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**CREATIVITY – A POWERFUL TOOL IN CREATING NEW
ORDER FROM CHAOS. A BRIEF RETROSPECT OF ALFRED
NOBEL’S IDEAS AND INVENTIONS**

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ABSTRACT

Alfred Nobel is still one of the most well-known Swedes ever, in spite of the fact that he has been dead for more than 100 years. In the autumn when we Scandinavians are waiting for the light and sun to return we are reminded of Alfred Nobel’s spirit and work in the Nobel Prize ceremony. We think we know Alfred Nobel and his work pretty well, but the process to fully understand a genius is slow and, in fact, requires entrance to, or at least a glance into, the same world of ideas as he once created. We can do that by studying Nobel’s life and work, and in this presentation I want to comment on his patents in different technical fields in an attempt to explain why he was capable to do a lot more than “just” invent the Dynamite.