Autocracy is, for the most part, a means to an end: to give the leader a sense of superiority. When a man becomes the center of the universe, his own ideas become the yardstick by which he measures the rest of the world. He is the only one who really counts, and anything that he does or says must be right and just. This is the feeling of superiority that comes with the position of power.

The paradox of war is that it is both a cause and an effect of the mechanistic interpretation of natural actions. People are taught to think of their lives as a series of events that are determined by chance and circumstance, rather than by personal choice. In this way, they are conditioned to accept the status quo and to resist change. Yet, at the same time, they are driven to make decisions that have far-reaching consequences. The paradox is that the very actions that destroy them are also the ones that keep them alive.

The highway accident rate is a good example of this paradox. Despite the efforts of engineers to build safer highways, accidents continue to occur. The National Safety Council has announced a five-year highway safety program beginning in January of this year, with the objective of reducing traffic fatalities by at least 7%, or a total of 55% by the end of 1940. This goal is possible of attainment, and the efforts of engineers are constantly working at the task of building safer highways, despite the limitations, traffic laxities are made.

In the last analysis, then, it is the mind that must be converted to the mechanistic interpretation of human actions.

Let it not be supposed that the leaders in these fields claim wonders. On the contrary, they are the first to admit that they have made a beginning. What they have done up to now is not really important. It is a project which is significant, and one in which the public can be involved.

The causes entering into the appalling rate of traffic casualties are many and various, they cannot be easily isolated.