

What Happens During the ECK Initiation?



The Second Initiation is important because here is the point where the Inner Master begins to give the secret doctrines in earnest.



—Sri Harold Klemp

Why is the Second Initiation so important?

Initiation offers transformation.

The MAHANTA, the Living ECK Master links you with the Sound Current, and you receive your own secret word.

This word is a tuning fork—a master key to your spiritual progress.

It is a gift from God.

Initiation opens you to a greater stream of love, wisdom, and power. It brings more spiritual purity. More awareness.

Life-changing blessings await you.

- You are freed from the wheel of incarnations in this physical world.
- Your karma is taken over by the MAHANTA, the Living ECK Master and given back to you to work off in an orderly manner, sometimes in the dream state.
- You can receive advanced discourses and special inner and outer training toward your first spiritual goal of Self-Realization.



How does the initiation occur?

The MAHANTA gave the First Initiation inwardly, in the dream state, during your first year of ECK study.

The Second Initiation is both an inner and an outer ceremony.

The Master will send you an invitation—a pink initiation slip for you to present to an ECK Initiator. You meet with the Initiator, often in a private, quiet place for about an hour.

It is always the MAHANTA who gives the ECK initiation. The Master selects and trains ECK Initiators to help with the outer initiation as his humble vehicles.



What happens during the ceremony?

The ceremony is a sacred spiritual event of simplicity, grace, and beauty. It brings you closer to the ECK, the Holy Spirit.

During the ceremony the Initiator gives you your personal secret word. It fits your vibrations and opens your Spiritual Eye.

You will do a short spiritual exercise. It is much like those you already do at home.



What happens on the inner?

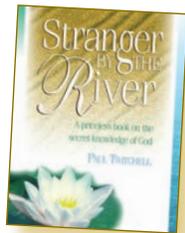
On the inner planes the MAHANTA comes to you in a sparkling body of light. He connects you with the Light and Sound of God and firmly plants your feet on the road home to God.

You may sit down together on the banks of the River of God and discuss the magnificent ECK.

Although you may or may not be aware of all that goes on during the initiation, you certainly do enter a greater state of the Light and Sound of God.

To better understand the bond of divine love between you and the MAHANTA, read *Stranger by the River*.

In time, you will remember all that is necessary for your continued unfoldment.



How will I be different?

An initiate of the Second Circle sees more, understands more. Like a soaring hot-air balloon, the higher you go, the greater your scope, and the better you are able to arrange your life.

Initiation in ECK gives you more ability to handle fear, guilt, and uncertainty. In their place come humility, a more grateful heart, courage, dignity, and joy.



You are the awakened Soul.

Through dreams, insights, and spiritual revelations, **the MAHANTA will awaken you to a new and higher purpose** in your spiritual life—the secret of true living.

You may notice an awakened desire to serve God with more devotion. This may appear as

- renewed enthusiasm for life;
- giving more love, service, and goodwill to all;
- feeling a closer bond with the inner and outer community of ECK.

Some ECK Initiates feel the gentle love and guidance of the ECK and the MAHANTA, the

Living ECK Master almost at once. For others, it takes longer.

Be patient. There is no rush. Begin with where you are today. Enjoy your spiritual journey.



What is the commitment I am making?

You are dedicating your spiritual life to the Holy Spirit, the divine ECK, under the guidance of the MAHANTA, the Living ECK Master.

In return, the MAHANTA will help you see the spiritual opportunities hidden in every event and circumstance of your life.

This life is your personal path to God.



Can I include my family in my Second Initiation?

The love of the MAHANTA includes your family. You may invite family members who live with you to take the Second Initiation with you whether they are members of ECKANKAR or not.

Your children (through age 17) can share the Second Initiation with you, whether or not they attend the ceremony.

Or family members may come just to observe. The love and protection of the MAHANTA will be with them too, drawing each of them closer to God.



How will I know I am ready?

This invitation from the Master to request your Second Initiation comes when you are spiritually ready.

The gift is ready to be given and awaits your acceptance. You may take the initiation whenever you are willing.



The Path of Spiritual Freedom