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"At the ... Creative Wisdom workshop led by Gopal Ramasammy-Cook ... my own boundaries to creative thinking were blasted right out of the box ... I left the workshop with my mind/emotions soaring and a determination to re-invent myself..."

Jean von Witt, Journalist, Cape Town.

"...I never leave a (coaching) session without new wisdom that I can apply directly to the next day's of my life. Gopal does this all with Compassion, Clarity and a genuine interest in my creative well-being."

Dawn Daniels, Author and Editor

Gopal is passionate about whole-person engagement and positive transformation. He embraces both scientific and creative paradigms in his practice. Gopal's current interests include personal and organizational development, creative facilitation and coaching, and the science and philosophy of mind. He uses story, metaphor, archetype, co-creative conversation, incisive questions, and other creative devices to ignite meaning-making and accomplish personal and organizational objectives such as engagement, alignment, and change.

In his early years, Gopal was a high school science and biology teacher, and also taught in several educational programmes which addressed the deficiencies of apartheid education. With a strong community interest he was one of a small group of teachers instrumental in starting the Qhakaza Education Program under

leadership of Dr James Hlongwane in Johannesburg during the mid 1980's when schools in Soweto were in turmoil leaving learners without avenues for furthering their secondary education.

Following a period of recombinant DNA and oncogene research in the CSIR Laboratory for Cellular and Molecular Biology and later in the Haematology department of the WITS medical school, his interest turned to information technology. During his approximately 20 years in the IT industry he served a diversity of client organisations.

He played technical, management, training, facilitative and mentoring roles culminating in his directorship in a successful software development company. In addition to running technical workshops and facilitating knowledge transfer during his time in the IT industry, Gopal also facilitated workshops on Creative Wisdom, Story and Archetype, whole person engagement for IT Professionals, and Possibility Thinking.

Gopal also coached several individuals in the areas of career creative harmony and career-transition.

As facilitator and coach, Gopal now dedicates himself to developing joyful, energised and productive individuals and organisations. He believes that people are naturally creative and resourceful, and harnesses these qualities to facilitate energised engagement with their work and leadership strengths.

Gopal was trained by Dr Eric Maisel, originator of modern creativity and meaning coaching. He is an accredited facilitator for WorldsView's Nine Conversations in Leadership™ intervention, and has been influenced in his thinking and practice by the teachings and coaching he received from thought leaders such as Ben and Ros Zander, Nancy Kline, Peter Block, Louise van Rhyn, Dorian Haarhoff and Peter Christie.

Clients (past & present)

- Renfreight
- WITS University
- University of Cape Town
- University of Pretoria
- Metropolitan
- Old Mutual
- Nedcor
- Gauteng Legislature
- Gauteng Department of Education
- Teba Bank
- CSIR Mining Technology
- De Beers
- Sierra Leone Dept of Education
- CCMA
- Readers Digest

"Creativity coaching sessions with Gopal meant the luxury of uninterrupted time to focus on my music goals, the discomfort of having to face some of my demons, and the clarity that arose as a result." **Trudy Rushin**
Musician and Language School Manager

"Gopal scatters fascinating ideas and concepts in front of his audience. He stimulates thought and discussion. A very enlivening and inspiring experience. He has a wonderful energy."
Anne Mayne



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