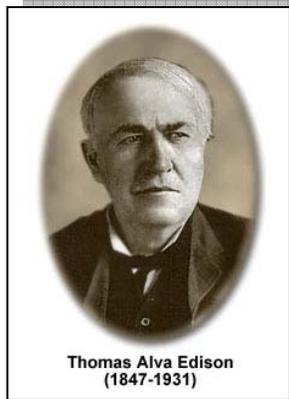


Seeings of the Ages



Thomas Alva Edison (1847 – 1931)

- Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration.
- Good fortune is what happens when opportunity meets with planning
- All Bibles are man-made
- To invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk
- I haven't failed, I've found 10,000 ways that don't work
- Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great. Weak men wait for opportunities; strong men make them
- I never did a day's work in my life. It was all fun
- Not only will atomic power be released, but someday we will harness the rise and fall of the tides and imprison the rays of the sun
- I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward.
- Your worth consists in what you are and not in what you have.
- Show me a thoroughly satisfied man and I will show you a failure. Discontent is the first necessity of progress
- Results! Why man, I have gotten a lot of results. I know several thousand things that won't work
- What you are will show in what you do
- Our greatest weakness lies in giving up

- The body is a community made up of its innumerable cells or inhabitants
- There is no substitute for hard work
- Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up
- Nearly every man who develops an idea works it up to the point where it looks impossible, and then gets discouraged. That's not the place to become discouraged
- I find out what the world needs, then I proceed to invent. My main purpose in life is to make money so that I can afford to go on creating more inventions
- I never pick up an item without thinking of how I might improve it. I never perfected an invention that I did not think about in terms of the service it might give others. I want to save and advance human life, not destroy it. I am proud of the fact that I never invented weapons to kill. The dove is my emblem
- I never did anything worth doing entirely by accident and none of my inventions came about totally by accident. They came about by hard work
- Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it's useless
- When I have fully decided that a result is worth getting I go ahead of it and make trial after trial until it comes
- There's a way to do better... find it
- I start where the last man left off

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