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Preface

Please take note that this issue begins the cycle for membership renewal. You will also find (p. 5) the Call for Papers for the June 8-10, 2001, Polanyi Society conference at Loyola University, Chicago, on the theme "Polanyi's Post-Critical Thought and the Rebirth of Meaning. On the facing page (3) is information about membership renewal which is being combined with a fund drive to support the Chicago conference. Pay your dues and make a generous contribution--the Society badly needs to raise dollars to cover expenses of printing and mailing *TAD* and the conference. Inside the back cover (p. 47) is a mailer. For your convenience (and to jog your memory), colorful, separate loose sheets on the Loyola Conference and the membership renewal/fund drive have also been inserted.

This issue includes the program for the upcoming November 17 and 18, 2000, Polanyi Society meeting in Nashville (p. 6). The papers to be discussed at this event should be posted on the Polanyi Society web site (<http://www.mWSC.edu/~polanyi>) by the end of October.

You will find in this issue interesting discussions by Louis Swartz and Steven Grosby about Edward Shils' ideas. Shils was a close friend of Michael Polanyi, one of the readers of the whole manuscript of *Personal Knowledge*, as Steven Grosby points out. Polanyi influenced Shils and Shils influenced Polanyi. Several year ago, *TAD* carried both Stephen Turner illuminating obituary for Shils (22:2 [1995-96]: 5-9) and Shils' Kent State address (22:2 [1995-96]: 10-26). There is also in this issue David Kettle's reflections on the pervasiveness of "Cartesian habits" as well as James Hall's comments on his effort as a psychiatrist to link the ideas of Polanyi, C.G. Jung and the parapsychologist J. B. Rhine. Finally, my review article on Marjorie Grene's *A Philosophical Testament* tries to summarize Grene's philosophical stance and explore the relation of Grene and Polanyi.

Phil Mullins

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/FUND DRIVE

In this issue (p. 4), there is a call for papers for an international Polanyi conference set for June 8-10, 2001 at Loyola University, Chicago. This is the largest single event ever sponsored exclusively by the Polanyi Society. Most previous major conferences have been smaller in scale or have been subsidized by generous institutions such as Kent State University. The Polanyi Society thus needs to raise the funds necessary to cover basic expenses of organizing the conference. The Organizing Committee is investigating several possibilities. One option is described below.

Membership dues for the Polanyi Society are regularly paid in the fall at the beginning of the academic year. The first issue of a new TAD volume normally includes the dues payment notice. This year you are invited to combine your dues payment with a contribution. In order to encourage you to “think generously,” you may get a first and second payment notice and/or an e-mail notice reminding you that it is time to renew. The chart below sets forth some “rungs” on the contribution ladder. We hope you will reach as high as it is possible for you conveniently to stretch. Unlike the Public Broadcasting System and National Public Radio drives in the US, we do not have Polanyi Society coffee mugs, book bags and other memorabilia to distribute to those who are generous. But for those who do stretch (at least the first 50), we can provide a copy of Andy Sanders’ very good 1988 (Rodopi) book, *Michael Polanyi’s Post-Critical Epistemology: A Reconstruction of Some Aspects of “Tacit Knowing”* (currently being sold by Amazon.com for \$47).

Donation Range	Designation	Acknowledgment
\$20-50	Associate	-1 year membership -Listed in gift acknowledgments
\$51-\$100	Friend	-1 year membership -Listed in gift acknowledgments -Copy of <i>Guide to the Papers of Michael Polanyi</i> (TAD 23:1[1996-97] or other old issues available).
\$101-\$500	Benefactor	-1 year membership -Listed in gift acknowledgments -Copy of Sanders’ book
>\$500	Patron	-3 year membership -Listed in gift acknowledgments -Copy of Sanders’ book

The Polanyi Society is presently applying for tax deductible status in the US. If that application is approved and we are allowed to provide a charitable donation letter, we will do so later in the year. Dues and donations can be sent by post, fax or e-mail. Credit cards donations are welcome.

