

## “INDIA: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”

Dr. Stanley Wolpert

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The remarkable **growth of India's economy** since 1991 has turned **that long impoverished nation** into **South Asia's Superpower**, second only to China in its rapid development. The most promising aspect of India today is the **youthful majority** of its population, most of whose 1.2 billion people are **under 35**, imparting a dynamic sense of confident hope in India's future to its leaders in every urban sphere of society. India's rural sector, however, has yet to experience the sweetness of urban development in the wake of economic globalization. **Prime Minister Manmohan Singh**, who launched the "**miraculous**" **global development** of India since 1991, has now focused on plans to **enrich its rural sector**, and thanks to India's current strategic partnership with the United States it can, hopefully, overcome power shortages and **achieve greater security** against terrorist threats.

Since the tragic Partition of South Asia in 1947, in the wake of Great Britain's "Shameful Flight," **India** has **fought three Wars** with neighboring **Pakistan**, which since 1998 is now also a nuclear power. As soon as both nations resolve their debilitating conflict over Kashmir, India and Pakistan will be able to **help each other develop** more rapidly, sharing the fruits of peace rather than facing nightmares of Nuclear War or suicide bombings. If the leaders of **Pakistan** have the wisdom to **follow India's lead**, and agree to a final resolution of that conflict, all of South Asia will be enriched throughout a new era of **Peace and Progress**.

**Dr. Stanley Wolpert** Professor Emeritus of South Asian History, University of California, Los Angeles, is the author of *Tilak and Gokhale: Revolution and Reform in the Making of Modern India* (UCPress, 1962); *Nine Hours To Rama* (Random House & Hamish Hamilton, 1962); *Morley and India, 1906-1910* (UCPress, 1967); *An Error of Judgement* (Little, Brown, 1970); *Roots of Confrontation in South Asia* (Oxford UP, 1982); *A New History of India* (Oxford UP, 1st ed., 1977; 8th edition, OUP, 2009); *Jinnah of Pakistan* (Oxford UP, 1984); *Massacre at Jallianwala Bagh* (Penguin, 1988); *India* (UCP, 1st ed. 1991; 4th ed, 2009); *Zulfi Bhutto of Pakistan* (Oxford UP, 1993); *Nehru: A Tryst With Destiny* (Oxford, 1996); *Gandhi's Passion: The Life and Legacy of Mahatma Gandhi* (OUP, 2001); *Shameful Flight* (OUP, 2006); and Editor-in-Chief, *Encyclopedia of India*, 4 vols. (Thomson/Gale, 2005). His next book is now in production "*India and Pakistan: Continued Conflict or Cooperation?*" (UCP, 2010).

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