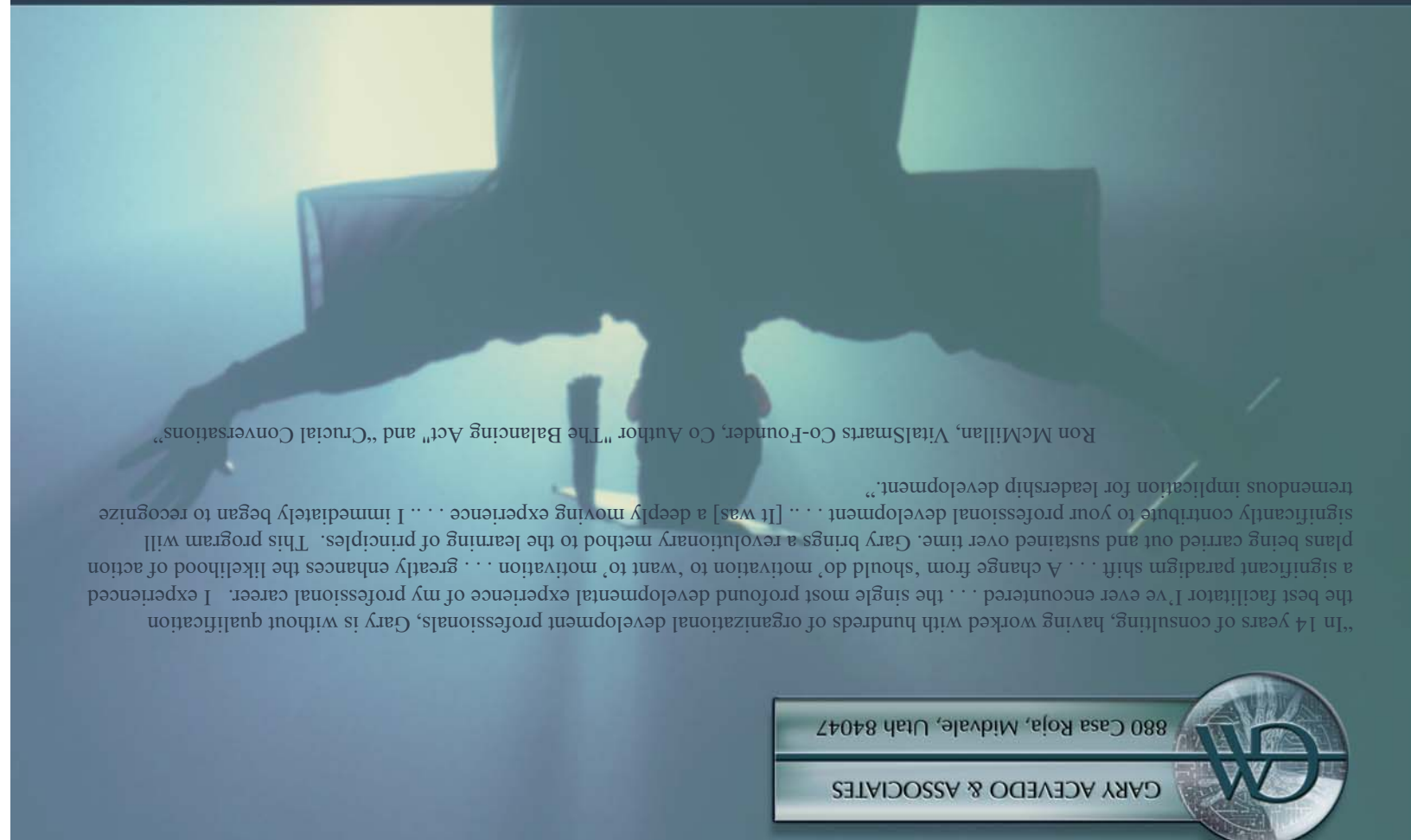




THE AWAKENING

A Retreat to Ignite the Magical Powers of Your Best Self

“THERE IS A VISION, A PASSION, A POWER THAT IS BEYOND ANYTHING YOU MAY HAVE EVER IMAGINED... THAT POWER IS YOU!”



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“In 14 years of consulting, having worked with hundreds of organizational development professionals, Gary is without qualification the best facilitator I’ve ever encountered. . . the single most profound developmental experience of my professional career. I experienced a significant paradigm shift. . . A change from ‘want to’ motivation to ‘want to’ motivation. . . greatly enhances the likelihood of action plans being carried out and sustained over time. Gary brings a revolutionary method to the learning of principles. This program will significantly contribute to your professional development. . . [It was] a deeply moving experience. . . I immediately began to recognize tremendous implication for leadership development.”

Ron McMillan, VitalSmarts Co-Founder, Co Author “The Balancing Act” and “Crucial Conversations”

“THE AWAKENING”

A RETREAT TO IGNITE THE MAGICAL POWERS OF YOUR BEST SELF

..An experiential education that is more expansive, complete and applicable than any in our culture today..The most tangible and powerful experience of my own life purpose...A once in a life time opportunity...I now understand and am beginning to own the state of being called ‘Living the dream’”

Eric McGraw, Facilitator Graduate

“THE PURPOSE OF THE AWAKENING”

The Awakening is recognized nationally as one of the most healing and empowering retreats available. It is completely positive, non-threatening and absolutely safe. It is a profoundly moving experience that ignites the very best in each person.