SEE PG. 47 OR INSERT FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NEWS AND NOTES

Louis H. Swartz has published "Michael Polanyi and the Sociology of a Free Society" in *The American Sociologist*, 29: 1 (Spring 1998): 59-70.

Steven Grosby translated and wrote an introduction for *Theory of Objective Mind: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Culture* by Hans Freyer. This book was published by Ohio University Press in 1999 as a part of the Series in Continental Thought.

The next *Appraisal*/Polanyi Conference will be held on Friday the 30th (5 p.m.) and Saturday the 31st (5 p.m.) of March 2001, at Hugh Stewart Hall, University of Nottingham. The special theme of the Conference will be Social and Political Philosophy and Problems but not all papers need be on that theme. The Conference is organized like a seminar, with a round-table discussion of the papers which will have been issued in advance. Papers can be exploratory and suggestive rather than finished. Revised versions will be considered for publication in *Appraisal*. The texts of all papers will be required by Jan. 31st 2001. They should be sent electronically on disk or by e-mail attachment, preferably as .rtf (Rich Text Format) files, or be cleanly typed, with a new ribbon, and with single spacing, for scanning. Send inquiries to rtallen@lineone.net or write R. T. Allen, 20 Ulverscroft Rd, Loughborough, Leics. LE11 3PU, England.

Robert K. Martin's article "Theological Education in Epistemological Perspective: The Significance of Michael Polanyi's "Personal Knowledge" for Theological Orientation of Theological Education" was published in *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 1:3 (October, 1998). His book *The Incarnate Ground of Christian Faith: Toward a Christian Theological Epistemology for the Educational Ministry of the Church* (University Press of America) was also published in 1998.

Struan Jacobs' article "Michael Polanyi on the Education and Knowledge of Scientists" was published in *Science & Education* 9: 3 (2000): 309-320.

Poul Thirup and **Peter Mikkelsen** have an article titled "Tacit Knowledge--An Epistemological Framework and Implications for Research in Doctors' Information Needs" in *Studies in Health Technology and Informatics*.2000:77; *Proceedings of Medical Informatics Europe 2000 Congress and GMDS2000*. Also available at <http://www.dn1b.dk/medmc/tacit.pdf>

A new edition of Michael Polanyi's 1951 book *The Logic of Liberty* was published in 1998 by Liberty Fund, Inc, 8335 Allison Pointe Trail, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46250-1687. This book was a collection of essays written from 1943-1951 that Polanyi says "represent my consistently renewed efforts to clarify the position of liberty in response to a number of questions raised by our troubled period of history" (*Preface*). The new edition has a foreword by Stuart D. Warner (ix-xv) and a frontispiece that is a 1915 photograph of Michael Polanyi in military uniform.

Polanyi's Post-Critical Thought and the Rebirth of Meaning

Call for Papers

The Polanyi Society will sponsor a conference on the theme "Polanyi's Post-Critical Thought and the Rebirth of Meaning" on June 8, 9, and 10, 2001 at Loyola University, Chicago. This conference is an occasion to reflect on themes and possibilities found in Polanyi's thought twenty-five years after Polanyi's death in 1976. Chicago is an apt site for the conference, since interested participants will be able to access the archival Polanyi papers at the Regenstein Library of the University of Chicago.

Proposals are invited for papers that examine connections between Polanyian perspectives and those of other thinkers, schools of thought or domains of inquiry. Papers can explore prospects for post-critical thought. The following are some suggested general categories within which specific papers might be grouped. [Please do not think of them as a limit for submissions but as a springboard for your own reflections. The final program will reflect groupings adjusted in light of proposals submitted.]

