Program Summary

Monday, August 20

3:00 p.m. Board and Commission Meetings7:30 Executive Council MeetingBoard 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 Psychia-

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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 Psychodyna mic 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 convention. However, all sessions of the convention, 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 commissions

Tuesday, August 21

10:00 a.m. Registration, coffee and . . .

11:00 Opening Session

Chairman — Henry D. Weaver, Jr. President of ASA

Devotions — E. J. Omark,

Dean of Bethel Seminary

Welcome—Carl H. Lundquist President, Bethel College and Seminary

Webster Muck, Chairman of Local Arrangements Committee

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 Afternoon Session

Chairman — Paul C. Davis, Chairman 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 Conservative Bapt. Theol. Sem. 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 Assisant Department of Physiology U. C. S. F. Medical Center San Francisco, California

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Prof. of Sociology; Chairman,
Dept. of Soc. Sciences
Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn.
Jonathan G. Wegner (paper)
Yale Univ. Dept. of Psychology
New Haven, Conn.

10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 Group Session - 3

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 Afternoon Session

Chairman — David F. Busby,
Physician, Chicago, Ill.
Member of Commission on
Psychology
Panel Discussion — Guilt
Panel Members —
Robert Mounce
Department of Bible
Bethel College, St. Paul
Richard Cox
Truman Esau

General Discussion

3:15 Coffee Break
 3:30 Group Session - 4
 6:00 Dinner

8:00 Public Meeting

Devotions

Address - Proximate Psychodynamic Insights in the Bible and Contemporary Psychotherapy

James Forrester, President Gordon College and Div. School Beverly Farms, Massachusetts 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. Psychiatrist and Director of Health Services University of Illinois Champaign, Illinois

Psychiatry is a medical specialty dealing with mental disorders. As one of the medical specialities, 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 affininities 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 contradicory 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) To disseminate the results of such studies to both the Christian and secular worlds. —Article I of ASA Constitution

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 - -Article II of ASA Constitution

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