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Focus: Miracles in Uncertain Times

“Open your eyes to the miracles around you: your friends, your good fortunes, for all that life has seen fit to send your way.” —Sri Harold Klemp,¹ *The Living Word*, Book 3

FEATURE ARTICLE

Everyday Miracles! *By Sri Harold Klemp*



Some people find miracles all the time. Because life is like a sea. You’re walking in a sea of experiences every moment of your life. And some people walking around in this sea of life find miracles every day. Other people are not even aware that such miracles exist, and they become very upset if you speak about miracles. If it’s big and splashy, if it deserves some kind of front-page notice in the *National Enquirer*, people say, “That doesn’t count because it’s made up.” And if it’s a very small miracle, they say, “You’re not going to say that there’s a connection, are you?”

But in Eckankar we know about the waking dream. This is when something happens in your daily life that is a demonstration of a spiritual principle that you need to learn. You need to learn this principle to overcome or undo some karmic pattern that you have made in the past.

1. Sri Harold Klemp is the spiritual leader of Eckankar.

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A SPIRITUAL STORY

Helicopter Miracle *By David Simon*

My job as a helicopter pilot for the Department of Natural Resources in Washington State was quite routine—unless there was a forest fire. One afternoon, I was called to help put out a blaze that was roaring out of control.

All went well. But suddenly, during my third trip into a remote canyon to drop a bucket of hundreds of gallons of water, the wind shifted.

As I released the water onto the fire and pulled hard to climb out of the canyon, the helicopter balked. I pulled all the power I could, mindful of the steep canyon walls and the fire below. Blades churning uselessly, the helicopter failed to respond. I could see the fire below me.

As I slipped closer to the canyon wall and an inevitable crash, I realized the odds of making it out

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Video on Experiencing Miracles

For a greater understanding of how miracles occur, go to the [Eckankar Official Site](http://www.Eckankar.org) at www.YouTube.com and search for “miracles.”

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Sing HU² to Experience Miracles



The kind of miracles reported in biblical times still happen today, all the time.

All you need to do to recognize and benefit from these gifts of the Holy Spirit is to open your consciousness.

*In ECK, of course, we open the consciousness through the Spiritual Exercises of ECK, such as singing HU. —Sri Harold Klemp, *How the Inner Master Works*, Mahanta Transcripts, Book 12*

Close your eyes and look to the Spiritual Eye.³ Sing HU, an old and secret name for God. It is one of the most powerful words for spiritual upliftment that I can give you.

As you sing HU, listen for the Sound. The Sound may be heard in any number of different ways. It can be like the sound of a train going by, a bird, buzzing bees, sometimes a flute, or even guitars. The way you hear It just depends on where you are.

These sounds are the action of the Holy Spirit, the ECK,⁴ as Its atoms vibrate in the invisible worlds. The Sound you hear is the vibration at the particular level to which you are attuned at the time.

Imagine the Sound purifying you, removing the impurities of Soul. It will bring you an understanding of how your actions have caused your problems. It will also give you an indication of what you can do to unfold and how to figure out the way to do things right.

—From *The Spiritual Exercises of ECK*, by Harold Klemp

2. HU (pronounced like the word *hue*) is the most ancient, secret name for God. The chanting of HU is a love song to God. It can be sung aloud or silently to oneself. It can open your heart to receiving and giving more divine love.
3. The Spiritual Eye, or Third Eye, is located just above and between the eyebrows; it is the window between the physical and spiritual worlds.
4. ECK (pronounced *EHK*) is the Life Force, the Holy Spirit, the Audible Life Current which sustains all life.

Hear HU: To listen to the sound of thousands of people singing this majestic love song to God, go to www.HearHU.org.

Everyday Miracles!

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Why would anyone even want to get rid of karma? The answer is simple: So that you can open yourself to more love from God. This is the only reason.

You can't force people to become loving. It doesn't help to stuff money into the pockets of individuals and say, "If I give this to you, you're going to be much better off." Because if that person has a deep spiritual problem, perhaps of poverty, it probably won't be very long before that person will be back in poverty.

Or if a person has a certain kind of health problem and one of the healers takes it away, but the person doesn't learn anything from the healing and continues the habits that caused the illness, then the illness or one just like it is going to come back.

I often like to say that healing on earth is temporary. Some people are apt to say, "Yes,

but Jesus did some real miracles. He raised people from the dead, healed the sick." But my point in saying that healing is temporary is this: people who were healed have since died. Even the people who were raised from the dead are now gone. So what was the point of the healing? Was it just to get rid of the sickness? Obviously the answer must be no. There must have been more to these healings.

If the purpose wasn't to heal, then what was it? It was to raise the state of consciousness.

You cannot force anyone into a higher state of consciousness. And Jesus couldn't either. And more important, he wouldn't. Because it's against the spiritual law to do so.

A spiritual master can invite people to a higher level, but he can't force them. Oh, he could if he didn't know the spiritual law. But he won't. Because he knows the spiritual laws.

—From *Our Spiritual Wake-Up Calls*, Mahanta Transcripts, Book 15, by Harold Klemp

Back



I have always found it a great privilege to attend the ECK seminars. There was a time that I loved to sit in the audience and just soak up everything. Each talk gave me a little greater understanding.