Postmodernism and Post-Critical Thought
Polanyi and the Analytic Tradition
Polanyi and American Thought
Polanyi and Continental Thinkers

Polanyian Approaches to Conceiving God
Polanyian Links Between Religion and Science
Polanyi and World Religions
Polanyi and Education

Polanyi in the Light of Developments in Psychological Theory
The Tacit Dimension: Skills, Practice and the Subliminal
Personal Knowledge As True, Public, and Reasonable

Post-Critical Ethics
Polanyi's Axiology
Post-Critical Aesthetics

Polanyi's Antireductionism and the Logic of Emergence
Metaphysical Issues in Polanyi's Philosophy
Developing Polanyi's Notion of Meaning
Community and Conviviality in Post-Critical Perspective

Polanyian Responses to Pluralism
Polanyi's Social/Political Thought
Polanyian Foundations of Law
Polanyian Themes in Management

Putting Polanyi into Practice: Art, Artistry, and Audience

Polanyian Explorations in Economics

Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of jurors and should be no more than 250 words. The initial deadline for receipt of proposals is November 1, 2000. Those who do not meet the November 1 initial deadline can submit proposals before the final deadline of March 30, but priority consideration will be given to proposals meeting the November 1 deadline. Mail an electronic copy (preferred) to Phil Mullins at mullins@mwsc.edu. Paper copies may be sent to Phil Mullins, MWSC, St. Joseph, MO 64507. Proposals should include e-mail address (or fax number) as well as preferred mailing address and phone number of the author.

In addition to concurrent sessions with participants' papers, the conference will include several plenary sessions that are presently being organized. Included are the following: (1) an address by John Haught (Georgetown University), author of *God After Darwin*, (2) an address by Andy Sanders (University of Groningen), author of *Michael Polanyi's Post-Critical Epistemology*; (3) a panel discussion including Charles McCoy and Richard Gelwick (persons who worked directly with Polanyi) and Polanyi biographer Marty Moleski. Additional information about this conference will follow in future *TAD* issues and will also, along with the call for papers, be posted on the Polanyi Society web site (<http://www.mwsc.edu/~polanyi>).

Program For November 2000 Polanyi Society Meeting in Nashville

The program for the Polanyi Society annual meeting to be held in Nashville on November 17 and 18, 2000, is printed below. As in past years, papers will be posted for downloading (in October) on the Polanyi Society web site (<http://www.mwsc.edu/~polanyi>). The sessions will focus upon discussion and papers will only be summarized..

The location for the meetings will be the Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville; rooms are listed below and in Additional Meetings section of the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting Program. As in past years, Polanyi Society sessions are held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society for Biblical Literature. Because of pressure for space, these large umbrella professional organizations are now carefully monitoring hotel reservations. It is necessary to register for the AAR/SBL annual meeting to be eligible for hotel accommodations in one of the primary hotels near where meetings are held. However, anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the Polanyi Society meetings, whether or not they are attending the AAR/SBL meetings. There are, of course, many other hotels in the Nashville area. If you want information about registration for the AAR/SBL meetings (and information about selected nearby hotels), phone 888-447-2321 (US and Canada) or 972-349-7434 (other areas) or go to <http://www.jv-site.org>.

Friday, November 17, 2000—9:00-11:00 p.m., Opryland Hotel, Lincoln A

Discussion of *Resurrection Knowledge : Recovering the Gospel for a Postmodern Church*
W. Stephen Gunter, Candler School of Theology, Emory University

Gunter will review his book's thesis on the assumptions controlling modern scholarship on the resurrection and on his use of Polanyi's epistemology (\$13 Abingdon Press: ISBN: 0687071577).

Respondents: John Apczynski, St. Bonaventure
Robert Martin, Saint Paul School of Theology

Saturday, November 18, 1999—9:00-11:30 a.m., Opryland Hotel, Sevier B

“Wittgenstein and Polanyi on Concepts of the Person.”
Phil Rolnick, Greensboro College

Respondent: Charles Lowney, Boston University

“The Cardinal and the Chemist: Exploring the Intersection of Newman and Polanyi's Epistemologies”
Marty Moleski, Canisius College

Respondent: Joe Kroger, St. Michael's College

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