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# The New Global Reality



**The Competition** 

"We are going to win, and the industrial West is going to lose: There's nothing much you can do about it because the reasons for your failure are within yourselves."

Konosuke Matsushita



They work tirelessly to change our world irreversibly.

If they succeed at what they're doing and aren't challenged, our way of life as we know it will end.



- We're at war, but we seem oblivious to it. Our children's future, our families, even our liberties are at risk.
- When we're tucked away in our beds, tossing and turning in restless sleep, they're even busier. They don't seem to tire; their passion is relentless. To them, weekends and holidays are inconsequential in their desire to have what we have.



Secure in our ignorance of what's happening far away, we think that we're safe. But we're not.

This isn't a conventional war. No troops can protect us. Our meager efforts seem to be, as Will Rogers phrased it, "... like spitting on a railroad track to stop a freight train."



In this war, the enemy just keeps coming. Who is it? Where's the battlefront? Is there anything we can do to save ourselves?

Day and night, in India, China, and across the rest of Asia, there's a passionate focus on learning, improving, and succeeding.



There, the question isn't, "Why are quality methods and organizational improvement the means to success?" They only ask, "How?": How to get better, how to get faster, how to do what we Americans thought we did best.

They have seen what we have, and they understandably want the same for themselves and their families. They'll learn as much and work as hard as necessary to get it.