**

July 10—*The Law of Balance*

Aug 14—*True Self Mastery*

Sept 11—*Developing a Love for all Life*

Dominican Center at Marywood, Rm #4, 2025 E  
Fulton St.



### **Lansing**

**Community HU Chant**, call Bob Thomasson, (517)  
668-8532 for time and location.



### **Traverse City**

**Community HU Chant, 3rd Thursday** of month, 7pm,  
304 South Spruce St, (231) 946-6492.

## EASTERN MICHIGAN EVENTS

### **Ann Arbor**

For questions on area activities: (734) 913-9822 or e-mail  
a2.mi.eck@gmail.com.

**Community HU Chant, Fridays, 6:30-7:15pm**, Crazy Wisdom  
Bookstore, 114 S Main St.

**Book Discussion, 3rd Sunday** of month, 1:30-3pm, *A Modern  
Prophet Answers Your Key Questions About Life, Book 2* by  
Harold Klemp, Ypsilanti Library, Room 1C, 5577 Whittaker  
Rd, Ypsilanti.

**Worship Service, 4th Sunday** of month, 11am-noon,  
Gretchen's House (a child development center), 2340 Oak  
Valley Dr.



### **Royal Oak**

All events are at the Royal Oak ECKANKAR Center, 320 East  
Fourth St, Royal Oak, (248) 546-9224.

**Open Hours, Thursdays, 6:30-7pm.**

**Community HU Chant, NEW DAY: Mondays, 7pm.**

**Worship Service, 1st Sunday** of month, 12-1pm.

July 3—*One More Step*

Aug 7—*Worlds of Joy*

Sept 4—*The Golden Tongued Wisdom*

**Book Discussion, 1st Sunday** of month, 2pm, *A Modern  
Prophet Answers Your Key Questions about Life, Book 2*,  
by Harold Klemp.

**Roundtable, Saturdays, 2-3pm,**

July 23—*The Tensions of Living.*

Aug 27—*Spiritual Approaches to Resolve Conflict and  
Improve Relationships.*

Sept 24—*Your Golden Contract.*



## Q&A

on Spiritual Experiences or Eckankar

4th Wednesday of month, 7:30-8 p.m.

**July 27, Aug 24, Sept 28**

Dial (218) 844-3377,  
when prompted enter access code: ECK (325) and press #

All are Welcome!

Visit [www.eck-mi.org](http://www.eck-mi.org) for events added after publication of this newsletter.

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and [www.eck-mi.org](http://www.eck-mi.org)

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## Upcoming Seminars



Aug 5-7

2011 Pennsylvania ECKANKAR Regional Seminar  
*Have You Had a Spiritual Experience?*

Radisson-Pittsburgh-Greentree  
Information at 412-856-3680 or [www.eckankarofpa.org](http://www.eckankarofpa.org).

Aug 13-14

2011 Illinois-Iowa ECKANKAR Regional Seminar  
*Golden Keys to the Mysteries of Life*

iWireless Center, Moline IL  
Information at 630-724-1061 or [www.eck-illinois.org](http://www.eck-illinois.org).

Oct 21-23

2011 ECK Worldwide Seminar  
*The Year of Graceful Living*

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Information at 1-800 LOVE-GOD or [www.eckankar.org](http://www.eckankar.org).

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