

Convivium

Convivium is a newsletter which provides information about research into the work of Michael Polanyi. However, it has a wider aim than this, for Michael Polanyi is above all a heuristic thinker who has instigated new ideas in many areas of thought. We are, therefore, also interested in research developing within the spirit of his 'post critical' philosophy.

This first edition provides you with the names and addresses of researchers in these fields as well as information about articles published and ongoing research. In later editions we hope to provide you with further information from subscribers as well as short reviews of articles, etc., and provide you with a bibliography of Polanyi's work in the humanities. In order to make this possible we would be pleased to receive information about research from subscribers as well as short reviews of articles suitable for publication. The main purpose of the news letter then is to provide interested persons with a communications network by which they can communicate their work and interests to others. We also intend to provide you with information about any meetings or conferences that may be arranged within our field of interest.

A sister organisation 'The Polanyi Society' exists in the U.S.A., and we will also include any relevant information which arises from their news bulletin.

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Theology, aesthetics.

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Using some of Polanyi's ideas for research into education, religion, philosophy of mind, and value theory. Published: 'Emotion, Religion and Education', Proceedings of the philosophy of education Society, Supp. Vol. 1973.

Dr. W.H. Allchin, 66 Old Kennel's Lane, Winchester, Hants. SO22 4JT.  
Psychology, poetry, politics. Published: 'Young People. Problems of Adaption to a fragmented Society' No.157, 1970.  
'The Archetypal Context of Political Experience' Tract No.9, Autumn 1973.

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Cosmology and social change. Recent paper for S.O.A.S., seminar unpublished: 'The Centre Cannot Hold'.

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Theology, philosophy, politics. Published: 'Michael Polanyi and the Problem of Personal Knowledge', Journal of Religion, (University of Chicago), April 1968. 'Scientific Ethics and the Community: the applicability of Polanyi's Concept of Ethics to the Community as a whole', Inquiry, (University of Oslo), Vol.11, 1968. 'Towards a Philosophy of Technology', Scientia, (Milan), December 1969. 'Political Education on Michael Polanyi's Theory of Education', Educational Theory, (University of Illinois) Fall, 1973. Unpublished: Ph.D. Thesis 1973, 'The Philosophy of Michael Polanyi as a Political Philosophy'. Copy in Surrey University Library.

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Theology, philosophy of religion.

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Theology and epistemology of religious experience. Unpublished: B.D. Thesis Oxford 1973 relates the epistemology of the Theologian, John Oman, to Michael Polanyi's theory of personal knowledge.

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Epistemology and religion. Published: Collected Articles and Papers of Michael Polanyi (1963). 'Michael Polanyi - Modern Reformer' Religion in Life, Spring 1965. 'Michael Polanyi: Credere Aude, his theory of knowledge and its implications for Christian theology, 1965. Bibliography of Michael Polanyi's Social and Philosophical Writings, Intellect and Hope, 1968 'The Relevance of Polanyi', Contact 1974. 'Discovery and Theology' Scottish Journal of Theology, August 1975. Unpublished: manuscript on the heuristic philosophy of Polanyi.

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Philosophy, religion.

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- Mr. Robin Hodgkin, 7 Farndon Road, Oxford.  
The philosophy and psychology of education 'Born Curious':  
New Perspectives in Educational Theory', John Wiley, early 1976.
- Dr. P.E. Hodgson, Corpus Christi College, Oxford.  
Philosophy of science.
- Professor Sir Alister Hardy, 7 Capel Close, Oxford.  
Religious experience, concept of tacit knowledge.
- Mr. David Holbrook, New Farm House, Madingley, Cambridge.  
Psychology, existentialism, philosophical biology.  
Publications: Some discussion of Polanyi's ideas in 'English  
in Australia Now', Cambridge Univ. Press, 1973. 'Sex and  
Dehumanization', Pitman 1972, also article on Roger Poole and  
Marjorie Grene in Universities Quarterly, Spring 1973.  
To be published: 'A humanities Student's Guide to the New  
Existentialism and Phenomenology'. 'Lost Bearings in English  
Poetry', on the effects of natural scientism on the poet's  
confidence in the imagination.
- Mr. Walter James, Cumberland Lodge, The Great Park, Windsor, Berks.  
Theology and education.
- Dr. Christopher B. Kaiser, New College, The Mound, Edinburgh EH1 2LX.  
Philosophy of religion, philosophy of science, theology.  
Unpublished: Ph.D. thesis Edinburgh University 1974. 'The  
Logic of Complementarity in Science and Theology'. 'Niels  
Bohr and Michael Polanyi: Some Interesting Parallels'.  
To be published. Research in progress concerning the  
relationship of religious discourse/knowledge to scientific  
discourse/knowledge.
- Mr. E.K. Ledermann, 97 Harley Street, London, W.1.  
Existential Philosophy. 'Philosophy in Medicine', Tavistock  
pub. 1970. 'Existential Neurosis' Butterworth, 1972.
- Mr. G.D. Martin, French Department, University of Edinburgh,  
4 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh 8.  
Poetics and philosophy of language. Published: 'Language, truth  
and poetry', Edinburgh University Press, forthcoming (related  
to spirit of Polanyi's outlook).
- Dr. James F. McHarg, 33 Hazel Avenue, Dundee.  
Clinical psychiatry, parapsychology.
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Bucks.  
Philosophy and theology.
- Mr. Brunno Manno, 514A Warren Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02146,  
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Education, religion and public education. Published:  
'Michael Polanyi on the Problem of Science and Religion', Zygon:  
Journal of Science and Religion, Vol.9, No.1 March 1974.

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General Interest.

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Philosophy of science, epistemology, science and theology  
Pub. (reference to Polanyi in following) 'Theological Science!  
1971 "God and Rationality" 1971 (OUP) "Theology in  
Reconciliation", G. Chapman, in the press. "Integration of  
Form in Natural and in Theological Science". Science, Medicine  
and Man, 1974, No. 3.  
Research: On the integration and interpretation in natural  
and theological science, with the help of Polanyi's concepts.

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### Obituary

We are sorry to inform subscribers of the death of Mr. George Polanyi. Mr. Polanyi attended the conference from which the newsletter arose and was an enthusiastic supporter of its intentions.

### Recent Publications

Paul Feyerabend, How to Defend Society Against Science, Radical Philosophy, Summer 1975.

Criticises Karl Popper's doctrine of falsification. He points out Popper's criteria for deciding on whether a theory can be considered part of science are "clear, unambiguous, precisely formulated," but science is not like this. The science Popper is concerned with is an imaginary idealised science not actual science. Feyerabend also criticises the theory of Kuhn and Lakatos as far too vague.

Paul Feyerabend. Against Method, New Left publications, 1975  
In this work he develops the same theme as in his article.

Michael Oakeshott. On Human Action, Oxford 1975.  
Oakeshott returns to the theme he first started in Experience and its Modes, Cambridge, 1933, and can be considered the most important statement of his views. Of particular interest are his views on politics and morality and political education. Oakeshott has a number of views which are similar to Polanyi, for instance, his concept of learning and return of tradition but nevertheless examines some of the same problems as Polanyi from a different point of view.

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