

# Tea Wayfarer

*Each month, we introduce one of the Global Tea Hut members to you in these magazines in order to help you get to know more people in this growing international community. 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 share glimpses of such beautiful people and their Tea. This month we would like to introduce Connor Goss:*

It has been an awakening for me, discovering Tea. The seeds for this awakening were planted long ago, patiently waiting for the sun's warmth to provide them with the energy needed to sprout. Tea has steeped into the deepest places of my being, healing unseen wounds. Or perhaps Tea was always there, as it often feels like I am remembering something that I have forgotten—that we all have forgotten: our ancestral roots. These roots stretch deep into the Earth, into my own eternal form. They become intertwined with the consciousness of all beings.

Tea has revealed to me the unseen world that exists within the tapestry of our own. Journeying into each bowl, each containing an entire universe, one can find the stillness and silence required for internal cultivation. Through maintaining a space of internal stillness, of mind and form, it is possible to cultivate one's creativity. It has allowed me to weave words, structured forms from the formless landscape of the eternal. I can no longer separate my endeavor of writing from Tea. They are different sides of the same eternal form, and both my passion. Yes, I am a writer.

Since a young age, writing has called to me, finding its way into the deepest layers of my being. Yet, something was lacking. Call it an inability to perceive beyond my own form. I grew to become increasingly observant of the world, and yet I remained unable to let go of the constructs, still very much trapped in the outer layers of experience. Continuing along such a path could have proven destructive for me, but I was fortunate to have discovered Tea. And that reshaped my internal landscape. Tea has helped me cultivate a deeper understanding of the subtle, unseen threads found within our world—an understanding which everyone possesses, but for the right catalyst. For me, and many others, Tea was that catalyst.

This journey, or pilgrimage, marks the beginning of a longer, more ancient journey: to cultivate the seeds of a planetary awakening. Tea, when approached as a sacred, medicinal and spiritual plant can transcend the human and planetary consciousness to a more meaningful, harmonious existence. She has been a medicine



since the earliest days of humankind. She remembers a time when humans wandered the world, possessing a deep reverence for all beings and an understanding for their own roots. Tea carries our ancestral memories, countless stories and cultural heritage. She facilitates a space of recollecting that can be cultivated when approaching Her as a sacred plant medicine.

If any of my dear brothers and sisters across this vast, connected planet should find yourself in Australia, it would be the greatest honor to share tea with you...

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