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evil, is thus as nearly as possible predestined to unhappiness, ill health, and failure by the powerful influences of bad religious training and faulty education.

"A man needs to accept himself," says Doctor X, "as a work of God, or the First Cause, or what you will, and to take himself with all the respect and admiration that he takes any other great work of nature. He is in the class with a great waterfall, a deep vein of ore, a reservoir of natural gas, a rich oil well. He is not only an admirable work of nature, but all his weaknesses and foibles, all his virtues and his powers, are equally the result of the workings of natural laws. These laws deserve his admiration as much as the law of gravitation deserves it. And they should be observed not merely with admiration, but with the desire to learn them. Man is not a hit-or-miss product. His weaknesses are not the result of original sin, nor his failures the result of ill luck; they are both the predictable outcome of discoverable laws.

"The subconscious mind is the true thinking mind. It acts without fear and without failure upon whatever it perceives as the truth. It acts truly, because it acts in accord with instincts that are compulsively formed by nature to register the truth as