

A You are wrong. I hold sacred the one thing which is my master—the one thing I fear.

Q What is that?

A The power of independent thought backed by definiteness of purpose.

Q Then you do not have many people to fear?

A Only two out of every 100 to be exact. I control all others.

Q Let's give the churches a rest and get back to the public schools. Your confession has shown clearly that you thrive and perpetuate yourself from one generation to another by the clever trick of taking over the minds of children before they have the chance to learn how to use their minds.

I wish to know what is wrong with a public school system that permits the Devil to control so many people. I wish to know, also, what can be done to the established system of teaching that will insure all children the opportunity to learn, first, that they have minds, and second, how to use those minds to bring spiritual and economic freedom.

I am putting the question to you definitely enough, and since you have stressed the importance of definiteness of purpose I am here and now putting you on notice that your answer to my question must be definite.

A Wait a moment while I catch my breath. You have given me quite an order! It seems strange that you would come to the Devil to learn how to live. I should think you would go to my opposition. Why don't you?