

election for International President, choices that some thought were the right ones later seemed to be unfortunate, to say the least. The apparent conflict drove many apart and didn't contribute to a much-needed cohesion among members.

Until today, the aftermath of that ill-fated epoch is felt in Adyar circles, and many are still not accurately informed and left in the dark about what *really* took place, even though impartial historical documents dealing with the events, archived and accessible by anyone, are available on the Internet. The 2008 election proceedings were an example of how not to elect a leader. Some have definitely made up their minds about those events and will never consider changing their opinions or look rationally at historical facts. They prefer to cling to worn-out and untrue conspiracy theories, the inapt disenfranchise fright, or the "move-the-headquarters-to-the-USA" phantom. So be it.

Looking back at the two candidates on the ballot at the time, however, and to what actually happened in 2008, neither John Algeo nor Radha Burnier *personally* had anything to do with the utter nonsense that was allegedly coming from their so-called supporters. Their good names, especially their personal relationship and reputations were used by others who, ambitiously and ruthlessly, were occupied waging their own personal conflict, pursuing explicit agendas; so those others made it seem as though Burnier and Algeo were rivals.

Neither one of those two would ever say anything to discredit the other. I dare to state that, in spite of some fundamental differences of opinion, Radha Burnier and John Algeo always respected one another immensely.

Whatever happened then, all of us need to look forward now, and things need to be done better. The International Rules and Regulations need to be followed. If those rules no longer suit, they need to be altered. That is everybody's responsibility.

Adyar is a unique spiritual centre and Theosophical meeting place. The headquarters of the Theosophical Society Adyar do belong there; India is a magnificent country, and all members of the Theosophical Society Adyar should engage in this transitional process in a positive and constructive manner.