

financial, material, or spiritual advantages, but the element of faith is the only sure power by which a wish may be translated into a belief, and a belief into reality.

And right here is an appropriate place at which to call attention to a real benefit which anyone may experience by deliberately using faith in focusing attention upon any form of constructive desire. The mind acts upon one's dominating, or most pronounced desires. There is no escape from this fact. It is a fact indeed. "Be careful what you set your heart upon, for it surely shall be yours."

## *Faith Is the Beginning of All Great Achievement*

If Edison had stopped by merely wishing for the secret with which electric energy might be harnessed and made to serve through the incandescent lamp, that convenience to civilization would have remained among nature's multifarious secrets. He met with temporary defeat more than 10,000 times before wresting this secret from nature. It was finally yielded up to him because he believed it would be, and he kept on trying until he had the answer.

Edison uncovered more of nature's secrets (they might have been called "miracles" at an earlier period) in the realm of physics than did any other man who ever lived, and this because he became acquainted with his "other self." I have his own word for this, but even if I did not have it, his achievements of themselves have disclosed the secret in their unfoldment.