

SPOTLIGHT ON ECK FAMILIES

Satsang Smiles

The next generation of spiritual explorers at a Satsang class on *The ECK Teenie 1 Discourses* in Cotonou, Benin, June 2016.



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I get that special feeling when I think of my friend, the Mahanta. A smile comes into my eyes, and sometimes I laugh out loud!

—*The ECK Teenie 1 Discourses*, p. 66

Second Initiation Blessings

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Recently, I became a mom to a beautiful Soul, my son, Visalramji.

The greatest gift arrived from the ECK and the Mahanta: a month after he was born, my son received his ECK membership card, affirming his Second Initiation.

For me, this is a celebration of life itself—a gift from SUGMAD, the ECK, and the Mahanta through the blessings of the Second Initiation.

Visalramji is so blessed to

receive this initiation and start his journey in ECK at such a young age.

I am very grateful to the ECK for always showering me and my family with Its blessings, love, guidance, and protection.

Thank you, Mahanta, for my son. And I am looking forward to all the experiences he and I will share in this lifetime.



Did You Know . . . ?

ECK children share all the benefits of their parent's Second Initiation, whether or not the children are present at the initiation ceremony.

✦ Tips from Sri Harold

What Time Did God Start?

Q: My seven-year-old son has asked me when God started. I have told him God is without beginning or end, but he wants to go to the time God started, in a time-travel machine. Mahanta, how do I answer his questions?

A: The questions from your son have been on my mind for some time. Children do want to know the ultimate mysteries of God, sometimes

astounding adults who pass them off as foolish.

Tell your son that the Inner Master will have to show him why God did not

start like everything else. To do this, help him draw a time machine on a piece of paper—one that satisfies him as being a worthy space

HELP HIM DRAW A TIME MACHINE. PUT A SEAT IN FOR THE MAHANTA.

vessel to undertake such a noble venture. Put a seat in for the Mahanta, the Living ECK Master.

Tell him to think of his time-travel machine at bedtime and ask the Mahanta to show him what he needs to know about God. If this is the will of the ECK, he will find the need for that question to be fulfilled.

Show Your Love

Q: How would an ECK Master help the youth to become interested in doing the Spiritual Exercises of ECK?

A: Keep the Spiritual Exercises of ECK short, to fit the attention span of each child. Ask each to share inner experiences if so wished. And do family HU chants.

Best, show your love for your children. And for the spiritual exercises.

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