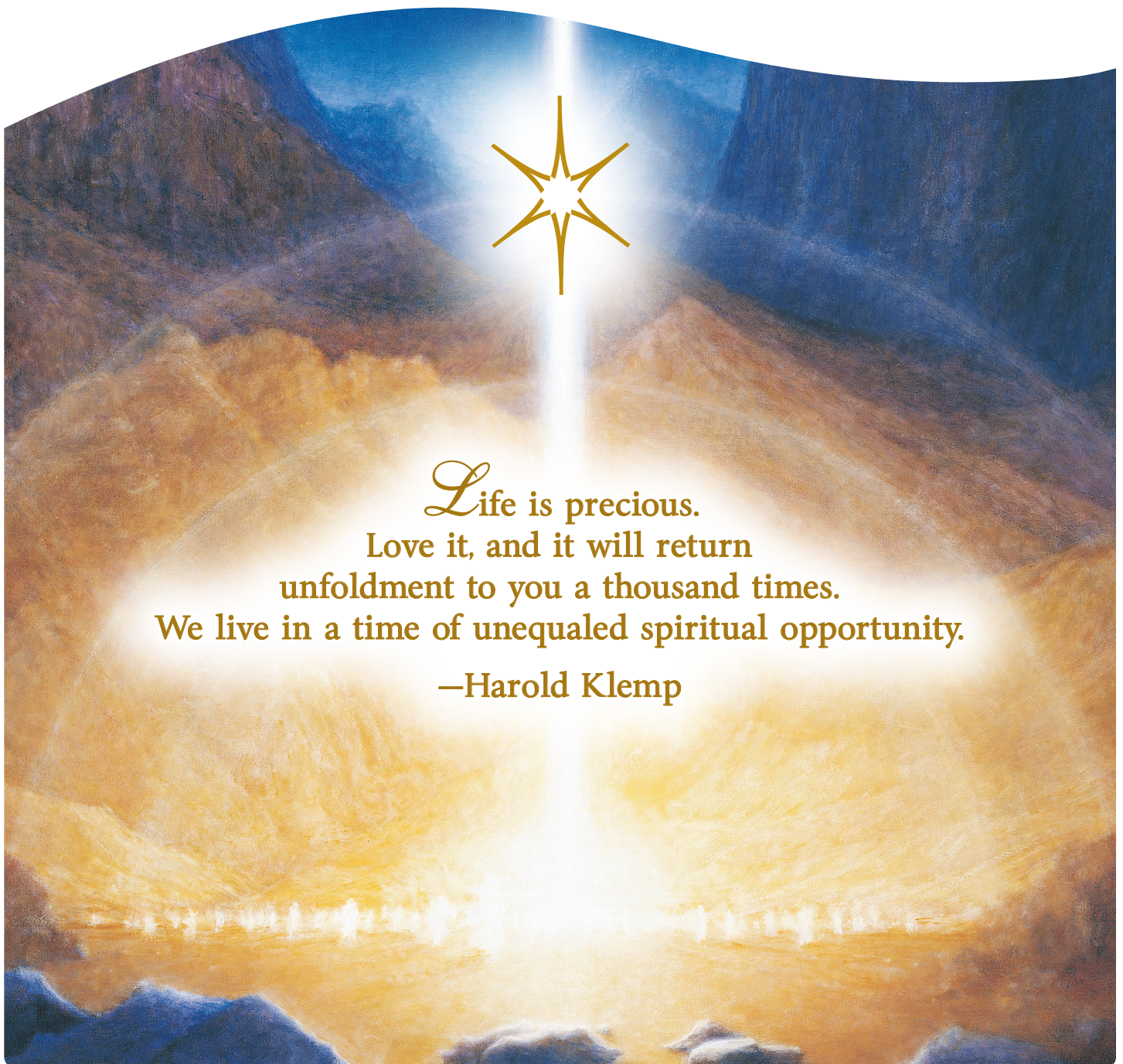


# *Welcome to History in the Making*



*Life is precious.*  
Love it, and it will return  
unfoldment to you a thousand times.  
We live in a time of unequaled spiritual opportunity.  
—Harold Klemp



# ECKANKAR's *New Spiritual Leader*

The spiritual mantle of ECKANKAR leadership was passed to the new MAHANTA, the Living ECK Master on October 22. Harold Klemp will introduce his successor—the new spiritual leader—Saturday evening, October 25.

