

Besant, and more recently C. Jinerajadasa or N. Sri Ram will not appear again. The twenty-first century typically requires another type of leadership.

The election process which started earlier this year so far has been quiet and no skirmishes have taken place. Some well-meaning Adyar members have difficulties accepting the fact that both candidates — C. V. K. Maithreya and Tom Boyd — chose not to respond to various questionnaires they were presented with, and have not extensively appeared on the Internet, presenting their ideas and vision for the future.

It is understandable that members would like to know more about what the future holds in store for the TS Adyar and what qualifications are needed for leading the largest of the Theosophical organizations.

Harsh criticisms related to the so-called silence come primarily from those who consider the many who have dedicated their entire lives to the Work to be a bunch of dummies, spending their time plotting, conspiring, lying, manipulating, and disenfranchising while digging themselves into trenches waiting for events to unfold and disrespecting the membership. Most of those critiques come from biased sources, from individuals who have already made it clear that they either do not support one of the two candidates, or have no trust whatsoever in the organization's officers, or find that the TS Adyar has painfully outlived itself.

One could argue that being silent is not the most elegant stance during an election and that transparency ought to be the key word for all time to come. On the other hand, however, proper transitions take long to materialize; abrupt changes never work out; therefore patience needs to be exercised. Both candidates clearly need much time to think, considering what women and men will be the best members on the team of co-workers, rearranging their private lives to participate in future international activities. For a long time there was no transparency at all, decision taking was fully concentrated on the international president. This now will have to change, and it will, but it'll take time.

Instead of bombarding the candidates with questions or criticisms because of their relative silence, members and those who believe that their society is a worthy organization could ask themselves how they, *themselves*, can contribute and how they can help spreading the teachings presented to us