

*Q* Never mind about me. Tell me all about this second best trick of yours with which you induce people to drift with you to hell.

*A* My second best trick is not second at all. It is first! It is first because without it I never could gain control of the minds of the youths. Parents, schoolteachers, religious instructors, and many other adults unknowingly serve my purpose by helping me to destroy in children the habit of thinking for themselves. They go about their work in various ways, never suspecting what they are doing to the minds of children or the real cause of the children's mistakes.

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Have you ever heard a parent finish a child's sentence? Or seen a parent complete a child's homework? Remember those science fairs at school where it was obvious the kids had a lot of outside "help" with their science projects? Mom and Dad may have "helped" a little too much, but deep down they know that their child appreciates the help and recognizes what great parents they are. Right? Actually, the child may be thinking, "Mom and Dad don't think I can do it on my own . . . so why bother!" Eventually this parental "help" will destroy the child's self-confidence. By allowing children to be truly in charge, parents will help their kids develop the habit of thinking for themselves!

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*Q* I can hardly believe you, Your Majesty. I have always believed that children's best friends were those closest to them, their parents, their school teachers, and their religious