There is always a living teacher to ensure the purity of the ECK teachings and to present them in ways that meet the spiritual needs of the times. It is an unbroken line of succession since before the dawn of history. In ancient times, the Living ECK Master's students often had to rely solely on receiving the inner dream teachings. It is only in our modern era that the outer teachings have been widely available.

As Soul, every person has the God knowledge within them. The role of the Living ECK Master has always been to awaken that knowledge and love for the divine things already within the human heart.



*Q: How is someone chosen to be the new Living ECK Master? And how do you know when it's the right time? Who chooses him, and how can you be sure?*

*A:* How did a cow and her calf find each other when separated in a herd in the old West? Easy. They were of one heart and understood a private means of communication they alone shared.

So is it between the Master and each of you.

It is even more true of chelas (spiritual students) who are spiritually ready to prepare for a chance to

move closer to, or into, the circle of special Souls in training for ECK Mastership.

The way is long and hard.

A candidate is always chosen by God, the SUGMAD. And since the MAHANTA, the Living ECK Master and all the ECK Masters, for that matter, have God Consciousness, they know who is in tune with that First Principle.

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The choice of each new Living ECK Master originates at the very top of the spiritual hierarchy—the SUGMAD.

Unlike a democratic type of government, there is no popular vote. That's a good thing, too, in light of the all-too-human leadership that people choose to represent them. A spiritual Master of the ECK Order of the VAIRAGI Adepts, you understand, is held to a standard far above that of political or ordinary human leaders.

The Christian Bible tells how to recognize righteous people. It says, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

A commitment to walk the talk and keep on the high road to God is a most difficult one. Someone with a great love for God must also have the discipline and *courage* to go in outer and inner places where those of lesser spiritual unfoldment would pale and flee.

What distinguishes the seeker? Rebazar Tarzs, a Tibetan ECK Master, tells Peddar Zaskq, his chela, it's *purity of character and ideals*. Those are but two signs of a candidate for ECK Mastership.

—Harold Klemp



## New Cycles of Light and Sound

# The Days of Light and Hope

October 22, 2025, also marks a special convergence of spiritual cycles:

## The ECK Spiritual New Year

October 22 is the traditional Spiritual New Year for ECKANKAR. This occurrence is a key turning point in the life of a spiritual student. It's a fresh start, and new opportunities for spiritual advancement are revealed to each individual through dreams, spiritual exercises, and inner guidance. It's a time for balancing one's rate of vibrations.

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Each spiritual year carries a theme providing a focus for the coming twelve months of spiritual unfoldment. These annual themes recur in a twelve-year rotation.

## A New 12-Year Spiritual Cycle Begins

With each new 12-year cycle, Soul harvests the spiritual gains of the last twelve years and moves forward into new realms of discovery, wisdom, and service. Old limitations can be resolved and new opportunities awakened.

## ECKANKAR Enters The Days of Light and Hope

The 60-year cycle (five cycles of twelve) marks the beginning of a yet higher era of creativity and spiritual awareness. This is possible when the consciousness remains attuned to the Light and Sound of God through the Spiritual Exercises of ECK.

The first 60-year cycle of modern-day ECKANKAR is known as The New Dawning. This takes in the term of Paul Twitchell, who introduced the ECK teachings to modern society, through the term of Harold Klemp, who has served as the spiritual leader since 1981.

As the second 60-year cycle begins, ECKANKAR enters into The Days of Light and Hope. The pressure from the negative power on the world consciousness will be as intense as ever, so there will be wars and rumors of war. Despite that, the followers of ECK will find new ways to make the teachings available to those who seek them.



**ECKANKAR  
is destined to  
continue to thrive  
in the future.**

—Harold Klemp