

# Passing of the Rod of ECK Power



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The age-old initiation, given by the SUGMAD alone, which transfers spiritual authority from the departing Living ECK Master to the new one. **The outgoing MAHANTA, the Living ECK Master names his successor**—a Twelfth Initiate or higher—and the Rod of ECK Power is passed to him.

## October 22

This rite, overseen by Yaubl Sacabi, traditionally occurs at midnight leading up to October 22, at the Oracle of Tirmer, in the Valley of Shangta, near the Katsupari Monastery.

All the ECK Masters gather in the Valley of Shangta to see the departing Master pass the Rod of ECK Power to his successor, and to greet him.

Nearby gather ECK Initiates of every level who have a special need to be there.

Prior to the ceremony, **the spiritual hierarchy, reflecting the will of the SUGMAD, has made the decision as to who is the most qualified in the Order of the VAIRAGI to become the next Living ECK Master**. All the ECK Masters have had a close interest in the candidate's spiritual education, though the current Living ECK Master handles the final phase of training.

The new Living ECK Master, upon acceptance of his mission, is given recognition in the Order of the VAIRAGI as the key vehicle for the primordial MAHANTA, the sublime ECK in expression at the highest level. His instructions now come directly from the Source of Life Itself. Henceforth the will of the SUGMAD determines his actions on a grand scale.

The passing of the Rod of ECK Power is the marriage of the macrocosm and microcosm in him.

**The change in spiritual leadership is always a step forward for the consciousness of the worlds.**

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## Rod of ECK Power

The Rod of ECK Power is the spiritual scepter of the Living ECK Master.

It is not an object that can be seen or handled, but rather **the power of ECK that comes through the Living ECK Master in order to sustain the creations of God.**

It is a concentration of Sound and Light, the power of the Word bestowed by the SUGMAD, that works through the Living ECK Master and is inseparable from him.

With the Rod of ECK Power comes the all-seeing and all-knowing vision and power of the MAHANTA Consciousness. **As long as the Living ECK Master holds the Rod of ECK Power, he is the chief agent of the SUGMAD in all Its worlds.**



## *The Inner and Outer Master*

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The Inner and Outer Master are **two different aspects of one being—the MAHANTA, the Living ECK Master.**

It is the role of the Outer Master to keep the sacred teachings of Light and Sound available and attuned to the spiritual needs and consciousness of the people of the day.

**The Inner Master is the Light and Sound blended; the highest form of all love; the inner form of the Living ECK Master.**

The Inner Master, the MAHANTA, customizes the path to exactly fit the spiritual needs of each individual. This is done via dream teachings, inner guidance, Soul Travel, and one's contemplation. The Inner Master is Divine Spirit Itself.