

**Someday/Maybe
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someday/maybe lists might...

...soften up your comfort zone
for how things might show up..

... "tune you in" to how things
might happen for you.

example 1:

"I want to go to Greece."

By having "going to Greece" on your someday/maybe, it might tune you in on how going to Greece might happen.

example 2:

Kelly's current job used to be a far-off dream that Kelly captured on her someday/maybe item when she was 22. She wanted to capture it somewhere, did not work on it, but it became a seed list for her.

example 3:

Wayne had been in entertainment marketing sales for 10/15 years, when a career counsellor recommended that he become a teacher, which he resented.

He put "becoming a teacher" on his someday/maybe list: He reviewed it once a week, which softened up his comfort zones on how that might play out. A year later, he saw the explosion in popularity of David Allen and his company, and decided to become a teacher then. It might not have happened had he not put "teacher" on his someday/maybe list, which allowed him to melt the crystallization that existed in his brain around the notion of being a teacher.

useful delineation definition to people who
may otherwise feel their horizon of focus
lists are too long.

Wayne's view is that horizons of focus
lists are for things that one has committed
to 1,2,3 to 5 years from now.

supporting outcomes, projects,
next actions are defined for each
item to generate traction.

standards to maintain:

- health and fitness
- projects :**
- run a 5k in less than a certain timeframe in a year.

example: "X is committed to do a triathlon in 2011" on a 1-2
year goal and vision, 30 000 feet, .

20000-feet standard:

- get out and exercise 6 times a week
- someday maybe list:**
- do a sprint triathlon

example: "Wayne wants to do a triathlon some day".

Wayne is ok with having a growing
amorphous wish list.

because we can only do so much with our
life, we can only track and review so
much.

For example, a gentleman, client of his,
had too long and unmanageable a project
list. some of it should have gone to a
someday/maybe list.

because putting too much stuff into our
projects list may be discouraging.

Wayne clusters his someday/maybe,
such as a "home" cluster with all items
pertaining to "home", which are reviewed
about once a month only. Same thing with
the "travel" cluster.

Some clients like to segment their
someday/maybe between separate
"someday soon" and "maybe" lists.

Wayne's view is that someday/maybe is
for things that one might want to do
someday.

Kelly thinks she is comfortable with having
long and numerous lists (just like she is
ok with having lots of shoes :-)), such as
"someday maybe personal", "someday
maybe work", "like to buy", "places to
go", which she reviews at different
frequencies.

Kelly reviews her "someday maybe work"
list every few weeks, but her "places to
go" list only when she is ready to go on a
trip.

Kelly thinks having numerous lists is a
normal evolution of practicing GTD

Wayne thinks reviewing lists at different
frequencies is ok.

as long as it enables you to keep things
on your radar screen the way you want it
to be.

Wayne also likes having lots of shoes,
maybe as an evolution of being married
for 26 years. :-)

Wayne likes to have nice and long
someday/maybe lists.

distinction between
someday/maybe and horizons of
focus

questions that help make the distinction:
what list do you want to see your items on?
at which frequency do you wish to review your
items?

Wayne's personal preference

David Allen's personal preference

everything you don't do now is a
someday/maybe

References

"someday/maybe, you are my best
friends", article by Wayne Pepper.