Program Summary

Monday, August 20
3:00 p.m. Board and Commission Meetings
7:30 Executive Council Meeting
          Board and Commission Meetings

Tuesday, August 21
10:00 a.m. Registration
1:30 p.m. "Psychology as Scientific Enterprise"
3:30 Group Session
7:30 "Pastoral Psychology"

Wednesday, August 22
9:00 a.m. "The Dimensions of Psychiatry"
10:30 Group Session
1:30 p.m. Field Trip
5:00 Business Session
6:30 Banquet
8:00 Public Meeting:
      "Christian Perspective on Mental Health"

Thursday, August 23
9:00 a.m. "Genetics and Human Behavior"
          Panel Discussion
          General Discussion
10:30 Group Session
1:30 p.m. Panel — "Guilt"
          General Discussion
8:00 Public Meeting:
      "Proximate Psychodynamic Insights in the Bible and Contemporary Psychotherapy"

Friday, August 24
9:00 a.m. Panel — "Problems of the Christian Home"
10:30 Special Group Session with panel members serving as group leaders
12:30 p.m. Adjournment

Official Program

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August 20 - 24, 1962
COLLEGE AUDITORIUM
BETHEL COLLEGE
1480 North Snelling Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota
GENERAL INFORMATION

Reception Desk:
Bethel College, 1480 N. Snelling Ave.,
St. Paul 1, Minn. Phone Midway 6-4501.

Registration:
9:00-11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 21, 1962.
If you arrive late, please register on the
day you arrive.

Registration Fee:
The registration fee is $2.00. Payment is
used to help defray costs of the conven-
tion. However, all sessions of the conven-
tion, and especially the three evening
public meetings, are open to the public.

Accommodations:
Rooms: $4.00 per night for a single room;
$3.00 per night for two in a room, twin
beds; $1.00 per night for each one over
two in a family.
Meals: $12.50 for the convention sessions.
Individual meals at 75¢ for breakfast,
$1.25 for lunch, $1.50 for dinner. There
will be a $2.00 charge for the banquet on
Thursday night.

Meetings:
All sessions, unless otherwise announced,
are to be held in the college auditorium,
located on the first floor of the college
building, corner of Arlington and Snelling
Avenue.

For reservations write:
ASA National Convention
Bethel College
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Program

Theme: Modern Psychology and the Christian

Monday, August 20
3:00 p.m. Editorial Board Meeting
Psychology Commission Meeting
7:30 Meeting of Executive Council
Meetings of various boards and com-
missions

Tuesday, August 21
10:00 a.m. Registration, coffee and . . .
11:00 Opening Session
Chairman — Henry D. Weaver, Jr.
President of ASA
Deviations — E. J. Omark,
Dean of Bethel Seminary
Welcome—Carl H. Lundquist Presi-
dent, Bethel College and Semi-
ary
Webster Muck, Chairma of
Local Arrangements Committee
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 Afternoon Session
Chairman — Paul C. Davis, Chair-
man of Psychology Commission
Keynote Address — Psychology as
Scientific Enterprise
F. Phillip Van Eyl
Department of Psychology
Hope College
General Discussion
3:00 Coffee Break
3:30 **Group Session - 1**  
General Coordinator  
Norvell Peterson, Psychiatrist  
Beverly Farms, Massachusetts  
Member of Commission of Psychology

6:00 **Dinner**

7:30 p.m. **Evening Session**  
Chairman — G. Douglas Young,  
Director, Israel-American Institute of Biblical Studies, Evanston, Illinois  
Member of Publication Board  
**Pastoral Psychology**  
Frederic M. Norstad  
Department of Practical Theology  
Luther Theological Seminary  
St. Paul, Minnesota

**Wednesday, August 22**

7:45 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:30 **Devotions**  
John R. Howitt, Psychiatrist  
Toronto, Ontario

9:00 **Morning Session**  
Chairman — F. Wilmer Larson  
Department of Psychiatry  
University of Minnesota  
**Paper — The Dimensions of Psychiatry**  
Orville S. Walters, Psychiatrist  
Director of Health Services  
University of Illinois  
Champaign, Illinois

10:15 **Coffee Break**  
Instructions: Pick up coffee and go immediately to group sessions.

