

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

This question is difficult to answer. It has changed during the years I am studying Theosophy. At the beginning it was Judge's *The Ocean of Theosophy*, which I liked because of its overview on the system of Teachings. Then came *The Esoteric Tradition* by Gottfried de Purucker – he managed in an extraordinary way to explain the teachings in today's language in his very special way from heart to heart – we had it in Germany published in single chapters. This gave us the possibility to recommend them to interested “newcomers” in accordance to their special field of interest – be it Buddhism or Natural Sciences or else. One little book by GdP – as we call him – was always in my handbag: *The Golden Precepts*. I had the custom to open it randomly in the morning and always found the right words for the day in it.

In the evening my best company was and is *The Voice of the Silence*. *The Secret Doctrine* was always my companion for the preparation of studies at Lodge meetings and – whenever there was a possibility also for my studies (which I must admit: due to the manifold duties I have to fulfil were less than wished) – at home.

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

I'd like to speak for the challenge all Theosophical organizations are facing: We all have experiences from the past, traditions, thought patterns and behaviours, which are the result of past actions and from which we can and must learn – this is important for all of us. But on the other hand, times and conditions are constantly changing. We cannot change the past anymore, but it is important to have visions for the future, to be as open minded as possible to the point of view of other students of Theosophy – unimportant from which organization – and to use the touchstone of the Teachings to broaden our own view, while keeping to the pure originals at the same time. Mutual respect and trust is the basis for cooperation and brotherhood. We made a good start, e.g. with ITC, but this has to be deepened and continually practised.

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

I do wish, that our striving for more harmony, for that brotherly working together which we have started for the benefit of mankind gets