

*A* That is absolutely correct. Life pays the drifter its own price, on its own terms. The non-drifter makes life pay on his own terms.

*Q* Doesn't the question of morals enter into what one gets from life?

*A* To be sure, but only for the reason that one's morals have an influence on one's thoughts. No one can collect what he wants from life merely by being good, if that is what you want to know.

*Q* No, I guess not. I see what you mean. We are all where we are and what we are because of our own deeds.

*A* No, not exactly. You are where you are and what you are because of your thoughts and your deeds.

*Q* Then there is no such reality as luck, is there?

*A* Emphatically no. Circumstances which people do not understand are classified under the heading of luck. Back of every reality is a cause. Often the cause is so far removed from the effect that the circumstance can be explained only by attributing it to the operation of luck. Nature knows no such law as luck. It is a man-made hypothesis with which he explains away things he does not understand. The terms "luck" and "miracle" are twin sisters. Neither of them has any real existence except in the imaginations of people. Both are used to explain that which people do not understand. Remember this: everything having a real existence is capable of proof. Keep this one truth in mind and you will become a sounder thinker.