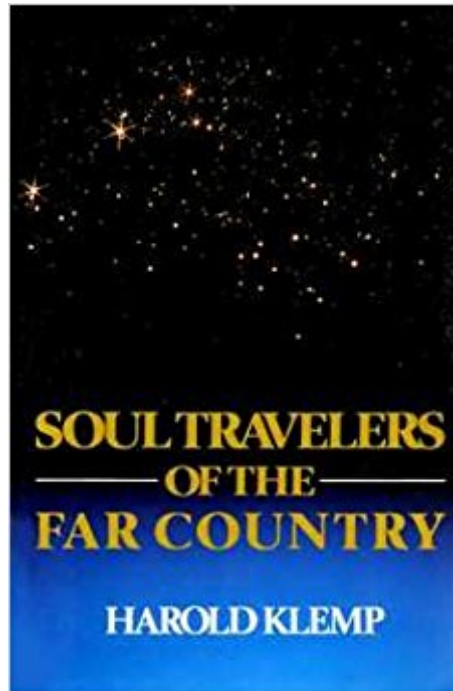




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It's not about Harold Klemp or Darwin Gross " The individual Man " It's about being about to wake ourselves up spiritually by using guidance and techniques that work. Harold Klemp and Eckankar have helped me with this. I understand myself better now.

loved it

Excellent

Harold Klemp, current spiritual leader of Eckankar, tries to convince the reader that he is the highest consciousness in any universe of God (Sugmad). Paul Twitchell created Eckankar in 1965 and made himself grand master of all masters. Twitchell actually created the Mahanta (Inner Master) position in 1969. In September of 1971 Twitchell died and one month later (Oct. 22nd, Twitchell's birthday) Darwin Gross was appointed as Mahanta, the Living Eck Master. Twitchell had not designed a replacement so Twitchell's widow had a dream (supposedly) where Gross was anointed (on the inner planes) as the Mahanta. Shortly after this Twitchell's widow (Gail) married Gross (very convenient). Gross divorced Gail after several years and remarried. After ten years as the leader of Eckankar Gross approached Klemp to share the position as co-masters, but legally made Klemp the Living Eck Master. After two years Klemp and Gross had a falling out of opinion and Klemp was legally able to ouster Gross. Now Klemp claims to be higher than "God" as the Mahanta. Eckists view the "God" of all religions to be no higher than 4th plane (Mental Plane). The Mahanta resides on the 14th plane. The God of Eckists (Sugmad) exists beyond concept. However, while Self-Mastery is supposed to be a goal... Eckists are taught to be reliant upon the fictional Mahanta for everything.

I know that the review from - theworld (Seattle, WA USA) - was written long ago but I just couldn't allow his incorrect words go uncontested. First - His comments about the "Dogma" of ECK is

absolutely unfounded.. There is no Dogma in Eckankar! That's what drew me to the Teachings in the first place. No 'Holidays", no celebrating anyone's birthday (I don't even know when Harold Klemp's birthday is.) and no "religious celebrations". One day is noted as being the beginning of the New Spiritual Year - not celebrated, just noted. It's just a calendar thing. Secondly - the restriction against drinking only comes into effect IF someone wishes to advance beyond a certain level of Consciousness, and that's a pretty far advanced state. It's a small price to pay for the Awakening received. Smoking is not "forbidden" either, but it's made known that smoking does interfere with/retard your inner experiences. You are encouraged to consider eliminating the habit,... which you can receive inner guidance and help for. Thirdly - Eckankar teaches us we are all given free will but that that ALL choices have consequences. We make our decisions on the manner in which we wish to live, based on the full knowledge that there is a price to pay for wrong choices. This 'price' is NOT decided by other members of Eckankar, as it is with many other paths. The price is set by God, and no one but you will know what the price you'll pay is. But, believe me, it's quite exacting. If you find yourself with more questions than you can find answers for, go to the library and browse a few ECK books and see if you feel a kinship with what you read. Or go to any Eckankar Center and ask for some free informational literature. Then,... Enjoy the Miraculous Journey to knowing your True Self, and a greater understanding of your relationship with our Creator. Baraka Bashad! --- May the Blessings Be.

I am a member of Eckankar since 1970... and I still am today (we're now in 2011), even after all the "good and bad" things that have been said about it. I tried the HU, and other spiritual exercises taught in Eckankar. I tried them for a looonng time before I finally had some results. I also play classical guitar. In the 70's, a friend of mine taught me how to play the basics. I practice for a few weeks before I had enough (my fingers were unbearably sensitive!) I decided to stop, thinking I knew what it was playing guitar. Then later, I saw a jazz guitar player... I wanted to play like him. So, I went back to practice, and 30 years later, I play jazz, classical, rag, and many other types of music for guitar. It takes practice to achieve any skill! The same with the teachings of Eckankar. In this teaching, one has a choice between learning theories about the "inner worlds", or practicing the same theories in order to experiment those same inner worlds! But practice is hard, it takes so "precious" time, it needs personal discipline... so many things most people don't have, or simply don't care about! A couple of years after I joined Eckankar, I had personal experiences with the spiritual leader, called the the Mahanta, the Living Eck Master, on some inner plane. They were not dreams, but more real than day-to-day life! He showed me the difference between "astral travel" and

"Soul Travel". The first one is a limited form of movement, limited to the astral and physical plane. And Soul Travel is a limitless form of movement, where you, Soul, are able to move about on any planes, within any dimensions. Yet, I can't prove anything to anyone though I proved it to myself, which is sufficient. Practice, practice and practice makes a good guitarist. The same is true for a Soul Traveler!

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