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## *A Learner's Pilgrimage to*

# THE ECKHART CONFERENCE, THE ENGLISH SAINTS, AND SITES

*\$3299 cash or check discount price/ \$3450 Regular Price*

**10 DAYS: SEPT 15 - 24, 2022**  
Roundtrip airfare from Major US Airports

**Under the Direction of  
Father Michael Demkovich**

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Canterbury
- Cliffs of Dover
- Oxford
- London
- Cambridge
- Westminster
- Eckhart Conference
- Walsingham



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT THIS PILGRIMAGE





**High Leigh Conference Center**

## Day by Day Itinerary

**September 15: Day 1 Depart USA:** Today we board our flights to the UK with meals and beverages served aloft.

**September 16 Day 2:** Arrival at Heathrow Airport to collect luggage and customs at which point you will be greeted by Holy Land Travel Center Representative and board our coach. Time permitting, we will stop for lunch before a midafternoon arrival at High Leigh Conference Center. Conference Registration and dinner before the first conference session begins. After there will be a Social in the on-site pub.

**September 17 Day 3:** See conference details page below for more information.

**September 18 Day 4:** Breakfast at conference center. Catholic Mass. Session Four and General Assembly. Lunch. After conference activities are sojourned, we will take an afternoon coach to London for check-in to our hotel and an evening free for activities.

**Overnight:** London (Breakfast)

**September 19 Day 5 Early Christianity In England:** After breakfast, we will depart from London and head to the birthplace of Christianity in England, the city of Canterbury where you have time to explore the ruins of Canterbury Abbey to learn about St. Anselm of Canterbury taking a stroll along the picturesque cobbled streets. We will tour the Roman City of Canterbury, the Cathedral of Canterbury, learn of Thomas á Becket, Christianity in England as Roman Catholicism and the Church of England. We will have time for a quick pint and some pub grub before

departing for the Cliffs of Dover. The tour continues with a walk along the White Cliffs of Dover to witness the breathtaking views of the cliffs and look out over the English Channel. We will continue on to Margate for a cooling summer walk on the beach. Afterwards, we will return to London for an evening free to eat and explore. Father Mike highly recommends one of London's walking tours like London Walks! <https://www.walks.com>

**Overnight:** London (Breakfast)

**September 20 Day 6: English Revival of Catholic Intellectual Life:** Today we will depart on our excursion after breakfast first driving out to Stonehenge for a tour before continuing on to Downton Abbey's Highclere Castle for a guided tour. Next, we will take our coach to Oxford home of St. John Cardinal Newman, the Inklings (Tolkien, C.S. Lewis) and

**Highclere Castle**



the famous Eagle and Child Pub where they met. We will briefly visit Blackfriars Hall, where Bede Jarret, and others contributed to the English Catholic revival. It is now the house of the studies of the English Dominicans, where Timothy Radcliffe is assigned. We will have just enough time for a short trip to Blenheim Palace (Churchill's childhood home) before our ride back to London. Evening Free.

**Overnight:** London (Breakfast)

**September 21 Day 7: Our Lady and The English Dowry to**

**Mary:** This morning, after breakfast you will depart for a full day excursion to Cambridge and Walsingham. In Cambridge, you will visit Kings College, founded by King Henry VI in 1441. The college chapel is noteworthy for being the greatest example of Gothic architecture, and their chapel's choir is world renown. We will also visit the Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs. We will then travel to Ely with its historic Anglo-Saxon Abby and majestic Cathedral which is also site of the Cromwell Reforms and English Protestantism. Next, we will continue on to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, which was established in 1061. According to the text of the Pynson Ballad, after much prayer, Our Lady led Richeldis de Faverches to Nazareth and saw the house where the Annunciation occurred. Faverches felt Our Lady's call to replicate the house in the town of Walsingham. You will continue on to Norwich to visit the anchor of Dame Julian of Norwich and grab a quick bite. Your day will culminate as you board the bus and head back to London for dinner and overnight at your hotel.

**Overnight:** London (Breakfast)

**September 22 Day 8: Catholic and Protestant London:**

Today we will visit St James Palace, which has been the setting for some of the most important events in Royal history, having been a residence of Kings and Queens of England for over 300 years until the reign of Queen Victoria. We will continue on to Buckingham Palace, the homestead of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II, Westminster Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Parliament, Big Ben and Westminster Bridge. We will go by boat along the Thames

**Westminster Abbey**



passing London Eye, Festival Hall, National Theatre, and Shakespeare Globe, to the Tower of London. Walk from Tower of London to St. Paul's Cathedral (approx. 30 min) then stop off at Blackfriars Pub before we part. Lunch and afternoon free (shopping, Camden Towne, Hampstead Heath, National Shrine to the Holy Rosary)

**Overnight:** London (Breakfast)

**September 23 Day 9: Free Day:** Today is left free to explore and enjoy all that London has to offer.

**Overnight:** London (Breakfast)

**September 24 Day 10: Return Home:** Today we board our return flights home with memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.

