

and age websites and blogs play vital roles in daily lives, and extra caution is needed at all times; recently revolutions have started and governments have fallen due to the impact of what happens in cyberspace. Obviously transparency is a must, but one needs to be discriminative in separating the sense from the nonsense. I call on all to send both Tim and Maithreya your good thoughts, wishing them Strength, Light, and Wisdom.”

That was my letter in January and many things have happened since then. Tim Boyd was officially elected international president of the Theosophical Society, Adyar, a result announced on April 27. The Theosophical Society, Adyar indeed was fortunate to have had two men of such caliber running.

About the time the names of the candidates were announced, speculations, sickening assumptions, and offensive accusations started to surface as well. The dismay was, and still is, concentrated around what is labelled as the “Policy of Silence.” We are told, as we were in 2008, that there are conspiracies, deals made behind closed doors, the Theosophical “Cosa Nostra” has struck once more.

Looking back, it is obvious that many things could have been done differently and better, but talk about an orchestrated black-out in order to cover things up whereby General Council members *en masse* decided to keep their lips sealed, serving the dark goals of an invented Adyar-elite is just not something I would go by. The truth is that the General Council as an organ — due to the way affairs over the past decades were conducted — wasn’t able to function as an assertive and actively involved agency within the Theosophical Society, Adyar. Often it could function only as a rubber-stamp club. So if its members were silent, it was probably because they had been silent for years and had nothing to say. Now with a new international president this is going to change, and through modern means of communication this council could meet more than once per year and upgrade its role, input, and competence. Additional and more transparent safeguards need to be considered, following and controlling future election procedures. We need to remember though that thorough changes need time to materialize. Sudden and hasty changes wear out easily and very quickly. Time is needed for change, allowing for proper development.