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In 2007 Gelb released *Innovate Like Edison: The Five Step System for Breakthrough Business Success*, co-authored with Sarah Miller Caldicott, the great grand niece of Thomas Edison. As Professor Vijay Govindarajan, author of *Ten Rules for Strategic Innovators* noted, "This book is a must have for anyone who wants to turn creative ideas into profitable reality."

In 1999, Michael Gelb won the Brain Trust Charity's "Brain of the Year" award; other honorees include Prof. Stephen Hawking, Bill Gates, Garry Kasparov and Gene Rodenberry. In 2003, Michael was awarded a Batten Fellowship by the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business. Michael co-directs the acclaimed Leading Innovation Seminar at Darden with Professor James Clawson. Michael Gelb also serves a...

Testimonials

Thank you for being part of our event! While I personally enjoyed your presentations and got a lot out of them, I was even more delighted to note the level of engagement, interest and uptake of my colleagues. I was only half joking when I said they are tough to please! As an organization we have a culture of being inward facing and not very receptive to external ideas. You are a very real exception to that rule. By Day 3, we all used mind mapping as the starter to a group exercise and everyone 'got' it. Around the event 'sfumato' and 'connessione', etc. kept dropping into conversations. I am looking forward to the next couple months and seeing this all take root.

- Unilever, V.P. Human Resources.

Before I am overwhelmed with the herculean task of trying to turn myself into Leonardo da Vinci, I want to take a brief moment to pass on my 'Thank you' for a wonderful day. As Chairs, we have many fine speakers come into our lives (I have experienced over 700 speaker presentations in my 22 years as a Chair). Those we sense are good have at least a few 'Ah-ha's!' Those we know are excellent have many 'Ah-ha's!' Those who are great have the big 'Ah-ha's' that one feels he/she can take out into life and practice, apply, even live. You were great.

- Vistage Master Chair.

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Speech Topics

- Teambuilding
- Inspiration
- Innovation
- Creativity

