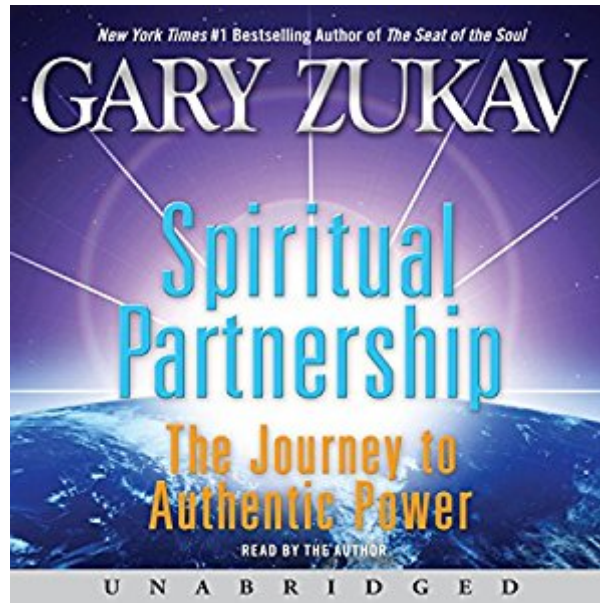


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# Spiritual Partnership: The Journey To Authentic Power



## Synopsis

This book is about our new relationships. A new and surprising world is emerging that requires each of us to explore the sources of our love and cultivate them and the inner sources of all that prevents us from loving (our fears) and heal them. Our evolution has taken a new path, and our relationships are changing in unexpected and dramatic ways. We are evolving beyond the limits of our five senses and encountering more expanded experiences of ourselves and our world than were previously possible. Where once our perception was confined to what we see, hear, taste, touch, and smell, we are now increasingly able to access data that these senses cannot detect. This expanded perception is forever altering our experiences of ourselves, our world, and our relationships. Our evolution now presents us at each moment with a profound choice: we can pretend that our lives and the world are not changing and continue to relate to one another as before, or we can use our relationships to transform ourselves into authentically powerful, loving individuals. In *Spiritual Partnership*, best-selling author Gary Zukav reveals a profound new relationship dynamic that enables us to reach our full potential and create authentic power - the fulfilling and joyful life that is calling to us all. Spiritual partnerships are not only for couples in marriage; they can be created anywhere two or more individuals decide to engage as equals for the purpose of spiritual development. Filled with poignant examples and practical guidance, including specific guidelines, *Spiritual Partnership* empowers and enables us to explore our emotions, our intentions, our choices, and our intuition and to use them to create profound spiritual growth. The world is changing around us and within us, and *Spiritual Partnership* is the road map to that change.

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Zukav, the author acclaimed for books such as *The Dancing Wu Li Masters* and *The Seat of The Soul*, brings us a paradigm-shifting book about relationships. This book is not just about intimate partner relationships, but about principles that apply to all relationships. It examines how humanity appears to be facing a shift from 5-sensory perception to multi-sensory perception (perception beyond the physical senses). According to Zukav, this shift provides an opportunity for us to base our relationships on developing spiritually - supporting one another's spiritual growth and building internal power rather than seeking external power. In this conceptualization, Zukav discusses how fear-based aspects of ourselves constantly seek external power to pursue an illusion of security. The love-fear dichotomy is seen at the heart of this challenge. Zukav points out how all the institutions of our existing society are geared toward pursuit of external power (that includes traditional ideas of marriage) - something which will theoretically fall away as humanity evolves in the next couple of generations. This book presents clear ideas and guidelines for building spiritual partnerships - which involves facing fears, building self-awareness, letting go of judgments, having integrity, and having compassion for oneself and others. The book is excellent in offering an outline of the hows and whys of spiritual partnerships. Zukav has a smooth, engaging style of writing that will draw in readers to embrace what he is teaching. These teachings will definitely help foster healthier relationships and spiritual development.

Gary Zukav's new book introduces the concept that relationships are mostly about you and your fears. He divides the relationship world into two types of people. The first is what he calls, Five Sensory people. They look for the causes of suffering outside of themselves, "in their failed relationships, illnesses, betrayals and bad luck." The second type which he says we all have to become at some point is the Multi-sensory. They are pursuing what he calls authentic power which is defined as power over themselves and their many moods and emotions. They are looking to find the roots of their needs and emotions rather than blaming their partner, life or circumstance for not meeting them. They also look at their defenses, which can take the form of feelings of superiority, righteousness and even inferiority. They consciously decide how to respond in any give situation. According to Zukav, when spiritual partners meet in the Multi-sensory context, they value honesty, self analysis and mutual exploration even when this sharing might cause conflict or even separation. He says that most people try to find stasis in a relationship and accept limitations and

compromises in order to preserve security. They project needs onto others and then give them the power to make them feel better instead of fully understanding or growing beyond the need itself. Zukav's multi-sensory person is someone who assumes personal responsibility for meeting most of their own needs, thus making a partnership less binding. The partner is no longer seen as the all important source of our happiness and security. Here the loving environment is sustained to support personal growth.

This book is about a new kind of relationship, it goes beyond the old roles in marriage of a provider and homemaker, it is more than friendship, it is even more valuable than traditional family relationships. A Spiritual partnership is between equals to accomplish spiritual growth. It serves a different purpose of all the traditional forms of relationships. The partners are together in order to help one another grow spiritually instead of enhance their physical comfort and safety. Spiritual partnerships are relationships that more spiritually receptive people use to create authentic power within themselves. Their goal is to share spiritual growth with each other. They allow each other to see the emotional armor they wear because of irritability, righteousness, superiority, and inferiority that is caused because of inner fear, and remove it. They allow each other to lay down their weapons of anger, jealousy, and vengeance because of love. Spiritual partners are on a quest for authentic power that comes from within as love overtakes fear as the underlying motivation in their mutual lives. These relationships do not seek external power, they seek to change themselves. They trust one another enough to explore their fear and love together. They are brave enough to probe the depths of intimacy. Their path is one where they do not try to solve one another's problems, encourage bad behavior, or enable destructive behavior. They are there to ask the right questions, search for the underlying fear in their partner, listen with their heart, and love unconditionally. Spiritual partners realize that their problems are internal not external. Another marriage, more money, alcohol, drugs, sex, or a better job is not the solution to their problems.

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