## LIBERTY LIBERAL ARTS ACADEMY Intro to Psychology

**Teacher:** David Gursky, Ph.D. Clinical Psychology

Ages: H.S. level, Moderate difficulty. Prerequisite: Must be at a High School grade level.

**Teacher Compensation:** \$225 Yearly, Payable in 9 Monthly Installments of \$25

**Semester Supply Fees:** A once-Per-Semester fee of \$10 (2 fee payments of \$10)

Fall fee is due by July 7<sup>th</sup> to lock Student's place in class

**Book Requirement:** Psychology 9<sup>th</sup> Edition David G. Meyers, Worth Publishers, 2009



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Only available used on Amazon. NOTE: This older edition was chosen because it was written by David G. Meyers, an acclaimed Christian author and Professor of Psychology at Hope College, Michigan, (a Christian Institution). The newer  $10^{th}$  ed. is very expensive, and the introductory principles to psychology not changed over the years. Many used copies of the 9th Edition can be found on Amazon for a fair price. I purchased mine for \$8.00 + \$3.99 shipping.

## **Class Description:**

Psy • chol • o • gy *Noun* The scientific study of the human mind and its functions, especially those affecting behavior in a given context.

Did you ever wonder what makes people tick? What happens in the mind of the insane? What splits a Dr. Jekyll into a Mr. Hyde? Is a psychopath dangerous when he's "off his meds"? Can behavior be learned - Why does your dog run to the door when he hears you jingle the leash? Does what you see in an ink blot really tell what kind of person you are? Meet all the players in the development of the science known as modern psychology.

This class will promote critical thinking and help the Christian student bridge the abstract to the familiar with lots of examples and a hands-on approach to understanding psychology & human behavior. The book is full of analogies, quotes, diagrams, photos and references to today's pop-culture to help with understanding scientific principles.

There will be tests and papers along the way. But it should be entertaining as well! The class will wrap with the movie *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest,* & students will write character critiques of the movie characters using the principles they learned in class.