Perceptions of God as Bridging Variable for Wholistic Assessment

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Current Definitions
- Religious/Spiritual Assessment
  - Koenig, et. al. in the 2012 update of this document discuss the difficulty in defining spirituality. “The word spirituality has none of that baggage (the baggage of religion); it has come to mean whatever people wish and has wide applicability and appreciation in this age of individuality.”

Our Study Methodology
- Qualitico randomized on-line sample of 1047 U.S. Citizens
- Average age is 59.4 years  
  - 18-65 Average age is 48.01  
  - 65-93 Average age is 70.89
- Age range was 18 - 93
- 522 persons under the age of 65
- 524 persons 65 years of age or older
- 43.5% male, 56.4% female
- 25 = 50.5% Male, 54.5% Female  
  - 65-69 (14.4%) Male, 49.23% Female
- Study conducted with the ethical supervision of the Baylor University Institutional Review Board

Chi square analysis of God Image and Age

Comparison of PANAS with God Image Groups

Multiple Analysis of Variance of Religious Coping Among God Image Groups

Relationship between Brief RCOPE with DASS and PANAS

Spirital/Emotional Assessment
- We can no longer separate emotional and spiritual assessments as we work with older adults.
- We have known the impact of religious coping since the work of Koenig and Pargament, but the impact on depression, stress and anxiety is also clear.
- Persons who believe in the critical God are an emerging group, particularly among younger subjects. This group has more emotional challenges.

Future directions of this project
- Continue to work with these data to complete our analysis.
- The next large step will be to move toward the use of this concept for client assessment.