

Inspiring researchers and setting a solid foundation to build upon

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A single email cannot possibly encapsulate Paul's contributions to psychology. So I am going to focus on just two: firstly, his founding and leading of the biannual meaning conference. In bringing together international researchers and practitioners from psychology and philosophy, Paul has made a profound impact on the field. This gathering has inspired ideas in all of us and has helped to steer careers of undergraduates and early career researchers attending the conference. Not only because of the exposure to the great names and ideas - but also because of Paul's generosity and foresight in bringing together a diverse group in a safe community where dissenting opinions can be heard and debated. By providing generous scholarships to students for innovative work. By making himself so available to discussions. By acting as a catalyst for the broadening of the field of positive psychology. Our view of meaning in life would be much paler without Paul's dedication to his work, his theories, and his leadership and hosting of the conferences over many years.

Secondly, Paul's work on Existential Positive Psychology helped to open the doors to a growing awareness of the importance of how our entire experience of being human—the so-called positives and the so-called negatives—are important to leading a truly flourishing life. Within this framework, Paul richly blended humanistic, positive, and existential psychology; thus setting new horizons for the science of well-being to steer towards. This framework also inspired other researchers to broaden his framework to include the natural environment as a vital component in individual and societal thriving (e.g., Eco-Existential Positive Psychology). We are much

indebted to Paul's vision and his laying of a solid foundation in this area to build upon. Paul's latest writings on social responsibility are words for all of us to heed as we move forward in these times of climate crises and existential angst to both individual and collective flourishing.