

## THE DOZEN DEADLY CAREER MYTHS

- MYTH 1:** Our current chaos and disorder is temporary and it will pass and the good old days will return.
- MYTH 2:** One life equals one career. The work we selected, perhaps in our late teens, or somehow backed into, is a lifetime commitment. We picked it, so till death do us part!
- MYTH 3:** The best is over so go gently into the good night! Old dog can't learn new tricks!
- MYTH 4:** Increasing middle-class affluence and expanding opportunities are our inherent right and expectation.
- MYTH 5:** Career success, happiness and high self-esteem directly correlate with status, money and upward mobility.
- MYTH 6:** Planning a career isn't necessary because there is an automatic system in place that will take care of it. Trust the system and keep the career on cruise control. "Someone" is coming to provide career security and direction for us.
- MYTH 7:** Superior performance will be automatically recognized and rewarded in the workplace. Perform well and the organization will look after you.
- MYTH 8:** A college degree is a magic key to a good job and career success. The more degrees or the more advanced, the more technical and specialized, the more magic and the greater the guarantee of career success.
- MYTH 9:** Select your career on labor market projections: Go where the best jobs, money and most security are predicted to be.
- MYTH 10:** Successful people make no mistakes and they do it all perfectly every time. Failures are to be avoided at all costs – less than perfect is not acceptable on any level.
- MYTH 11:** Dropping out of the corporate world is career suicide: step off the ladder and you're dead! Willingness to sacrifice your personal/private life is the price of success.
- MYTH 12:** Our "Either/Or" Paradigm: There is only one reality! Only one best option – one right way to be, think, do, act and succeed! So discover it, freeze into it, live with it and serve it tenaciously!