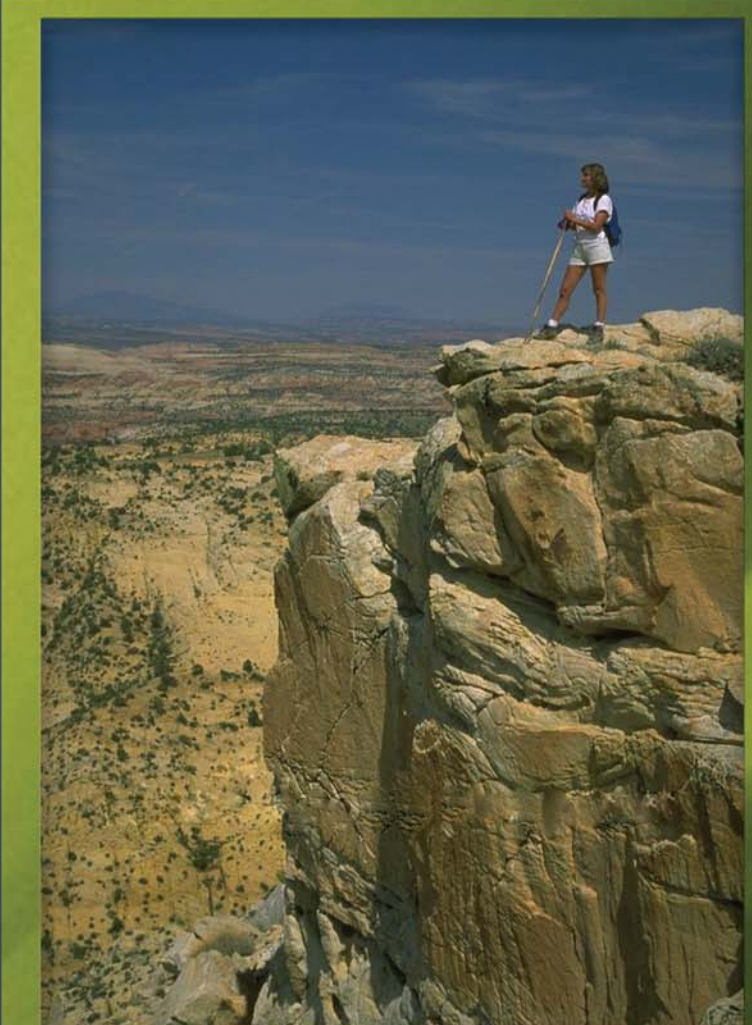
The Awakening exists as an opportunity for everyone to have a rare and profoundly moving experience; an experience of "true self." Also known as our "higher self," or "sacred self," the "true self" is smiling patiently underneath any self-doubts and fears. It is an experience that throughout time seemed to be reserved for the rare and few - usually saints, gurus or shamans. Through a unique design of innovative visualizations and experiential processes, we are able to awaken the deepest levels of subconscious safety. As a result of this unprecedented level of safety, we assist people to access their visions, dreams, and passions – and their absolute unconditional love. They experience their heart and soul, their true being. When people are kept in this moving state for more than a few hours they naturally begin to rise. They ascend to higher and higher states of “being.” They enter higher states of perception where wondrous insights, revelations and paradigm shifting experiences occur. Then, the miracle – they meet their true self, their fully magnificent sacred self. The experience is recognizing yourself, and being recognized by others, as a true gift to humanity. It is knowing the full depth of your own unique value, worth, and competence.

The more success, self confidence, strength and power you bring with you, the further you will fly. When you witness the potency of your absolute capacity to love, you experience the full spectrum of your power to impact others. The Awakening provides new methods of anchoring in these experiences so they remain accessible at will. The ability to master accessing these higher states accelerates throughout life – as does your ability to be a gift, to make a difference.



**You have come a long way . . .
Beyond what you know is undiscovered territory.**

Within you is an extraordinary realm of unlimited power beyond anything you may have imagined. Throughout history this rare place has been visited only by few, usually a saint or guru. This innovative retreat has made this realm available to all.



This unique discovery ignites

- The power to get through and influence
- The power to accomplish, and to succeed
- The power to lead, and to empower
- The power to play, beyond effort and struggle, beyond pushing or trying.
- The power to create not only success, but fulfillment in success.

This breakthrough accelerates one's own personal power exponentially. It heals the family and awakens the power of deepest love. It is the very heart of the human spirit. It is a place of miracles. With it, leaders will inspire vision, create conversations that bring out the best in those around them, and inspire effective action. They will expand the scope of their influence, make a difference...and leave their mark. It fosters the very best in leaders, and awakens the leader in all of us. There awaits an awe-inspiring vision, a passion and a personal power beyond anything you've ever imagined. This innovation is now ready for you...to take you across the threshold into the unforgettable experience of your own magnificence.

