

WHAT DO YOU SAY WHEN . . .

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You run into someone who says, “I’ve heard you’re in Eckankar.” You affirm it. But what do you say then? How will you respond to questions like the following?

THE SEEKER’S QUESTIONS WILL OFTEN BE MUCH LIKE THESE. REMEMBER, THE MASTER HAS GONE ON BEFORE YOU.

1. “Can you describe Eckankar and its beliefs?”

A: It is the Path of Spiritual Freedom. The ECK teachings define the nature of Soul and declare that we are a particle of God sent into this world to gain many rich spiritual experiences.

2. “How is Eckankar similar to or different from some of the more well-known religions?”

A: Their followers believe they *have* a Soul. Instead, we know we *are* Soul and have a human body! And like some other religions, we know karma and reincarnation are real.

3. "So what is your goal in Eckankar?"

A: Our goal is to learn to love as God loves. We aim to gain spiritual freedom in this lifetime and then become a Co-worker with God, both here and in the next world.

4. "What one thing would you share with someone wanting to understand Eckankar?"

A: I would share HU, the sacred name of God. Sung just minutes a day, HU will lift one spiritually into the Light and Sound of God. The Light and Sound are the Holy Spirit. We call It the ECK.

5. "Who is the Living ECK Master, and what is his role?"

A: He is Sri Harold Klemp, the key to the ECK teachings. He has the God-given ability to act as both the Inner and Outer Master for ECK students, to help them in their dreams and daily life. Given respect, he is never worshipped.

6. "Can you describe your involvement in the community? Do you participate in service activities?"

A: As individuals we donate to organizations and serve others in the community as we choose. Such choices go hand in hand with our spiritual freedom and right to do so.

7. "What is your financial structure?"

A: It is one based on donations.

One can become a full member of Eckankar for as little as five dollars a month or even less. People who can, often give more,

simply because they want to pass along the gifts of Spirit. So we offer donation ranges to all and ask members to give as they are able.

8. “I just looked you up on the internet, and one of the things I found was people calling Eckankar a cult. What makes people think that, and how do you respond?”

A: People often fear the unknown. When we first came to Chanhassen, Minnesota, a few decades ago, some residents were unsure about us. Would we fit in? But they’ve since come to know us as friends and good neighbors.

9. “Where can people go to learn more about Eckankar?”

A: Go to Eckankar.org. The site features some of Sri Harold Klemp’s talks on video and audio recordings. His talks focus on spiritual principles made clear with stories.

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You’ll find this information useful if you are asked about Eckankar. The seeker’s questions will often be much like the ones above. Remember, the Master has gone on before you.

With love and thanks,

A handwritten signature in gold ink that reads "Harold". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a horizontal gold line.