

The author has for many years followed the habit of taking personal inventory of himself once a year, for the purpose of determining how many of his weaknesses he has bridged or eliminated, and to ascertain what progress, if any, he has made during the year.

On one of these occasions, before THE LAW OF SUCCESS philosophy had been reduced to textbooks and published, the inventory showed the author had not only slowed down during the year, but that he was becoming indifferent toward himself and toward life. He was scheduled to deliver an address in Ohio, some two hundred miles from his home. The trip was made by automobile.

On the way the author's "guardian angel" took her place beside him on the vacant front seat of the car. (This portion of the incident may, if the reader desires, be attributed entirely to the author's use of his imagination, or to day-dreaming, or to any other cause one sees fit.)

The personage on the vacant seat beside the author seemed very real. There took place, almost immediately after the author observed by his "feelings" that some force or personality beside his own was in the car, the following interview, which resulted in the Compact described:

Voice speaking to me from within: You have wasted more of your time in the past than you have used constructively. How long are you going to continue this waste?

The author: Yes, I know I have wasted too much time. What has been the cause of this waste, and how can I make amends for it in the future?

Voice from within: The time you have wasted in the main has been the time you have devoted to thinking and indulging too freely in physical pleasures. You should make amends for this waste by transmuting this vital energy into a service to others, through THE LAW OF SUCCESS philosophy.

The author: Do I understand that my thoughts in the future should be devoted entirely to serving others through the LAW OF SUCCESS?