

all, he chose to frame this book in the classical genre of the philosophical dialogue, and he sets up a sparring match with the most vivid anti-religious figure in all of literature (from the Bible, through Milton, through C.S. Lewis). And I continue to be fascinated by this choice for it allows Hill to express—in a very readable style—his own deeply held beliefs and theories about human behavior. It holds profound lessons for us all.

As you go forward in your life and find obstacles in your way, it may serve you to review Hill's seven principles for *Outwitting the Devil* in your life.

- *Definiteness of purpose*
- *Mastery over self*
- *Learning from adversity*
- *Controlling environmental influence (associations)*
- *Time (giving permanency to positive, rather than negative thought-habits and developing wisdom)*
- *Harmony (acting with definiteness of purpose to become the dominating influence in your own mental, spiritual, and physical environment)*
- *Caution (thinking through your plan before you act)*

In reviewing these seven principles, you may identify and reveal what is holding you back from achieving your greatest success.

It was a profound blessing to me to have the Napoleon Hill Foundation entrust this manuscript to my hands—a manuscript that was hidden and locked away for over seventy years (either by his wife or the Devil himself . . . you decide). They say when a student is ready, the teacher will appear. Is it possible that *Think and Grow Rich* was the right message during the