

This was not the first time Hill used imaginary meetings to convey what he was writing about. In *Think and Grow Rich*, Hill, writing about the sixth sense, wrote about his imaginary council meeting with the nine men whose lifeworks had been the most impressive to Hill. These nine imaginary council members were Emerson, Paine, Edison, Darwin, Lincoln, Burbank, Napoleon, Ford, and Carnegie.

Hill wrote in *Think and Grow Rich* that during his meetings with his “Invisible Counselors” he found his mind most receptive to ideas, thoughts, and knowledge that reached him during these times when his sixth sense was activated.

*Outwitting the Devil* was by no means his first time to write about religion. In fact, after he published *Law of Success* in 1928, he received letters of criticism about his stance on schools and religion. In *Think and Grow Rich*, in the chapter titled “The Six Ghosts of Fear,” Hill wrote that fear of death, in the majority of cases, could be charged to religious fanaticism. Hill had much to say about religious leaders in this section of his classic best seller.

Hill had much to say about religion even in his *Hill’s Golden Rule Magazine*. He wrote an article, “A Suggestion to Ministers of the Gospel,” in which he admonished church leaders to teach their followers to practice harmony among each other.

So the choice is yours. Did Hill actually talk to the Devil or is this a parable created to reach and touch your heart? Hill’s unique style will pull you in and move you in ways you never thought possible. The words in this book are Hill’s own. Since the original manuscript was quite lengthy, I edited with careful precision to preserve the profound impact of his message.