

away from my opposition, I had only to feed you on thoughts helpful to my cause.

Q If I understand what you are saying, you are admitting that no human being need fear the Devil or worry about how to flatter God!

A That is it precisely. This admission may put a crimp in my style, but I have this satisfaction of knowing it may also slow down my opposition by sending people direct to the source of all power.

Here, as in some other points during the dialogue, Hill gets explicitly theological. Using the Devil as a foil and letting words come out of the mouth of the symbol of evil, Napoleon Hill can lay out his thoughts and feelings about God—Infinite Intelligence—as the ultimate source for his overall philosophy of success.

Q In other words, if you cannot control people through negative bribes or fear, then you wish to kick over the entire apple cart and show people how to go directly to God? Are you, by any chance, in politics too? Your technique seems frightfully familiar.

A Am I in politics? If I am not in politics, who do you believe starts depressions and forces people into wars? Surely you would not lay this at the door of my opposition? As I have already told you, I have allies in all walks of life, to help me in connection with all human relationships.