

SECRET 18

*Conflict within
weakens the power to
conquer danger without.*

When the time for action has come, inner conflict will cause you to hesitate. Conflict within a group will prevent members of the group from acting as a unit. In either case, conflict weakens. Great or dangerous undertakings are to be avoided in times of conflict because achieving success requires a concerted unity of force. Making certain that there is no inner conflict when the time for action is at hand will find you ever victorious.



SECRET 28

*If you attempt
too much, you will
end by succeeding
in nothing.*

It is commendable to push yourself to new heights. In addition to the reward of reaching your goals, achieving your goals brings satisfaction and other benefits. If, however, you strive to reach unrealistic or unattainable goals, you court disaster and failure, and you may lose even that which you already have. The knowledgeable, successful person does not overreach himself or strive foolishly. In that way, he enjoys a lifetime of success. It is good to know when a task is too monumental and to back away. He who takes every turn is not wise.

SECRET 30

*If you live in a
state of perpetual hurry,
you will fail to attain
inner composure.*

Innner composure means having a settled state of mind—having calmness and tranquility. Whoever attains that most desirable state is then able to act without stress and therefore makes no mistakes. Constant hurrying wears you down, destroys your calmness, and puts lines in your face. Perpetual hurrying upsets your inner composure as well as your good judgment. By slowing down and nurturing yourself with the ways of the knowledgeable, successful person, you will achieve all else through the process of natural law.



SECRET 49

*If you would have
your relationship endure,
fix your mind on an end
that endures.*

All relationships run the danger of misunderstandings and disagreements arising that can cause a parting of the ways. If you permit yourself to drift along without having in mind the fixed goal of the continuation of your relationship, you may find that it continues or not, as the day may determine. By making a commitment to permanently maintain your relationship, you will set a standard against which you will measure all of the actions and decisions affecting your relationship. Having made that commitment, you will avoid the pitfalls and reefs that confront close relationships. By successfully putting this secret into action, you will be blessed with long-lasting friendships and beautiful, rewarding, soul-satisfying relationships.