

TEA WAYFARERS

From now on, we plan to introduce one of the Global Tea Hut members to you each month in these newsletters. We hope that this helps us all get to know each other better. It's also to pay homage to the many manifestations that all this wonderful spirit and tea are becoming, as the tea is drunk and becomes human. The energy of the tea fuels some great work in this world, and we are so honored to show you some glimpses of such beautiful people and their tea. Of course, who better to start us off than the great Gregory Wendt? If you don't know him, you should. The following introduction was written by his good friend Jered Krause.

Introducing “G-wendt.” I call him that because it sounds like the name of a magical man living in a magical place, and that's as accurate as anything I've got on Greg. He describes himself as a “translator”: translating the mystical, supernatural, spiritual and Divine into the parlance of our times, finance and business. Strange as it is, by day Greg is VP of Sustainable & Responsible Investing for *EP Wealth Advisors*, a billion dollar investment firm. Even stranger is that he does the same thing by night.

I don't mean he's a workaholic, but rather that he has one of the most harmonious integrations of work and life I've ever encountered. He's one of those rare magicians who seems to get paid to do what he loves and to almost seamlessly blend all the different parts of his life, until our usual mundane descriptions fall apart. Which brings me to tea...

Six months ago, tea for Greg was a nice beverage: Hot, sometimes tasty, good in the morning or evening. This afternoon as we sat drinking the first tea from Global Tea Hut, surrounded by gorgeous *Zisha* (purple-sand Yixing) teaware, talking about what Greg calls “Galactivation” and the cosmic intelligence transmitted by the tea leaves, I realized that Greg's so-called “translation skills” transcend those proposed on his business card. As a master translator, his skill really is understanding; listening; being present to meaning and content; and, moving that meaning and content from place to place as elegantly and

efficiently as possible. And that's what tea has become to Greg: a vehicle for translating the intelligence of the cosmos into the intelligence of the tea tree, and then into the intelligence of his own human form...

Greg Wendt is a financial advisor for responsible, green investment. He's also a tea lover, day and night. And he's one of our most beloved brothers, sitting right there across from you in this Global Tea Hut.

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