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LOOKING FOR THE SILVER LINING

By Jeana Davis

When events happen in my life, I try not to label them, good or bad. I look for the lesson or blessings of the situation. Perhaps it is why this little story about a Zen Master appealed to me so much.

Among the followers of this Master were parents of a boy who very much wanted a horse. After a time, the parents were able to buy their son a horse. Everyone said, "This is wonderful." The Zen Master said, "we'll see."

Sometime later the boy fell from the horse and broke his leg. Everyone said, "This is bad." The Zen Master said, "We'll see."

The fall left the boy with a bad limp, so that when the draft for soldiers was instated, he was ineligible. Everyone said, "This is good." The Zen Master said, "We'll see."

You can read the entire story in <https://www.eckankar.org/ebooklets/>

—Harold Klemp. *Spiritual Stress Relief*, p.4

As the story points out, it is not always easy when you are in the middle of the situation to see the larger picture. I have a friend who would say, "when you are waist deep in water surrounded by alligators it's not easy to remember your objective." It is granted that hindsight and perspective are good tools. Singing *HU* and using our creative imagination are also good tools.

This past summer in June Tulsa experienced a "derecho," a windstorm like no other. Keep in mind we are used to tornados, but I remember at 3 a.m. standing in my living room and feeling the wind inside the house!

By the light of day, I could see that the house survived, but the tree limb hanging over the kitchen had been blown off the tree and now covered the car. Listening to the news I learned that winds were over 100 miles per hour. Overall, I was in a better situation than most in our city.

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A dear friend brought his chainsaw and cut the branches away so I could access the damage to the car. My insurance company told me to send pictures and go get a rental car. Well, I was not the only one with a damaged car—there were no rental cars to be had. I vacuumed up the glass and water, tested tires and checked the engine. The car was sound. I could use my own car and within a week had a new one. During the process there were so many incidents with the insurance company,

with the car dealership that could have been labeled as “good” or “bad.” I tried to remain neutral, singing *HU* helps a lot!

In the end I have a new vehicle and in the larger picture I am in a much better situation.

To learn more about singing *HU* and a great way to handle life situations I recommend, *Secrets of Divine Creativity* by Harold Klemp. It’s available to read or download at this link:

<https://www.eckankar.org/ebooklets/>

PUBLIC Zoom Links April

<http://tinyurl.com/11amSunELSS>

ECK Light and Sound Service
ECK Temple of North Texas

(1st Sunday) 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

"The Transcendence of Love"

<http://tinyurl.com/5pThirdSun>

(3rd Sunday) 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Are Dreams a True Reality? Ages 18–40



<http://tinyurl.com/1130aFourthSunSoS>

(4th Sunday) 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

OK Sound of Soul Event **Apr**

ALTERNATING WITH

<http://tinyurl.com/1130aFourthSunSD>

(4th Sunday) 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

OK Spiritual Discussion **May**

<http://tinyurl.com/5pmFourthSunSoS>

(4th Sunday) 5:00–6:00 p.m.

A Sound of Soul Event **May**

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(4th Sunday) 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Spiritual Discussion **Apr**