

SPOTLIGHT ON ECK FAMILIES

THE MAHANTA TRANSCENDS ALL LANGUAGES

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When my son Maulani was a baby, I knew it was important to make sure he knew the Mahanta. I would take him to the ECK Center and show him pictures of the ECK Masters, and he would happily “talk” with all of them in his own baby language.



Whenever I look at a child, I see a little adult. Mighty oaks from acorns grow. There’s no impulse to talk down to children once you realize they are Souls returned from an older time and place.

—Sri Harold Klemp,
Is Life a Random Walk?, p. 7

I also played videos of the Mahanta’s talks for him. Although I speak Spanish, and the videos were in English, I trusted that my son would hear the voice of the Inner Master, which transcends all languages.

One day, while a video of Sri Harold was playing, I was shocked to hear my son ask, “Is that God?” I was amazed because he was only eight months old, and because his words were English, just like the Master’s talks! His dark eyes were full of light,

and I was deeply touched. Already, he had made his own special connection with the Mahanta, who can lead him home to God.

When he got a little older, my son entered kindergarten at a school run by nuns. Every Friday, they taught lessons about their faith and beliefs. My son was not comfortable with this. He told me, “Mom, they are giving me classes I don’t want. I am with the Mahanta.”

One day, a nun called me. She was full of concern because Maulani had told them he was with a friend of Jesus. Since the nuns were teaching classes about Jesus and the saints, they felt this might confuse the other

children. They asked if I would mind if Maulani did not attend the Friday classes, and I agreed.

Not long afterward, Maulani and I were out walking, when he saw a church. He asked me, “Mom, is this Jesus’s church?” When I said yes, he asked if we could go in.

Inside the church, there was a framed picture of Jesus’s mother. I watched as my son approached the picture and lovingly explained, “Maria, please, I am with the Mahanta. I hope you and Jesus will understand, but the Mahanta is my spiritual teacher.” Then he turned around and said, “We can go now.”

I felt so much love, gratitude, and happiness in my heart, because I realized my son had established a true relationship with the Master, one which clearly began many lifetimes ago.

Today, when I ask him who the Mahanta is to him, my son replies, “He is my Inner Master who works with God. He is my friend who guides and protects me. Sometimes I ask him things, and he answers me. And sometimes he calls me by my name.”

Tips for ECK Focus in Your Family

- Study the ECK youth discourses with your child.
- Sing HU together, and do the Spiritual Exercises of ECK as a family.
- Create your own spiritual exercises with your children.
- Read together from the ECK works. Any of the ECK Parables books is a great place to start.
- Declare yourself a vehicle for the Mahanta at home.
- Bring the ECK teachings to life by discussing the spiritual principles you see in favorite books and movies.
- Study *Your Children and the ECK Discourses—A Handbook for ECK Parents*, by Paul Twitchell. It is an invaluable resource for ECK parents everywhere!

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