



10 Aphorisms we love on Lean Thinking



Having no problems is the biggest  
problem of all.

— *Taiichi Ohno* —

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The Toyota style is not to create results by working hard. It is a system that says there is no limit to people's creativity. People don't go to Toyota to 'work' they go there to 'think'.

— *Taiichi Ohno* —

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Without standards, there can be no  
improvement.

— *Taiichi Ohno* —

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Data is of course important in manufacturing, but I place the greatest emphasis on facts.

— *Taiichi Ohno* —

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There are four purposes of improvement: easier, better, faster, and cheaper. These four goals appear in the order of priority.

— *Shigeo Shingo* —

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It's only the last turn of a bolt that  
tightens it - the rest is just  
movement.

— *Shigeo Shingo* —

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Lean is a way of thinking- not a list  
of things to do

— *Shigeo Shingo* —

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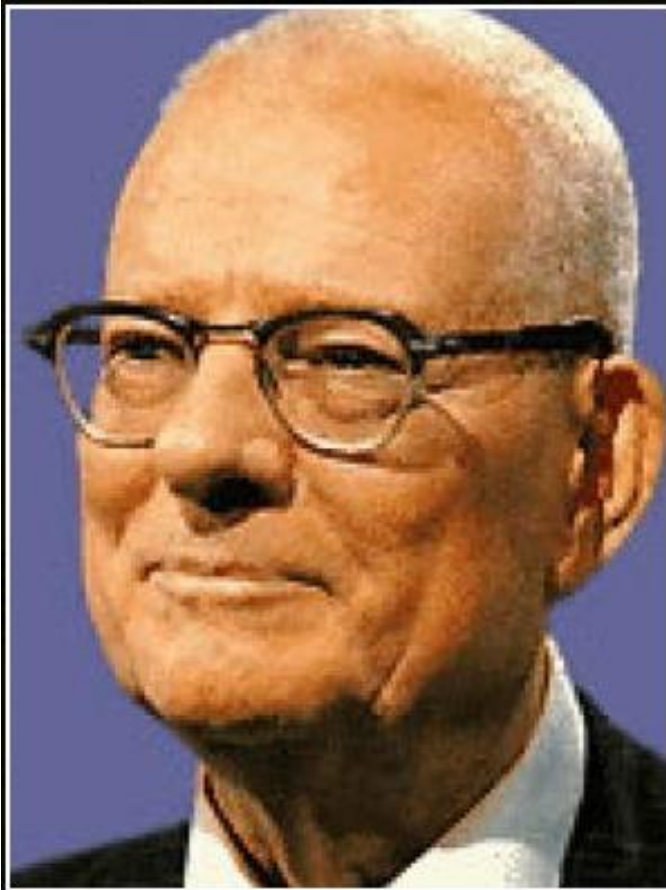




Improvement usually means doing  
something that we have never done  
before.

— *Shigeo Shingo* —

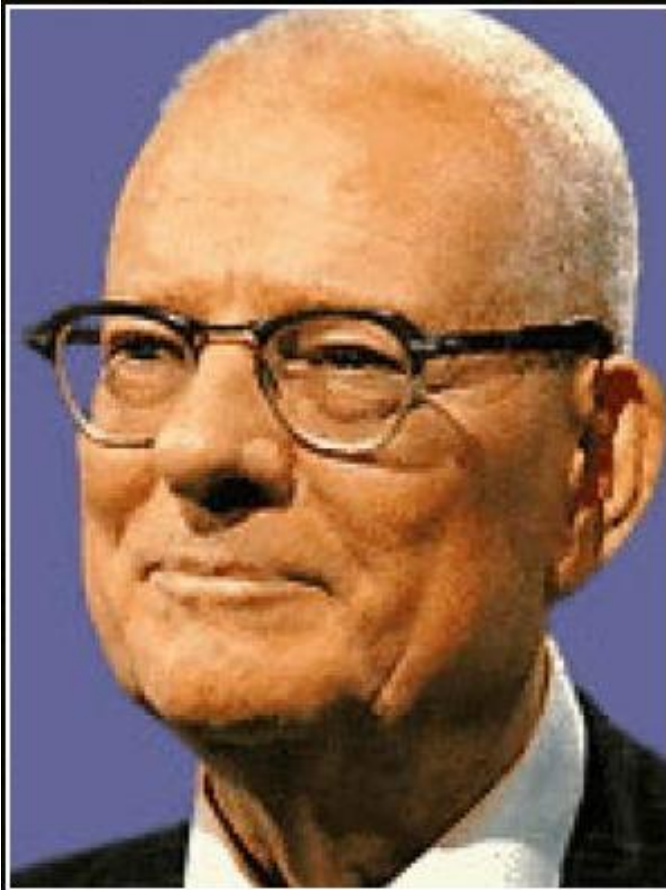
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The customer is the most important  
part of the production line.

— *W. Edwards Deming* —

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Quality comes not from inspection,  
but from improvement of the  
production process.

— *W. Edwards Deming* —

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