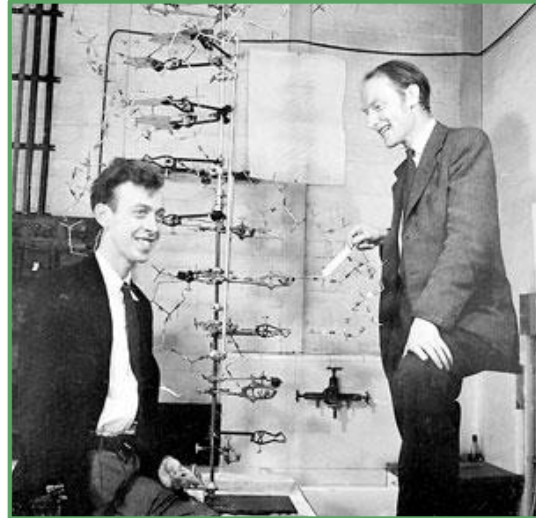


WHEN NOTHING EQUALS POSSIBILITY

In 1953, Francis Crick of Britain teamed with American James Watson to discover the structure of the DNA molecule, which stores the genetic information that guides all living organisms.

That was a great step forward for science. And yet, according to William C. Hammond III, who authored the book *12 Step Wisdom at Work*, no one would have known – including Crick himself – a few years earlier that he was about to emerge as a major scientific leader.

After World War II ended, Crick came to the conclusion that he had no clear path for his future. He had reached the age of 30 with no doctorate, no research publications and no further interest in his scientific specialization.



Instead of despairing, however, he realized that most scientists are “trapped by their expertise. Since I essentially knew nothing, I had an almost completely free choice.”

He followed his growing excitement for exploring the essence of life and ended up leading the way for many others.

Crick’s self-confidence and lack of anxiety over knowing “nothing” offers us a new sense of possibility. Put another way:

If we don’t know, we can learn. If we haven’t done much, we can get started.

And right now is the right time.

– Beecher Hunter