

## Famous Scientists and Inventors who Experimented with Drugs

By Scientist



Many famous scientists and inventors of all ages have admitted to taking psychedelic drugs. Some of them have even claimed that recreational drugs enhance creativity, inventiveness and intelligence, while others have gone one to advocate drug usage. Timothy Leary, the legendary American psychologist, philosopher and scientist, gained notoriety worldwide, during the 1960s and 1970s, for his advocacy of psychedelic drugs.

Today's article on our Science Blog will talk about well-known scientific visionaries and inventors who experiment with drugs.

### Steve Jobs – LSD



Steve Jobs, arguably the most revered pioneer in the personal computer revolution, once stated that experimenting with LSD in the 1960s was "one of the two or three most important things he had done in his life."

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**Archimedes:** A mind beyond his time

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**C. V. Raman:** Color change allows harm-free health check of living cells

**Rosalind Franklin:** Shape-shifting DNA

**Robert Boyle:** A new science is born: chemistry

**Carl Woese:** Rewrote Earth's history of life

**Alfred Wegener:** Shunned after he discovered that continents move

**Henri Poincaré:** Is the solar system stable?

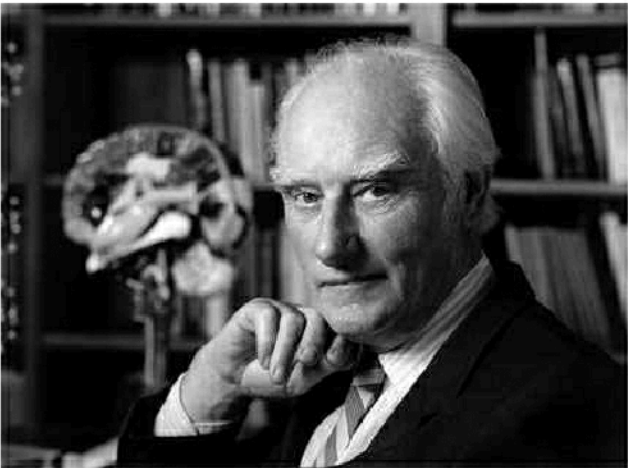
**Polly Matzinger:** The dog whisperer who rewrote our immune system's rules

**Otto Guericke:** In the 1600s found that space is a vacuum

**Alister Hardy:** Aquatic ape theory: our species evolved in water

**Elizebeth Friedman:** Became the world's most famous codebreaker

## Francis Crick – LSD



The legendary molecular biologist **Francis Crick** had told his Cambridge fellow, Dick Kemp, that he surprisingly had “perceived the double-helix shape while on LSD.”



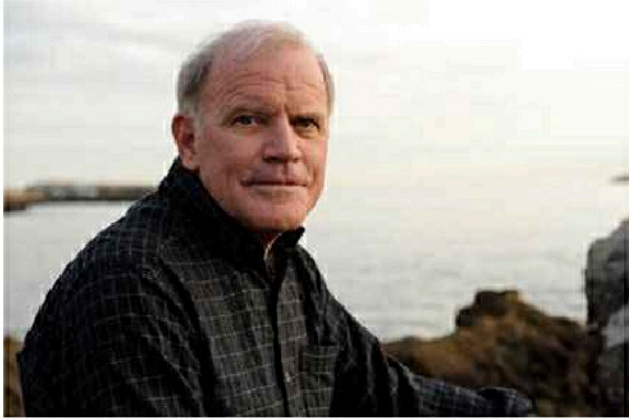
## John C. Lilly – LSD, Ketamine



Neuroscientist John Cunningham Lilly was the most important figure in the field of electronic brain stimulation. He extensively experimented with LSD and ketamine.

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| <b>Evangelista Torricelli:</b> We live at the bottom of a tremendously heavy sea of air           |
| <b>Eudoxus:</b> The first mathematical model of the universe                                      |
| <b>James Black:</b> Revolutionized drug design with the Beta-blocker                              |
| <b>Inge Lehmann:</b> Discovered our planet's solid inner core                                     |
| <b>Chen-Ning Yang:</b> Shattered a fundamental belief of physicists                               |
| <b>Robert Hooke:</b> Unveiled the spectacular microscopic world                                   |
| <b>Barbara McClintock:</b> A Nobel Prize after years of rejection                                 |
| <b>Pythagoras:</b> The cult of numbers and the need for proof                                     |
| <b>J. J. Thomson:</b> Discovered the electron   |
| <b>Johannes Kepler:</b> Solved the mystery of the planets   |
| <b>Dmitri Mendeleev:</b> Discovered 8 new chemical elements by thinking                           |
| <b>Maurice Hilleman:</b> Record breaking inventor of over 40 vaccines                             |
| <b>Marie Curie:</b> Won – uniquely – both the chemistry & physics Nobel Prizes                    |
| <b>Jacques Cousteau:</b> Marine pioneer, inventor, Oscar winner                                   |
| <b>Niels Bohr:</b> Founded the bizarre science of quantum mechanics                               |
| <b>Srinivasa Ramanujan:</b> Untrained genius of mathematics                                       |
| <b>Milutin Milankovic:</b> Proved Earth's climate is regulated by its orbit                       |
| <b>Antoine Lavoisier:</b> The giant of chemistry who was executed                                 |
| <b>Emmy Noether:</b> The greatest of female mathematicians, she unlocked a secret of the universe |
| <b>Wilder Penfield:</b> Pioneer of brain surgery; mapped the brain's functions                    |
| <b>Charles Nicolle:</b> Eradicated typhus epidemics   |
| <b>Samuel Morse:</b> The telegraph and Morse code   |
| <b>Jane Goodall:</b> Major discoveries in chimpanzee behavior                                     |
| <b>John Philoponus:</b> 6th century anticipation of Galileo and Newton                            |
| <b>William Perkin:</b> Youthful curiosity brought the color purple to all                         |
| <b>Democritus:</b> Atomic theory BC and a universe of diverse inhabited worlds                    |
| <b>Susumu Tonegawa:</b> Discovered how our bodies make millions of different antibodies           |
| <b>Cecilia Payne:</b> Discovered that stars are almost entirely hydrogen and helium               |
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## Kary Mullis – LSD



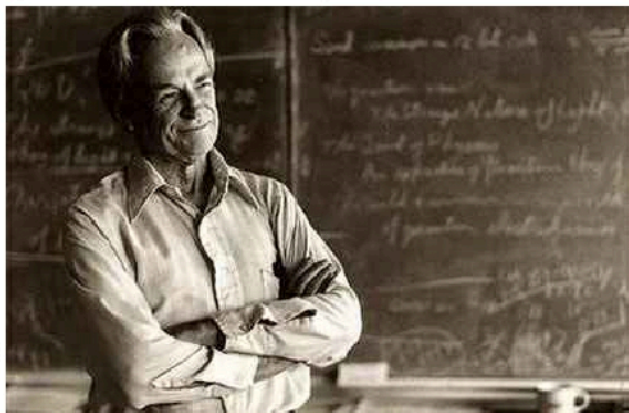
Kary Banks Mullis was an American biochemist who won the 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for making valuable improvements to polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technique. Mullis once told *California Monthly* that he “took plenty of LSD”.

## Ralph Abraham – LSD/ Other



Ralph Abraham is a prominent American mathematician. In an interview with *GQ magazine*, Abraham discussed how psychedelic insights had helped influence his mathematical theories. He took LSD and other psychedelic drugs.

## Richard Feynman – LSD, Marijuana, Ketamine



One of the greatest theoretical physicists in history, Richard Feynman briefly experimented with LSD, marijuana and ketamine.