

Nobel Prize-winning biologist Francois Jacob has died

The following is an excerpt.

One day in July 1958, François Jacob squirmed in a Paris movie theater. His wife, Lise, could tell that an idea was struggling to come out. The two of them walked out of the theater and headed for home.

“I think I’ve just thought up something important,” François said to Lise.

“Tell!” she said.

Her husband believed, as he later wrote, that he had reached “the very essence of things.” He had gotten a glimpse of how genes work together to make life possible.

Read the full article here: [“I Think I’ve Just Thought Up Something Important”–Francois Jacob \(1920-2013\)](#)