10:30 **Group Session - 2**

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 **Field Trip**  
In charge of Local Arrangements Committee

5:00 **Business Session**  
Presiding — Henry D. Weaver, Jr.  
President of ASA

6:30 p.m. **Banquet**  
Presiding — Henry D. Weaver, Jr.  
Address — Christian Perspectives on Mental Health  
Vernon C. Grounds, President  
Denver, Colorado

**Thursday, August 24**

7:45 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:30 **Devotions**  
Harold E. Miller  
Prof. of Educational Psychology  
Westmont College  
Santa Barbara, California

9:00 **Morning Session**  
Chairman — H. Harold Hartzler,  
Executive Secretary of ASA  
**Paper — Genetics and Human Behavior**  
Russell C. Mixer  
Professor of Zoology  
Chairman, Dept. of Biology  
Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.  
Discussants —  
John C. Sinclair  
Research Assistant  
Department of Physiology  
U. C. S. F. Medical Center  
San Francisco, California  
V. Elving Anderson  
Univ. of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Friday, August 24

7:45 a.m.  Breakfast

8:30  Devotions  
Webster Muck, Dean of Students, Bethel College, and Chairman of Local Arrangements Committee

9:00  Morning Session
Chairman — Norvell Peterson
Panel — Problems of the Christian Home
Panel Members —
  John Hyde, Pediatrician and Assoc., Prof. of Pediatrics, Univ. of Illinois College of Med.
  Paul C. Davis, Psychologist, Dean and Prof. of Psychology at Los Angeles Pacific College, Los Angeles, California
  Mrs. Norvell Peterson, Housewife and Group Worker Beverly Farms, Massachusetts

10:15  Coffee Break

10:30  Special Group Session  
Topic — Problems of the Christian Home  
Panel members to serve as group leaders

12:30 p.m.  Lunch and  
General Adjournment
Abstracts of Papers

Psychology as Scientific Enterprise
F. Phillip Van Eyl
Psychologist
Hope College, Holland, Michigan

The study of psychology has one general objective: the understanding of human behavior. That there are several opinions as to how this objective should be reached is evident from the contemporary literature which reflects several theoretical approaches, a variety of ways and means, and a multitude of practical interests. It can also be observed that most psychologists, whatever their individual differences, prefer to concentrate their efforts either in the theoretical-experimental area, or the theoretical-applied area, or the applied area only.

When we want to consider psychology as a science those psychologists who probe the theoretical and the experimental dimensions are of greatest interest to us. Their concern is with such traditionally scientific concepts as predication, control, hypothesis, and probability.

Whether psychology can be considered a strong science or a weak one, a good science or a bad one, depends largely on how well it follows the universal aims, principles, and techniques of the scientific method. At least part of the answer, however, should be judged against the unique characteristics of the subject matter of psychology.

Psychology as a science has come a long way since its beginning, not quite 100 years ago. On the other hand, many problems and questions still demand our attention. Advances in technological development will undoubtedly contribute, may even hold the keys to a breakthrough.

Genetics and Human Behavior
Russell L. Mixter
Chairman, Biology Department
Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

A study of genetics as it relates to human behavior. Some abnormal traits which have a hereditary basis are examined as contrasts to the normal heredity which enters into one's personality. Some opinions of prominent geneticists are mentioned; these differ in attitude in minor respects but, in general, agree that personality is the product of both one's heredity and his environment, and though occasionally heredity is more important and sometimes environment may be more significant, most traits are best explained by a combination of the two. Studies of identical twins also contribute toward the understanding of behavior.

The Dimensions of Psychiatry
Orville S. Walters, M.D.
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Psychiatry is a medical specialty dealing with mental disorders. As one of the medical specialties, psychiatry rests solidly on such basic sciences as chemistry, anatomy, physiology and pathology. In its scientific dimension, psychiatry is working diligently in these areas to achieve a breakthrough in the understanding of mental illness.

In its healing dimension, psychiatry becomes an applied science. The psychiatrist is now a participant-observer with an interest in the outcome. Healing efforts lead directly into the philosophic dimension, since psychotherapy implicates the patient's value system. Psychiatry is unique among the medical specialties in its philosophical involvement.
Psychiatry encounters religion distorted by psychopathology. Religionists are concerned that this view be corrected by normative understanding of religion.

Psychiatry has entered in a limited way into dialogue with theology. Theologians believe that psychiatry’s understanding of man needs the mature conclusions of theology.

Proximate Psychodynamic Insights
In The Bible and Contemporary Psychotherapy
Dr. James Forrester, President
Gordon College and Divinity School
Beverly Farms, Massachusetts

The purpose of this address is to show that the secular psychological wisdom and the revealed Biblical truth are complementary in the understanding of human behavior and in human wholeness. Historical antipathies between the theological and psychological disciplines exist. These are being resolved in contemporary rapprochement.

The insights of the Biblical faith are not contradictory to the secular psychotherapeutic insights. Both recognize basic needs, both are concerned with man's existence, his behavior, his guilts, anxieties, his interpersonal relationships, his meanings. There are semantic affinities in vocabulary. There are differences in goals. The profoundest insights in the Old Testament and New Testament and in the ministry of Jesus Christ with respect to persons are not contradictory to, but synchronous with the validated insights of contemporary psychotherapy. This can be illustrated from His teaching and His interviews.

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(2) Jesus Christ is the Son of God and through
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