COMPANION WORKBOOK TO List-Making as a Tool of Thought Leadership

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Marshall Goldsmith, who the London Times calls one of the world's fifty most influential management thinkers, says "Mark helped me understand who I am, establish my brand, and communicate my brand to the world." David Meerman Scott, author of the bestselling "The New Rules of Marketing & PR", calls Mark "a positioning guru extraordinaire."

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Introduction

In my eBook, "List-Making as a Tool of Thought Leadership," I describe a procedure, "list-making," which can help you gain perspective on and produce ideas about, subjects that you and your audience find important.

This workbook is a companion volume to that eBook.

While I tried making this workbook self-contained . . . that is, you can read it on its own and will likely understand enough about list-making to give it a go . . . I recommend you visit my site and read the original eBook first. That way, you'll understand the philosophy behind the technique, and will see an example or two of how it's used.

Good luck with list-making. If you'd like to tell me about your experiences with the technique, I'd be glad to hear them.

Also, if you think the eBook or this workbook would interest other people, please share them . . . and thanks!

All the best,

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Workbook Section

1. Pick a topic about which you'd like fresh ideas, or select a problem you'd like to solve:

2. Brainstorm a master list of every possible list you could make about your topic or problem:

3. From your master list, choose ten lists that you suspect would be helpful:

4. On the following ten pages, write the name of one list at the top and fill in each as best you can:

List 1:		

List 2:	 	 	

List 3:	 	 	

List 4:		

List 5:			

List 6:		

List 7:		

List 8:			

List 9:			

List 10:	

5. Print out your ten lists, and spread them across a table or floor. Look from list to list and item to item.

Make sense of what you see by asking yourself questions like, "What's obvious?," "What's surprising?," and "What patterns do I see?"

Don't wait for "big thoughts" to come to you. Write down any thoughts as they appear in your mind:

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6. Turn your five best ideas into "thought chunks," which are complete ideas that would make instant sense to you if you read them ten years from now:



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7. Decide what to do with these thought chunks. Could you use one or more to solve a problem? Might you use them in a blog, speech, or a book? Write down the possibilities, and then act upon your decisions.

