



# <u>Dawn Strom:</u> Embodiment as a Tool for Creating Shared <u>Meaning and Connection in Our Daily Lives</u>

**TOP EMBODIMENT TIP:** Embodiment is a pathway to explore existential questions and find meaning and purpose.





















Dawn Strom is a philosopher of movement and an embodiment coach for transformational leaders that want to create a movement. She is informed by her diverse background as a dancer, writer, Somatic Movement Therapist and GYROTONIC Master Trainer, as well as her personal journey of resilience through loss in early childhood. Discover how embodiment can offer us an anchor for connection, presence, and a shared space of meaning and purpose in our daily lives.

## <u>Dawn's Personal Embodiment Journey</u>

- Dawn experienced a crisis of meaning at 22 after her parents death, loss of legal guardians, and health issues.
- She navigated trauma, anxiety, depression, and life purpose questions.
- Dawn discovered the distinction between intellectual and heart sense feeling the loss in her body rather than only having an intellectual understanding of life events.
- Her process of healing was by finding continuity in her own body, using the language of movement to study impermanence, creating a performance honoring the passing of her parents and the experience of loss, and ultimately shifting her story to become part of a bigger purpose.

#### <u>Purpose and Healing Came to Dawn in Four Ways</u>

- 1. Connecting to the shared reality of the physical world through the body
- 2. Connecting to her creative power to transform and express meaning through her body
- 3. Connecting to her ability to experience and connect to others through embodied awareness
- 4. Connecting to movement as a language of experience, meaning, and metaphor

### <u>The 4 Pathways to Embodied Meaning:</u> (Interconnected but we usually enter through one)

- 1. <u>The Objective Body:</u> "I have a body"- anatomy, science, movement patterns, fitness.
- 2. <u>The Subjective Body:</u> "I am a body"- embodied anatomy, how body movement expresses personal history, resourcing your body for creative process.
- 3. <u>The Relational Body:</u> "I connect through my body"- intersubjective meaning, body language, mirroring, empathic listening, experiencing art with your body.
- 4. <u>The Meaningful Body:</u> "My body is a metaphor"- physical action can hold metaphysical meaning, metaphor, art, philosophical meaning, our bodies' guidance in experiencing meaningful states of connection and purpose.

#### Resources

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