



NOTES ON:-SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE INNOVATION

by George Mentz, JD, MBA, CWM®, MPM®, QFP

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by **Mark Reeson**

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Editor's Notes :

by Michele Guttenberger, MPM®
PROJECTS THAT MARK A NEW ERA

Sometimes a new invention becomes more than an innovative product but a new era in cultural thought. Thomas Edison's launched his project the incandescent light bulb with a public demonstration on December 31, 1879. The incandescent bulb was not just a new lighting choice for the home; it was a phenomenon that would propel new lifestyles and cultures. It would become the icon of modern day enlightenment. The first public demo of the incandescent light bulb was a milestone event which marked a new era in civilization. It was witnessed by those who were fortunate enough to make the trek to Menlo Park, New Jersey. The reaction to the incandescent light bulb was enormous. The light bulb became a non-living celebrity icon. The celebrity light bulb became the rave of the Victorian era. This bright invention soon morphed into the bright idea. It is easy to see how early newspaper press layouts connecting the innovative invention to an ingenious inventor would incidentally provide that eureka moment to connect a thinking and bright idea icon to the light bulb. Edison's bright idea bulb became the accepted icon throughout the world that expanded into three centuries. Today's 21st century emoticons include the idea incandescent light bulb image.

Unfortunately, this icon may soon fade away from emoticon memory. The Energy Independence and Security Act is phasing out Edison's icon of 20th century. For over a century Edison's Light bulb was the paragon of long lasting bright energy. Unfortunately the incandescent light bulb, wastes 90 percent of its energy use as heat, not light and that is a terrible thing for the energy efficient 21st Century. Now over 100 years later a new paradigm shift has emerged that marks a new era for the 21st Century that will quickly dim the iconic light bulb from our generational memories. Phenomenal product projects such as Apple's first iphone connect with 21st Century's cultural mantra of ubiquitous mobility. Icons of clouds will slowly replace the icons of bulbs.



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