



# Great Discoveries and Inventions That Changed the World

From the End of the 19th Century to the Present

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