



GEORGE PAULOSE

The Man Behind the Teasophy Philosophy

From the time George Paulose was a boy in a small farming community in Southwestern India he dreamed of going to school in America. With the right opportunities and by taking the right chances, George not only had the opportunity to go to school in the United States, but he lived the American dream of starting his own successful business. Through it all, George maintained close ties with his homeland and has used those relationships to bring India's exceptional nuts and teas to America.

George left his home state of Kerala, India in 1968 after receiving a prestigious international fellowship to the Technical University of Norway in Trondheim. In Norway, George earned his masters degree in Pulp and Paper Science. He then made the journey to America with little more than the shirt on his back and \$6 in his pocket where he pursued a second teaching fellowship at Western Michigan University and his second masters in Paper Making and Coating.

Following his graduation from Western Michigan, Paulose spent time at Champion Paper Company and Weyerhaeuser before starting his own consulting business, International Marketing and Technology. Throughout his paper career, George built and maintained relationships with business contacts from around the globe that would prove to be the key to his later success.

In 1989, the remainder of George's family in India immigrated to the United States without jobs so George founded AMES International, Inc., a Cashew company, with nuts imported from his home state of Kerala. The business evolved to include chocolates and now is one of the west coast's premier chocolate and nut manufacturers. Today, AMES International employs family and non-family alike at its Fife, WA plant.

This year, AMES will introduce Teasophy, a line of high-quality teas imported from India. George grew up amidst India's tea plantations where he developed a love and appreciation for the plants, the land and the ritual of tea. His passion has lead him to India's finest estates where he chooses the teas he imports, and is reflected in his choice of machinery which allows him to create his tea's signature pyramid shaped, silken mesh tea pods. George believes his hand-chosen better quality tea will reintroduce the ritual of tea drinking that's been lost in today's dip-and-go lifestyle.