

I came in contact with the Adyar TS in the late 1990s when I had a crisis in life. Before that I visited several spiritual groups and went to different lectures. I soon experienced that Theosophical groups (meaning also Rosicrucian, Anthroposophical, etc.) were deeper than other groups, because they were not very interested in personal happiness nor so called phenomena. Coming to a Lodge meeting of the TS felt like coming home. The atmosphere there was warm-hearted and uplifting, and contrasted with many other groups. I also perceived that members in the TS were less dogmatic. So I soon joined the Society. Lodge meetings still feel like being at home!

*4. What does Theosophy mean to you?*

Perennial wisdom, which gives me deep perspectives. More specifically it means harmlessness and free thinking.

*5. What is your favourite Theosophical book and why?*

There have been many, especially books by Pekka Ervast (a remarkable Finnish Theosophist) and J. Krishnamurti, which are a concrete down to earth type. Nonetheless, I don't read books anymore, because they take too much time. I only look for definitions or quotes in books and really read only articles and other short texts, usually digitally.

*6. What in your opinion is the biggest challenge the TS Adyar is facing at the moment?*

The international organization has serious problems with management and communication. Due to that, I believe it loses many current and potential members. There should be open communication about administrative issues from leaders to ordinary members, and effective communication about Theosophy to the outer world. The web site of the Adyar Headquarters should provide news and articles, which would be updated often. Articles should be light and contemporary and include pictures. I think old books are not the future of Theosophy.

*7. Is there anything you would wish for the future of the Theosophical Movement?*

That it were not a mere museum, which repeats old quotes according to the principle "The more Sanskrit words, the better"! For too many people Theosophy seems to be a finished belief system. The movement should be