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American geneticist. He shared a 1958 Nobel Prize for demonstrating that each polypeptide is coded for by a specific gene.

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n.

A minor parish official formerly employed in an English church to usher and keep order during services.

[Middle English *bedel*, herald (from Old English *bydel*) and from Old French *bedel* (from Medieval Latin *bedellus*, from Old High German *butil*; see **bheudh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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