YOUR DESTINY PLAN

**"To strive, to seek, to find,
and not to yield."**

Alfred Lord Tennyson

**"I must continue this struggle
until my destiny is revealed."**

The Last Samurai

"The significance of you will forever remain obscure to you, but you may assume that you are fulfilling your significance if you apply yourself to converting all your experience to the highest advantage of others."

Buckminster Fuller

WE have all heard of the idea that "God has a plan for every person." This is either true or some kind of a cruel hoax. If we are inclined to believe it, several corollaries are supposed to follow. This plan is our true place in life. Our only real problem is to find that, and all else will follow. We will have perfect freedom and prosperity. On the other hand, until we find this place we will never be truly happy, no matter how rich or famous we may become. Until we learn God's Destiny Plan for us, we can never be healthy or content.

What is it worth, then, to learn what this plan is?

A MOMENT OF URGENCY

Sooner or later the day will come when we have a powerful sense that we are growing older. It comes suddenly, as though we were lingering over a nice meal in a beautiful restaurant and they begin closing, turning the chairs over and putting them on the tables. We feel the urge to shout: *"Hey, wait a minute. You can't be closing. What about my hopes and dreams? What happened to all the world class things I was destined to do? What about all my service projects? What about all the money I was supposed to make?"*

When that day comes, you will probably quietly panic. Unless you are moving confidently in the direction of your dreams. But how can you be doing that when there is already so much on your plate? How can you add yet another thing? The answer lies in three simple steps: (1). Set aside one hour each day, your Destiny-Planning hour. (*This hour must be non-negtionable*). (2). During this hour you will work your Destiny Wheel and define your Vision and your Next-Step. (3). During this hour you will also work on this Next-Step, the most important element of the journey to discovering your Destiny.

ONE HOUR A DAY

The first step requires setting aside an hour a day to develop and implement a Destiny Plan. If you set aside a single hour each day for *you,* **here is the promise:** In one year you will have a precisely defined vision of your destiny and be on target toward achieving your dreams. In two years you will achieve things you can't imagine now. In five years you will be achieving world class accomplishments. This will happen even if you are not yet certain today what your destiny is.

This hour must be a sacred hour, set aside only for you—and your concept of a Higher Power. Its great value lies in the fact of its accumulated power. In a single year you will accumulate 365 destiny hours, many times what you have accumulated up until now in your entire life. This is over nine 40 hour weeks! Only a handful of people devote this much time to do this kind of inner work. For that reason, you can reach world class status in a relatively short time.

To get started, set aside an hour tomorrow. Get up an hour early, cut out an hour of the tube or other wasted time. You are a child of the Highest Power in the Universe. This Power has endowed you with certain unique gifts. Along with these gifts is included a love, a *passion* for something. This secret desire may be buried or stuffed away now. It may take some digging. But that is what this destiny hour hour is for.

Spend this hour thinking about the way things *ought to be*. This is your Vision, your dream, your destiny. Forget the way things are; forget your problems. For one precious hour we are transcending *today's problems* and creating *tomorrow*. On the next page is a visual technique to get you started.

THE WHEEL OF DESTINY



1. MY UNIQUE GIFTS ARE:

Get a blank notebook. Call it your Destiny Notebook. This notebook will become the most important document in your life. First, make a list of *all* the special talents you have. Consider some of the things you do that are second-nature to you; things you rarely think about. You may be great with people, or with children, or you may be a great story-teller, or have artistic talent. You may be uniquely gifted with words, or physical prowess. Don't be shy. Add to the list as you continue with your Destiny Hour program. The idea is to develop a *composite* of everything you can do with unusual skill.

2. MY PASSION IS:

What are the things you love most to do? What is your secret desire, the thing you want to do that is so personal you won't tell anyone? Think very deeply about this. Consider what Emmet Fox has written on this subject:

“Already in your past life from time to time, God Himself has whispered into your heart just that very wonderful thing, whatever it is, that He is wishing you to be, and to do, and to have. And that wonderful thing is nothing less than what is called Your Heart's Desire. Nothing less than that. The most secret, sacred wish that lies deep down at the bottom of your heart, the wonderful thing that you hardly dare to look at, or to think about-the thing that you would rather die than have anyone else know of, because it seems to be so far beyond anything that you are, or have at the present time, that you fear that you would be cruelly ridiculed if the mere thought of it were known -that is just the very thing that God is wishing you to do or to be for Him. And the birth of that marvelous wish in your soul-the dawning of that secret dream -was the Voice of God Himself telling you to arise and come up higher because He had need of you.”