



SAYINGS OF THOMAS ALVA EDISON

Explain the meaning of the following sayings of Thomas Edison. What do they tell us about the invention process?

"Genius is one percent inspiration; ninety-nine percent perspiration."

"I have tried a million schemes that will not work. I know everything that is no good. I work by elimination."

"I was always afraid of things that worked the first time."

"I do not regard myself as a pure scientist. . . . I am only a professional inventor. My studies and experiments have been conducted entirely with the object of inventing that which will have commercial utility."

"I always invent to obtain money to go on inventing."