

Preliminary Comments

My goal in writing *Recovering Truths: A Comprehensive Anthology of Michael Polanyi's Writings* was to provide a comprehensive introduction to the thought and accomplishments of Michael Polanyi. In my view, the best way to communicate Polanyi's insights is by using his own words. There is a good deal of repetition in his writings, and some of his phraseology is better adopted for introductory purposes than other material. So in essence what I have provided is a Polanyi Reader that makes available in one place some of his most accessible, distinctive, and significant accounts. When possible, I have drawn on Polanyi's most accessible published works. I have added a good bit of commentary, especially in introductory sections, with the hope that this interpretive material will help facilitate understanding of Polanyi for those new to his thought.

The manuscript of *Recovering Truths: A Comprehensive Anthology of Michael Polanyi's Writings* made available here was in essence completed in 2012, although I have made a few more recent changes and additions. Since storing this material on Google Docs makes amending materials easy, it is possible that other additions will be made in the future. The material that is in the reader is made available only for non-commercial educational and scholarly uses.

You can gain access to *Recovering Truths: A Comprehensive Anthology of Michael Polanyi's Writings* by sending an e-mail request to Phil Mullins (mullins@missouriwestern.edu). Since he must individually add names for access to materials stored on Google Docs, it may take a bit of time to grant you access. But you should eventually receive an e-mail from Google with a link to a folder with the six chapters and other material of *Recovering Truths: A Comprehensive Anthology of Michael Polanyi's Writings*. After you are granted access, you can return to the folder at any time; you can open material on Google Docs or you can also download any materials of interest to your local machine. In some cases, depending on the e-mail system you use, Google may encourage you to get a free Google g-mail account in order to access the material. G-mail seems to work most smoothly with Google Docs.

I am happy to provide those interested in Polanyi's thought with access to *Recovering Truths: A Comprehensive Anthology of Michael Polanyi's Writings*. I ask that you properly acknowledge any use you make of its contents with the date of access indicated.

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