—Sri Harold Klemp, *Welcome to the Wonderful World of ECK!*

You Are Invited to a Spiritual Event

Eckankar seminars are an opportunity to join with other spiritual seekers and students of Eckankar for one to three days of workshops, small group discussions, inspiring creative arts, programs for youth and families, and outstanding speakers. Sri Harold Klemp is the featured speaker at the two major Eckankar seminars (spring and fall) each year.

Internet broadcasts of Harold Klemp's seminar talks are available for a limited time following each seminar. Get details or sign up at www.ECKseminars.org. Or bookmark that page for the sign-up announcement (it shows up about a month before each major seminar and remains through the broadcast period).

Coming in October:

2011 ECK Worldwide Seminar *The Year of Graceful Living* October 21–23, 2011 Minneapolis, Minnesota

For more information or to preregister for this seminar, go to www.ECKseminars.org.

To find out if there is an Eckankar seminar in your area, go to www.ECKseminars.org, then click "Regional ECK Seminars" on the left side of the screen.

"The seminar was prepared just for me! It always amazes me that everything I need is part of the program." —LM

Helicopter Miracle

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alive were practically nonexistent.

The helicopter was now inches from the wall. *OK, Mahanta*, I thought, focusing on the divine love of my spiritual guide. *If it's my turn, at least I get to go doing something I love.*

Just as I spoke these words of surrender, a force took hold of the helicopter. Suddenly it was scooped up as if by a giant hand, like a child lifts a toy. The aircraft rose over the canyon rim, away from the fire and the sheer cliff walls. I worried about the rotors catching on the treetops, but I passed them with ease too. Even my water bucket, which could have easily caught on one of the trees and pulled me back into the fiery canyon, swung free, trailing at the end of its twenty-foot line and gliding perfectly between two trees.

I landed my aircraft, shaken and amazed at what had just happened. None of the other pilots would believe me if I told them! Such an event defied the laws of physics.

But, I realized, not the laws of Divine Spirit. With gratitude, I thanked the Mahanta for rescuing both me and my aircraft that day.

Miracles are possible, whenever we can surrender to the spirit of love.

—From the 2006 *Eckankar Journal* Back

It's a Miracle!

Jessica's doctor and Katie were both trying to get Jessica free from her medication. And when Jessica began to sing HU along with the treatments she was getting, suddenly her condition improved vastly.

Jessica said, "It's like a miracle." And Katie observed, "That's how Divine Spirit changes lives."

—From *The Call of Soul*, by Harold Klemp

Ask a Modern Prophet about Miracles in Uncertain Times

I've recently been informed that I will soon be out of a job. My career and future job possibilities here are ruined. I would be grateful to know what brought all this on.

The moment you drop your letter of request in the mailbox, the ECK begins to work to bring the spiritual upliftment that you need in times of trouble. Its first concern is that you have the purification needed to take you into the high spiritual planes.

Crises and troubles push us against the small self within us. The conflict between what we think our life should be and what the ECK has in store for us is quickly resolved in favor of the individual's spiritual growth.

The greater spiritual advances are made in times of extreme stress. When there's no place else to go, true surrender of our cares and worries to the Mahanta⁵ occurs. The Holy Spirit provides a way out of the darkest, most threatening circumstances.

—From *A Modern Prophet Answers Your Key Questions about Life*, Book 1, by Harold Klemp

For me the path of Eckankar began consciously when I was five years old. I was awakened by a being of light that came down the hall and through the open door to my room. It remained as a vortex of whirling colors of near-blinding intensity. I felt very old at that moment, not a child.

Your story of the being of light that appeared to you at age five is a treasure. It's proof in a spiritual way of Soul coming into this life for greater understanding of the invisible things.

An experience such as yours lingers at the back of the mind for years, until one day the Mahanta, the Living ECK Master reaches out his hand from the Light and Sound, and says, "You are now ready for the path of ECK."

Life then takes on a whole new meaning.

—From *Ask the Master*, Book 2, by Harold Klemp

What is a miracle? How do we open our consciousness to them all the time?

A dictionary might say that a miracle is an event that shows God's intervention in a human crisis. That's only half of it.

What if a tragedy occurs and God did not step in to avert it? No miracle? Sometimes there is, but the miracle is in how the victim responds spiritually to the tragedy. No one is immune from troubles; this is earth, you must remember.

Often, one needs to look into a past life. Ask the Mahanta to show you in some way the reason for the distressful event—and your past deeds that brought on the present troubles. Things happen to let us grow.

Stay close to the Mahanta (do your spiritual exercises) and your consciousness will naturally open to see the miracles around you every day.

—From *Youth Ask a Modern Prophet about Life, Love, and God*, by Harold Klemp

5. The Mahanta, the Living ECK Master is the spiritual leader of Eckankar, who assists spiritual students via talks and writings, in the dream state, and in the spiritual worlds.

Are You at a Spiritual Crossroads?

Are you ready to take another important step on your road to spiritual freedom and mastery?

If yes, then let's get started.

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