

Marvin Martian



PM Lessons from Mars

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Beware the Rabbit!

- Bugs Bunny
 - thought outside the box
 - thought in simple terms
 - was never down
 - didn't really care about the outcome



Lesson: Never assume that everyone is on-side or that they will share their agenda.

The Equipment (Modulator) Is Faulty!

- Marvin believes technology is the answer
- The question - How to see Venus after 2 millennia?
- The solution - Blow up Earth.
- The problem
 - The device is too simple to have written instructions and is faulty.

Lesson: Quality before Execution
 Success must be based on
 multiple elements



The Team has Group Think!

- Marvin's team
 - is created with a pill and a drop of water
 - are completely programmed to agree
 - just go along to get along



Lesson: Problem-solving requires a diverse group of individuals who will provide input despite the situation.
(Independent thinkers)

The Martian's Ego



- Marvin
 - is intelligent
 - has an over-inflated ego
 - follows his path regardless of the situation
 - considers himself a superior being

Lesson: There are just some days when you are your own worst enemy. Limit those days.

There is Never a Plan B

- Marvin
 - had a Plan A
 - never had a Plan B
 - was too optimistic for words
 - failed every time



Lesson: If it can go wrong, it will. At least once, once is acceptable. Multiple times is unacceptable.

Paper Trail – What Paper Trail?

- Marvin
 - was a Martian
 - never used paper
 - couldn't track what happened afterall he was always right even when he was wrong.



Lesson: Nothing beats proof. Document everything. Bag it. Tag it. Store it.

***“Repetition without purpose is
fruitless.***

***Every hour you spend in planning
will save you***

at least 3 hours in execution.”

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