

<h1 style="text-align: center;">ECKANKAR</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">The Path of Spiritual Freedom</h2>			<h2 style="text-align: center;">December 2017</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">ECKANKAR Okanagan Public Events</h3>
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<b>North Okanagan:</b> <b>Vernon ..... More information: <a href="http://meetup.com/Vernon-Spiritual-Experiences-Group">meetup.com/Vernon-Spiritual-Experiences-Group</a></b>			
Sunday, December 17	11 am.	ECK Service of Light and Sound: "The Golden Heart, Living Life with a Loving, Aware, and Creative Attitude Toward Life"	Best Western 4790-34th. Street, Vernon (Formally, Pacific Inn)
<b>Salmon Arm Contact: Susan ... 250-308-2605 or <a href="mailto:sgketter@icloud.com">sgketter@icloud.com</a></b>			
Sunday, December 3	11 am.	Sound of Soul	Seniors' Resource Centre 320A-2nd Avenue, NE
<b>Kamloops ... Contact: Carolyn ... 250-376-8342 or <a href="mailto:w.beppe@gmail.com">w.beppe@gmail.com</a></b>			
<b>Central Okanagan:</b> <b>Kelowna ..... More information: <a href="http://meetup.com/Kelowna-Spiritual-Experiences-Group">meetup.com/Kelowna-Spiritual-Experiences-Group</a></b>			
<b>South Okanagan:</b> <b>Penticton .... More information: <a href="http://meetup.com/SouthOkanaganSpiritualExperiencesGroup/">meetup.com/SouthOkanaganSpiritualExperiencesGroup/</a></b>			
Sunday, December 10	10 am. 11 am.	Spiritual Discussion: "Call of Soul" Sound of Soul	Leir House

ECK Light and Sound Services, Community HU Songs, ECKANKAR Workshops and Open Forum Discussions are open to the general public.

### Important Dates: Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events

March 30 – April 1, ECK SPRINGTIME SEMINAR 2018 “Awaken to the Secret of Miracles”, Minneapolis, MN  
 May 18 – 20, BC ECK REGIONAL SEMINAR 2018 “How to Survive Spiritually in Our Times”,  
 Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney, Vancouver Island, BC Guest Speaker: Susan Miller, President of ECKANKAR

**RESA Notices:** The Regional ECK Spiritual Aide (RESA) occasionally sends out email notices about activities and announcements of interest to chelas across the province. This is a private list, and your email address will not be distributed or given out to anyone without your permission.

If you would like to be included in any news via email from the RESA of BC, please email: [resa@eckankar-bc.ca](mailto:resa@eckankar-bc.ca)

## **Initiations and ESA Sessions**

Please, contact Bob Switzer, BC Spiritual Services Coordinator, to request an Initiation or ESA Session.

Bob has an up-to-date list of Initiators and ESAs throughout the province and can be reached at (778) 478-2054 or [grobertswitzer@hotmail.com](mailto:grobertswitzer@hotmail.com)

## **ESA Sessions**

An ECK Spiritual Aide session, though not counseling, can help you find your own answers in challenging situations through the personal guidance of Divine Spirit. The ESA session is conducted by an ECK Spiritual Aide, a specially appointed and trained ECK cleric.

There are no fees for the above services, but ECK clerics accept donations to ECKANKAR. For more information, contact your local area Spiritual Services Coordinator.

### ***Did you know...?***

An ECK Spiritual Aide (ESA) Session Can Be Offered to a Member of the Public. An ESA session, though not counseling, can help one find their own answers in challenging situations through the personal guidance of Divine Spirit. It is of a sacred and confidential nature.

An ESA session is a request for spiritual assistance ONLY to help one gain an understanding of the spiritual aspect of one's life or a specific situation. The ESA session is a way of asking Spirit, God, for help and spiritual understanding. The sessions are private, between one recipient and one ESA. The ESA acts as a listener not as a counselor.

## **Initiation – as described in A Cosmic Sea of Words – THE ECKANKAR Lexicon**

The basic sacrament in ECK; the first step on the path to God via the ECK; the structure upon which the whole foundation of the spiritual works is built; the means by which the sacred forces within the individual are reactivated to increase and confer within SOUL, the AWARENESS of the supernatural state of life.

Initiations are given only to people who have received a pink slip from the Living ECK Master. For more information, contact your local area Spiritual Services Coordinator.

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