

ECK Master's Training



Q: How is someone chosen to be the new Living ECK Master? And how do you know when it's the right time? Who chooses him, and how can you be sure?

A: How did a cow and her calf find each other when separated in a herd in the old West? Easy. They were of one heart and understood a private means of communication they alone shared.

So is it between the Master and each of you.

It is even more true of chelas (spiritual students) who are spiritually ready to prepare for a chance to move closer to, or into, the circle of special Souls in training for ECK Mastership.

The way is long and hard.

A candidate is always chosen by God, the SUGMAD. And since the MAHANTA, the Living ECK Master and all the ECK Masters, for that matter, have God Consciousness, they know who is in tune with that First Principle.

The choice of each new Living ECK Master originates at the very top of the spiritual hierarchy—the SUGMAD.

Unlike a democratic type of government, there is no popular vote. That's a good thing,

too, in light of the all-too-human leadership that people choose to represent them. A spiritual Master of the ECK Order of the VAIRAGI Adepts, you understand, is held to a standard far above that of political or ordinary human leaders.

The Christian Bible tells how to recognize righteous people. It says, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

A commitment to walk the talk and keep on the high road to God is a most difficult one. Someone with a great love for God must also have the discipline and *courage* to go in outer and inner places where those of lesser spiritual unfoldment would pale and flee.

What distinguishes the seeker? Rebazar Tarzs, a Tibetan ECK Master, tells Peddar Zaskq, his chela, it's *purity of character and ideals*. Those are but two signs of a candidate for ECK Mastership.

—Sri Harold Klemp,
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