Certain moments in life plunge one into the deeply intensive and enlightening experience of one's own innate nobility and goodness. These are extraordinary moments of vision and natural knowing. In these moments, all of one's usual responses to the world are transformed. New levels of courage, playfulness, expression, contentment and celebration unveil themselves to us. They begin to serve as a beacon; a state of being that continuously beckons us to honor our truth. Our newfound awareness guides us away from actions that drain our aliveness to those that energize and strengthen us. The Awakening is such an experience. As an ultimate advisor, it is a doorway to full aliveness. It is your willingness to have "it all" in life that takes you through that door.

An environment of safety is key to the insights, discoveries and personal breakthroughs you can experience at the Awakening. All participation is voluntary – no one "has to" participate. In this atmosphere of safety, you will reach new heights.

"Phase I" welcomes you to a "timeless world" where for four days you will feel like you have been "transported to Heaven!"

Here is a taste of what you will experience during the "Awakening"

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 7-DAY RETREAT

The retreat is made up of more than twenty-five different group visualizations and processes which explore a myriad of stimulating topics. Many of the processes are unique, simply because they are true innovations and cannot be found elsewhere. Some processes are variations of techniques which are contributions from various cutting edge, state of the art, personal transformational technologies. They utilize today's horizons in the "people sciences" such as: Neuro-Linguistic Programming, Gestalt Therapy, Connected Breath, Psychodrama, Rapid Eye, energy work, hypnosis, visualizations, and many more.

The following highlights cannot possibly represent the full impact of the retreat, particularly because they include only a small sampling. It is not any individual process or topic which makes the Awakening unique in its impact.

PREPARING FOR THE JOURNEY

MUSIC: List 15-30 songs that are meaningful to you, then narrow the list down to three and bring them with you on cassettes. **ESSENCE POSTER:** Gather pictures of yourself before age 10 and create a poster around one photo that best captures the essence of your childhood experience. **QUOTES:** Think of your favorite quotes from books, poetry or movies. Pick out three that mean the most to you, and bring them.



Biographical Sketch:

Gary Acevedo, M.S.W., had lead personal empowerment trainings, retreats and seminars for a diverse spectrum of corporate clients, social service agencies and private individuals since 1971. Gary founded the unique personal empowerment retreat known as The Awakening, and the corporate version called the Thresholds Retreat. Projects include the training of trainers for AT&T, Mass Mutual, Shell Oil and others. He also has conducted trainings for Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and Career Track's "Self-Discipline and Emotional Control", as well as been a consultant for members of the 1992 and 2002 Olympic squads.

In addition to the *Awakening*, *Gary and Associates*, now offer a variety of workshops and seminars both to the public and to corporations. These include *Ignite The Light within*; (an excellent weekend workshops for couples wanting to improve their communications skill); and *The Power Of Pure Intent*. A 1-Day seminar to accelerate personal productivity and ignite peak performance.

Gary also operates a school for facilitators: **Dream Makers**. "One of my gifts is to teach other facilitators the structure and the science for creating the kind of group atmosphere and the kind of safety that gives people the kind of revelations they are looking for."

Gary's techniques and processes are uniquely his. He has eliminated confrontation from the personal development seminar experience. "I want to give people the most empowering, the most healing experience possible." With the Awakening, I believe Gary is well on his way to achieving that goal.



She was no more than 12 with the kind of clear, milky complexion you hoped puberty would mercifully leave untouched. Her honey colored hair was tied back falling straight down the length of her back. She stood confidently, this "Alice in Wonderland" look-alike, before the large audience. Speaking from the heart, she focused on her family in the front row. I felt a tear run down my cheek as she acknowledged the love and gratitude she felt for each of them. She was graduating from a seminar called The Awakening.

"I'm sure you'll be pleased to know that I have finally found something that will let me play and work at the same time, flying airplanes! ...one afternoon I looked out the window, saw an airplane fly by and thought, "that could be me ..." So I applied to Embry Riddle and am now looking at becoming an airline pilot within the year. Pinch me. There is a good chance that I will be hired on as a first officer, fly with them for four or five years, and then get on with Southwest Airlines ... Life is good! By the way, I'm graduating, "cum laud" with honors. If I can do this, anybody can do anything they want.

Shawn Gregory Smith

"My experience at the Awakening was a window into my soul. Pain was forever released and healing experienced. My divine self emerged and basked in the light and love around me."

Bonnie McMillan

"... the single most touching thing in my life. The people and the experiences are unforgettable. When I first came, I was really doubtful that I would like it, but as the week went on I loved every single minute of it. Just think about it, a week out of your whole life for an unforgettable experience.

Pete (age 16)

"The Awakening is a rigorous process that heighten people's awareness to see more clearly their own strengths, transcend their weaknesses, to discern real opportunity from dead ends ... and finally to get uncommonly clear of their contribution to life ... an opportunity to make a huge leap toward improving their inner life, the quality of their relationships and to create meaning in their work ..."

William Marre' Keystone Strategies
Former Co-Founder of the Covey Leadership Center

