

Your own thoughts and desires serve as the magnet which attracts units of life from the great ocean of life. Only the friendly units which harmonize with the nature of your desires are attracted.

The other members of the Cabinet began to enter the room. Edison rose and slowly walked around to his own seat. Edison was still living when this happened. It impressed me so greatly that I went to see him and told him about the experience. He smiled broadly, and said: "Your dream was more a reality than you may imagine it to have been." He added no further explanation to his statement.

These meetings became so realistic that I became fearful of their consequence, and discontinued them for several months. The experiences were so uncanny that I was afraid my mind might become unbalanced if I continued them, or that I would become a fanatic on the subject and lose sight of the fact that these meetings were purely experiences of my imagination.

Some six months after I had discontinued the practice I was awakened one night, or thought I was, when I saw Lincoln standing at my bedside. He said, "The world will soon need your services. It is about to undergo a period of chaos which will cause men and women to lose faith and become panic stricken. Go ahead with your work and complete your philosophy. That is your mission in life. If you neglect it, for any cause whatsoever, you will be reduced to a primal state and be compelled to retrace the cycles through which you have passed during thousands of years."

I was unable to tell when morning came whether I had dreamed this, or had actually been awake, and I have never since found out which it was, but I do know that the dream—if it were a dream—was so vivid in my mind the next day that I resumed my meetings the following night and have ever since continued them.

At our next meeting the members of my Cabinet all filed into the room together and stood at their accustomed places at the council table, while Lincoln raised a glass and said, "Gentlemen, let us drink a toast to a friend of man. He has returned to the fold."

After that I began to add new members to my Cabinet, until now it consists of more than fifty, among them Galileo, Copernicus, Aristotle, Plato,