

in us, for what purpose we know not, and they are hard for the best of us to overcome. We may have personal friends who are Indian, Chinese, Japanese — I now have many, I am glad to say — but we should not like our sisters and daughters to marry them. Turn this the other way, and we have the attitude of the East toward the West. Eight hundred millions of people in the East either ignore us or suspect us and dislike us, and when I write "us" I mean the whole West. There are, of course, a minute few who speak and understand a European language, and who have travelled, but they are least of all converted to our ways or our ideals. They admit our superiority in one respect only: that we can throw bigger broadsides of lead and iron; that we can spend more on gunpowder and dynamite; and that we are better organized, martially and commercially, than they are. The Japanese war with Russia has led them to believe that even this superiority is open to question, and passing, not permanent.

Of our great divisions of peoples, the Russians are the most sympathetic to them, the English the most respected, the Germans most distrusted (particularly in Japan), the Americans the least known and considered, in the East.

British rule in India is the greatest blessing