**Pilgrimage Details**

**PRICE PER PERSON**

Double occupancy with base airfare **\$3299.00\***

\*Discount check price

**OPTIONS:**

- For a single room: add \$850
- Land only option: \$2399 (no flights or airport transfers included)
- Travel Insurance: add \$174

<b>FIRST DEPOSIT</b>	\$500	DUE: NOW
<b>SECOND PAYMENT</b>	\$1249	DUE: APRIL 18, 2022
<b>THIRD PAYMENT</b>	\$1000	DUE: JUNE 17, 2022
<b>FINAL PAYMENT</b>	REMAINING	DUE: AUGUST 1, 2022

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip airfare
- All excursions
- 8 nights' accommodation
- Eckhart Society Conference Ticket & Accommodations
- Tour guide / Tour escort

*Rate does not include: gratuities, lunches, drinks with meals*

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## Terms & Conditions

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**DOCUMENTS:** US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

**REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:** Deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form on or before. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC. A second payment of \$1249 is required on or before 150 days prior to departure. A third payment of \$1000 is due 90 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to \$50 late fee. HLTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid 30 days prior to departure and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

**INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS:** Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after HLTC receives your signed cancellation, HLTC will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule:

In addition to any cancellation fees specific to your tour found on your tour brochure, the following fees apply.

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- 2) From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$350 + 20% of total price.
- 3) From 59 days to 8 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$350 + 50% of total price.
- 4) From 7 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** Travel insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection. If you do not wish to purchase now, the plan can be purchased any time prior to departure date. If you chose to purchase outside of the time sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time sensitive benefits. To view/download the plan, which provides the full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusion please visit our website: [www.holylandtc.com/travel-insurance/](http://www.holylandtc.com/travel-insurance/)

**MEDICAL CONDITION:** We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

**LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS:** By private deluxe motor coach. **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$850.

**MEALS:** Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

**TIPPING:** Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each. Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

**AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH:** Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book

the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

**SEAT ASSIGNMENT:** THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. HLTC cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When HLTC disperses travel packages, you will receive your record locator. You can use this locator to do online seating arrangements, if permitted by the airline.

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**PRICES:** All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure, and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport and Visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase.

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## Meister Eckhart and the Nearness of God

Michael Demkovich

This masterful Medieval preacher offers us a profound sense of God's nearness in his language and thought. This paper will explore Eckhart's vocabulary in speaking of God's relation to us; our relation to God; our disposition in life; and our destiny in life.

## "Something within me which shines": Knowing and Unknowing God and the Self

Rebecca Stephens

Eckhart's apophatic writings embrace paradox and explode conventional understanding. This paper will explore how their gymnastics represent an attempt to bridge the gulf between wordless inner awareness of the divine and a practical understanding of human and divine.

## "The eye with which I see God is the same eye with which God sees me."

Duane Williams

Getting to the heart of one of Eckhart's most mystical of expressions is a challenge. This paper will reflect on its deep meaning aided by Eckhart and other religious traditions.

## The Nature of Divine Immanence in Eckhart's Thought

Chris Wojtulewicz

God is not only present to creation, but within it in such a way that He exceeds it. For Eckhart, this excessive presence means that God is uniquely manifest in the full range of human experience: in each moment, each place. Eckhart has a term for this unique presence: it is 'principal'.



## Rev. Michael Demkovich

Serves as the Episcopal Vicar for Doctrine and Life in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. A trustee of the Eckhart Society, he earned his Ph.D. and Pontifical Doctorate from the Katholiek Universiteit Leuven writing on

Meister Eckhart and Religious Experience. He has regularly taught at Blackfriars in Oxford and at various universities in the U.S. An internationally published author he has written numerous articles as well as various books including *Introducing Meister Eckhart* (2005), *A Soul Centered Life* (2010), *The Death of Magister Aycardus* (2014) *We Walk by Faith* (2017) and forthcoming *The Tyranny of Perfection* (2020).

**Dr. Rebecca Stephens** has spent the past 25 years in dialogue with Meister Eckhart, as a scholar, a teacher and in her daily life. Vice-Chair of The Eckhart Society, Rebecca is a regular speaker at the Society's annual conference, co-organises and presents Eckhartian One Day Events in York and Cambridge, and is an Associate Editor of the journal, *Medieval Mystical Theology*. Her articles include: *Out of*



*Context: Eckhart's Scriptural Excursions* (2015), *In Defence of Plain Speaking* (2007) and *Eckhart and Sister Catherine: The Mirror's Image?* (1997).

**Duane Williams** is a Senior Lecturer in Theology, Philosophy, and Religious Studies and co-facilitator of the Association for Continental Philosophy of Religion at Liverpool Hope University, UK. His first book, *The Linguistic Christ*, was published in 2011. His most recent book, *Language and Being*, was published in 2017. He is editor of the journal, *Medieval Mystical Theology*, and editor for the *Reframing Continental Philosophy of Religion* book series published by Rowman and Littlefield.



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