

nation in back of him, ready, willing, and enthusiastically desirous of following his lead no matter which way he went.

These are facts well known to everyone who reads newspapers or listens to the radio.

Like all of us, Napoleon Hill lived in a political environment that affected everyone. We often think of ourselves as “victims” of the media or the political system or other outside forces. Hill is showing us how to rise above victimhood—another of the Devil’s tools—and take responsibility for all our choices.

Then came another presidential election and the opportunity for the people to express their faith in their leader. They expressed it in a landslide without precedent in American politics, and the President went into office a second time with an almost unanimous electorate vote with only two states meekly dissenting.

Now observe how the Wheel of Life began to reverse itself and turn back in the other direction. The President changed his policy from definiteness of purpose to indefiniteness and drifting.

His change of policy split the powerful labor group and turned more than half of it against him. It split the almost-solid following he held in both houses of Congress, and more important than all this, it split the American people into “pro” and “anti” groups with the result that about all the President had left of his original political assets was his million-dollar smile and his ready handshake—obviously not