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Leaders are born every day, not knowing what fate may have for them. I remember the times when I used to watch Loony Toons cartoons. When either Buggs Bunny or Daffy Duck had to make a decision, two characters would always appear in order to help them make the decision. The two characters were the devilish side and the angelic side. Bugs or Daffy were always confused about which side they should take, so the devilish side and the angelic side would present their arguments.

In life, the same thing happens, but the devil and angel are inside your head, instead of on your shoulders. This situation demonstrates “the fork in the road.” In life there are many forks in the road. For whatever reason, what happens in so many people’s lives is that they find themselves staring squarely at the fork in the road trying to make the right choice. Uncertainty about the future is what holds a lot of people from moving forward and adapting to change. One choice will always give you the slight edge over the other. Just understand that the choice that is being made is your own, no matter what other voices may try to influence you.

I feel this is what separates the sheep from the lions. When a person hits rock bottom, that moment of impact is sometimes when a leader is born. That’s when reality sets in and you make the decision to change for the better. When you’re truthful with yourself and accept reality from a mature standpoint, the sky’s the limit. For things to get
better, you have to make that decision to start making better choices, because for every decision that you make, there are consequences, whether good or bad. Once you pull away the veil of circumstance and look right at the heart of any matter, you go behind the results and examine the actions. When you go behind the actions to find the attitudes, and then dive past the attitudes, that’s when you’ll discover the thinking that held them there.

That is when you begin to discover, realize, and explore the slight edge. The slight edge is when you finally make a decision, for instance, to go to the gym. When you decide to go to the gym and go consistently over time, you end up building your self-esteem and confidence, and you start becoming healthier and more fit. For a strong leader, everything is about grabbing the slight edge in order to have the results work in their favor once the momentum is going. This edge is not a tool used in order to predict the future, but rather a tool used to make plans for the future when you know what you want. Think of yourself as an axe. In order to continuously have the sharp slight edge, you must be constantly looking out for opportunities to sharpen it. Now knowing this, apply the slight edge towards your health, personal development, relationships, finances, and your life overall. Sharpen yourself and pursue your path through these simple steps. Small changes compounded by time will take you to the top. Leaders are born every day. The question is, What type of leader are you? Are you moved by the devilish Daffy/Bugs Bunny figure and want to circumvent the edge, keep things the same, without challenge, growth, development, or success? Or do you see the angelic Daffy/Bugs Bunny with white halo, nice smile, and inspirational glow, motivating you to the light at the end of the tunnel?
What are the devil and angel on your shoulder saying to you? When you are thinking about the light, what does the dark side offer? If you choose the dark side, you might get what you want, but it might not be good for you. Though following the light path might take longer, it’s more rewarding and will make you strong. Do you want to succeed? Then you need to choose the light, my friend.

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Edward M. Surpris was born and raised in New York by two Haitian parents. He is the oldest out of three siblings. In October of 2011, he officially moved to Connecticut for better opportunities. He works two jobs and goes to school part time, while starting up his own business on the side. He wants to be an example of what anyone can be if they are willing to believe in a dream while daring to achieve their personal goals. If he can do it, so can you.