



*What Does
it Mean
to Be Spiritual?*

2019
ECK European Seminar

August 2-4
Congress Center
Biel | Bienne
Switzerland

«When we are walking in Spirit,
we have awareness and happiness.
We have a life of action.
This is the way of divine love.»

— Harold Klemp,
Love – The Keystone of Life, p. 66



ECKANKAR
The Path of Spiritual Freedom

Welcome to the 2019 ECK European Seminar «What Does it Mean to Be Spiritual?»

Do you sometimes feel that the deeper meaning of life gets lost in the hustle and bustle of today's world, with all its demands and expectations? Do you wonder at times if this is all there is to life? Or have you already reached out consciously in search of the common thread behind all daily events?

The 2019 ECK European Seminar will offer spiritual tools to not only help you discover a deeper sense of purpose, but also to use in everyday life, in your relationships and in dealing with life's challenges. Find inspiration in a wide variety of talks, workshops, roundtables, creative arts, and singing HU (a love song to God) together. Insights gained can help you find a deeper connection within yourself and lead you to a happier, freer life.



Guest Speakers Jane and Stan Burgess

Jane and Stan Burgess profoundly love the ECK teachings which have transformed their lives into a daily spiritual adventure. They both serve as ECK clergy and enjoy how the ECK, divine love, touches all life. This inspires their involvement with family, work, art, and the love of nature.

Jane and Stan live in Minneapolis, Minnesota (USA) where both work at the Eckankar Spiritual Center. Working with ECK artists around the world, they have been involved with the production and printing of the ECK materials. They have also contributed their own illustrations to ECK publications. They see ECK seminars to be outstanding vehicles for spiritual growth and are delighted to share this special opportunity with you.

For Guests

If you are new to Eckankar (not a member), you are welcome to attend one day of the seminar as our guest (free of charge). Please visit the registration table for your seminar badge. Especially for guests, on Saturday afternoon (1:30 to 3:00), there will be two readings with discussion – one in German and one in French.

Children, Youth and Families

There are special seminar programs for children (ages 5-8 and 9-12) as well as for youth (ages 13-17) with creative workshops, an ECK Olympics, a chat with the guest speakers (youth only), and much more. For parents with small children a family room is available, as well as a supervised handicraft table in the main hall.



Program Preview (subject to change)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 (pre-seminar activities)

14:00-17:45 Registration open
18:00-18:45 HU Song and volunteers
meeting (for all ECKists)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

09:15-09:45 HU Song
10:00-17:00 Workshops and roundtables
13:30-15:00 Readings with discussion
for guests
15:30-17:00 Outdoor workshop
19:00-21:00 Main program with talk by
the guest speakers

Languages and Translations

The seminar language is English. Some events are in German and/or French, as well as a few roundtables in Italian or Spanish. The main program as well as some workshops are simultaneously translated into German, French, and to some extent Italian. Please reserve headsets in advance by registering for the seminar online or through the mail.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

09:15-09:45 HU Song
10:00-11:30 ECK High Initiates meeting
(for 5th Initiates and above)
10:00-17:00 Workshops and
roundtables
19:00-21:00 Main program
21:30-23:00 ECK dance

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

09:15-09:45 HU Song
10:00-12:00 Main program with talk by
the guest speakers



Bookroom and ECK Art Gallery

In the bookroom you will find a large selection of ECK literature and other ECK materials in various languages, including the latest books by Harold Klemp. The art gallery presents artwork by members of Eckankar. Allow yourself to be touched and inspired!

Getting There

The congress center is situated in the center of Biel/Bienne, five minutes walking distance from the train station. Biel/Bienne can be reached in less than two hours via public transport from the airports of Zurich, Geneva, Basel-Mulhouse, or Bern.

Registration/Housing

Please register online via the links at www.eckankar.ch or by using the enclosed form. We recommend to book your accommodation well in advance, as there will be a major event in Biel at the same time. For general tourist information on the region, please see www.biel-seeland.ch



- K Congress Center
- 1 Art Déco Hotel Elite ****
- 2 Accor Hotel Mercure Plaza Biel ****
- 3 City Hotel Biel/Bienne ***
- 4 Hotel Dufour ***
- 5 Lago Lodge (backpackers)
- 6 Hotel Metropol ***
- 7 Hotel Drei Rosen ***
- 8 Swiss Olympic House ***
- 9 Hotel Schlössli Ipsach ****

Special Information

On August 1, Switzerland celebrates its national holiday with fireworks and traditional big bonfires on mountain tops. One of Switzerland's most extensive firework displays takes place over Lake Biel after dark on the evening of July 31.

Parking is available in a parking garage directly next to the congress center. Parking fees in the whole city of Biel/Bienne are relatively high. We recommend using public transport.

Further information can be found at www.eckankar.ch

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