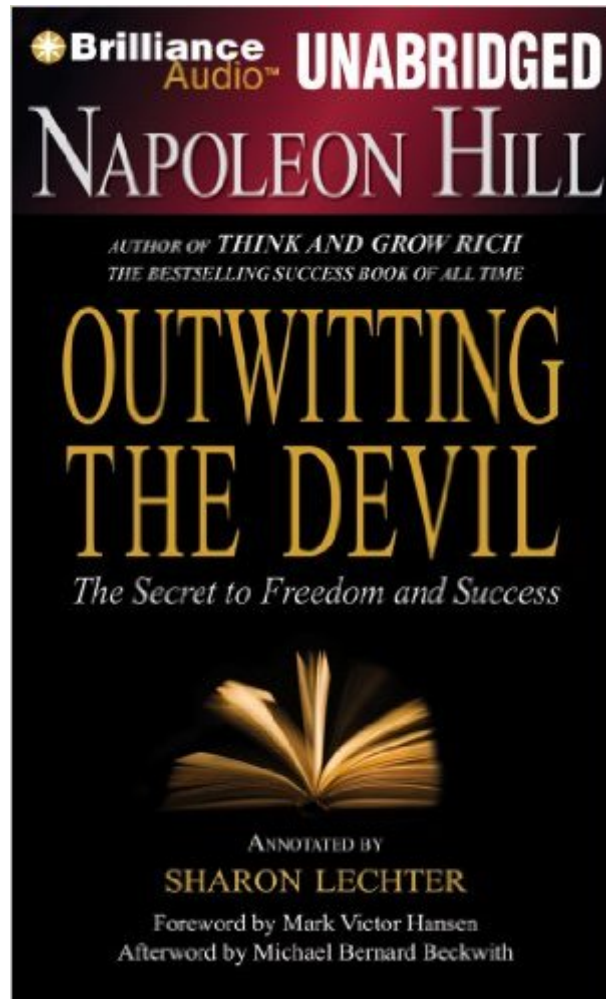


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# Napoleon Hill's Outwitting The Devil: The Secret To Freedom And Success



## Synopsis

In 1938, just after publication of his all-time bestseller *Think and Grow Rich*, Napoleon Hill reveals that he broke the Devil's Code, forcing him to confess his secrets. The resulting manuscript •*Outwitting the Devil*• proved so controversial, it was hidden for more than seventy years. Now Sharon Lechter brings us this important audiobook, annotating and editing it for a contemporary audience. Using his legendary ability to get to the root of human potential, Hill digs deep to identify the greatest obstacles we face in reaching our personal goalsâ including fear, procrastination, anger, and jealousyâ as tools orchestrated by the Devil himself. These hidden methods of control can lead us to ruin, and Hill reveals the seven principles of good that will allow us to finally triumph over them and succeed. Fascinating, provocative, and empowering, *Outwitting the Devil* shows how to create your own path to success, harmony, and fulfillment in an age of uncertainty and fear.â œMy simple faith is this: If we are created in God's image, then we were born to create, and to create is to prosper. [This] previously unpublished Napoleon Hill manuscript |. I've read it and recommend it.â • â •Rich Karlgaard, Publisher of *Forbes* magazine

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## Customer Reviews

I was literally brought up on Napoleon Hill. His writing gave me a grand foundation upon which I built much. This book, written in 1938, is both great and yet it makes one doubt the author. I'm glad the publisher and editor left the writing in the exact way it was written and didn't attempt to update the language. It's good to hear Hill's voice as we remember it, in the way he actually wrote and talked. I was, however, concerned when he described his meeting with his "other self" and, in one instance,

he became unconscious. Another time he heard a loud noise just before he got his message from his other self. These are things which, in the light of today, many people will find too much to take. Moreover, in knowing what we now know about most of the rich people of which he talks, we know they didn't start their businesses to help others or as a service to others. We suspect that was a side-effect. Hill, however, says that success results from doing what we love as a service to others --- then the riches will come. (Ayn Rand fans beware.) It is true the book was written just as The Great Depression was ending. That makes it especially appealing today as we struggle in The Great Recession. And much of what he says certainly is inspiring and motivational at this unique time in history. Yet, one can see why his family didn't want the manuscript published because Hill sounds a bit loony in parts of the book. But, alas, hang on. There's a method to his madness. There is greatness here too. He, like so many others, lost everything in 1929. He saw no way to continue to teach his wealth philosophy when people were filled with fear of poverty.

I've been pondering, reading and researching the very topic in *Outwitting the Devil* for decades and in this pursuit have read a thousand books on the formula for success. I must say that many, many books are excellent but over time they tend to repeat the same message in different fashion. Therefore, I've not seen anything for 20 years that separates itself from all the others, including Hill's "Think and Grow Rich." This secret manuscript, however, is a cataclysmic event in its publication. I'm fascinated how Napoleon Hill was able to disseminate the secrets of how our Universe REALLY works by depicting a full confession from the Devil himself, who is the destroyer of all human potential when he succeeds. In my opinion this is the most powerful book ever written on this topic and one I've been studying nearly every day for months. Once I read 2 pages in the middle I was desperate to read it in its entirety. I then was privileged to read the manuscript before publication thanks to Sharon Lechter and a highly esteemed friend. This book, in my opinion, is the game changer that America is begging for given the times we are in today. It's time that we learn to rely on our own potential as our government institutions have failed us miserably and continue to do so. I want to thank the Napoleon Hill Foundation for first having the courage to finally publish this provocative, controversial, and truthful depiction of how the Universe REALLY works nearly 75 years after Hill's death. I would also like to thank them for having the great sense to sanction someone as credible as financial literacy expert Sharon Lechter of Rich Dad Poor Dad Company fame to be the foot soldier to annotate Hill's most important work and bring it to the world.

Written by Napoleon Hill over 70 years ago, "Outwitting the Devil" was not published until 41 years

after his death. The concern was that his community would utterly reject him for printing the bold things that his interrogation of the adversary brought to light. This book reminds me of C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters," insofar as a devil is giving the goods on how he overcomes individuals. It differs in that Hill is directly questioning the devil's methods and also the gaining the adversary's own acknowledged way to escape the nefarious influence. The points that struck me the hardest include:- The danger of drifting aimlessly through life. If I'm watching 6 hours of TV a day or spending my time on video games or at the races or investing in any other time-sink which is not helping me achieve my goals, I'm drifting. The antidote is focus and maintaining a Definite Chief Aim which keeps me on track and out of the drifting paths.- Fear as one of the great tools of the adversary. Focusing on that which we don't want is fear. Fear is faith acting in reverse. Focus on your chief aims to the exclusion of all doubt and fear is replaced by empowering confidence.- Hypnotic Rhythm. If you drift long enough, you will be unable to break the habit of drifting. If you smoke long enough, you'll puff away through a hole in your throat while emphysema crushes the life out of you. The upside of this is that when you consistently focus on your definite chief aim, the power of Hypnotic Rhythm accelerates your progress and maintains your success.

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