On-Air Interview Questions for Ray Madaghiele

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"Less than one-third (31.5%) of U.S. workers were engaged in their jobs"

~2014 Gallup Poll of 80,837 U.S. working adults over 18 years old

- 1. Ray, how did a civil engineer come to create a human and organizational excellence company, and what is a Chief Inspiration Officer?
- 2. There are a ton of books written about business and strategic planning. What's different about yours?
- 3. You talk about engaging ALL employees in the strategic planning process. How is that even possible? Do they even care enough to be involved?
- 4. Isn't strategic planning supposed to be management's responsibility? How can frontline employees possibly know enough to contribute?
- 5. Many businesses fail before their first five years—and even the first year. How can the principles you advocate in *Energize Your Business* help businesses survive and succeed?
- 6. In your book, you are trying to teach leaders to be 'neutral' facilitators. How can you tell a business owner to let go of the reins? Is that even possible given the big egos of many leaders?
- 7. As a side note, didn't you bicycle across the country in 2002. Why did you do it? What did it have to do with business?
- 8. Why would a small home-based business owner operating out of a garage need a strategic plan if they don't intend to get a business loan?
- 9. You talk about making a strategic plan fun and inspiring. Are you kidding? When companies I have worked for did strategic planning, they were boring, drudgery and a waste of my time. How do you make them fun and inspiring?
- 10.How do you keep a strategic plan from being an attractive document that just gathers dust on a shelf until next year's planning event?

"If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail!"

~Benjamin Franklin



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