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Preface

The Polanyi Society became an official IRS nonprofit organization during the last year. The Society took this step because we needed to raise a few dollars in order to sponsor the June, 2001 conference. Members were generous to the Society and we remain in the black after our conference. Normally, the Polanyi Society has only had a few basic expenditures connected with the publication of *TAD* and providing the annual meeting. These costs, however, continue to increase and the Society will likely soon need modestly to raise its annual dues. Richard Gelwick, the Polanyi Society Treasurer, has provided the financial statement on p. 3 for our recently completed fiscal year.

In this issue, I have inserted a flyer requesting a check or credit card for 2001-2002 dues. Some have already paid; please ignore the flyer if you have (bulk mailing procedures mandate every packet must include the same material). If you wish to make a donation, please do. Since we are an official nonprofit organization, US citizens will receive a tax letter for the amount above the annual dues. For donations of greater than \$50, you will receive a copy of Andy Sanders' book, *Michael Polanyi's Post-Critical Epistemology*.

John Haught's essay, "Why Do Gods Persist? A Polyanian Reflection," was one of the plenary addresses at the June, 2001 Polanyi Society conference at Loyola University, Chicago. Other material generated by this conference will follow in future issues. Richard Gelwick's "Heuristic Passion And Universal Intent: A Response To George R. Hunsberger," as its title suggests, is a continuation of the dialogue between Gelwick and Hunsberger in *TAD* 27:2 and 27:3 about Christian theologian Lesslie Newbigin's use of Polanyi's ideas. The review essays by Joseph Kroger and John Apczynski treat *Personal Catholicism: The Theological Epistemologies of John Henry Newman and Michael Polanyi* and author Marty Moleski, S.J., has kindly provided a short response. In addition, there are five reviews of books that are likely to be of interest to members.

Please especially note (p. 4) the upcoming annual meeting program in which we are combining with the AAR Religion and Science Group to consider the work of Philip Clayton.

Phil Mullins

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NEWS AND NOTES

Polanyi Society Financial Statement September 1, 2000 – August 31, 2001

Beginning Balance in Checking	677.33
Income:	
From interest	31.59
From membership dues & gifts	12,100.
Total	12,131.59
Expenses:	
TAD 27:1	850.
Loyola University	1,543.
TAD 27:2	833.25
Honoraria for Chicago Conf	790.
Honoraria for Chicago Conf	500.
Honoraria for Chicago Conf	1,350.
Loyola University	4,760.25
AAR Fees	280.
Total	10,906.50
Ending Balance in Checking	1,225.09
Beginning Balance in Savings	1,002.37
Ending Balance in Savings	1,028.73

Polanyi Society Membership

Tradition and Discovery is distributed to members of the Polanyi Society. This periodical supercedes a newsletter and earlier mini-journal published (with some gaps) by the Polanyi Society since the mid seventies. The Polanyi Society has members in thirteen different countries though most live in North America and the United Kingdom. The Society includes those formerly affiliated with the Polanyi group centered in the United Kingdom which published *Convivium: The United Kingdom Review of Post-critical Thought*. There are normally three issues of *TAD* each year.

Annual membership in the Polanyi Society is \$20 (\$10 for students). The membership cycle follows the academic year; subscriptions are due September 1 to Phil Mullins, Humanities, Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph, MO 64507 (fax: 816-271-5680, e-mail: mullins@griffon.mwsc.edu). Please make checks payable to the Polanyi Society. Dues can be paid by credit card by providing the card holder's name as it appears on the card, the card number and expiration date. Changes of address and inquiries should be sent to Mullins. New members should provide the following subscription information: complete mailing address, telephone (work and home), e-mail address and/or fax number. Institutional members should identify a department to contact for billing. The Polanyi Society attempts to maintain a data base identifying persons interested in or working with Polanyi's philosophical writing. New members can contribute to this effort by writing a short description of their particular interests in Polanyi's work and any publications and/or theses/dissertations related to Polanyi's thought. Please provide complete bibliographic information. Those renewing membership are invited to include information on recent work.

**NOVEMBER 2001 POLANYI SOCIETY MEETING
CO-SPONSORED BY
RELIGION AND SCIENCE GROUP**

**SPECIAL SESSION ON THE WORK OF PHILIP CLAYTON
Visiting Professor, Harvard University**

The Polanyi Society annual meeting is to be held on November 16 and 17, 2001 in Denver. The program is printed below. As in past years, this annual meeting is to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society for Biblical Literature. Because of pressure for space, 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 sessions, whether or not he or she is attending the AAR/SBL meetings. For information about registration for the AAR/SBL meetings, phone 1-888-447-2321 (U.S. and Canada) or 1-972-349-7434 (outside U. S. and Canada) or visit <http://www.aarweb.org>. Philip Clayton's book, *God and Contemporary Science*, is to be the focus of the November 16 session. Clayton's paper for the November 17 session will be posted on the Polanyi Society web site (<http://www.mwsc.edu/~polanyi>) when available in the fall.

Friday, November 16, 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.--Adam's Mark Hotel, Savoy Room

A Critical Engagement of Philip Clayton--*God and Contemporary Science*

Presiding: Ernest Simmons, Concordia College

Moderator: Philip A. Rolnick, Greensboro College

Theological Response: Andy F. Sanders, University of Groningen, Netherlands

Scientific Response: William Newsome, Professor of Neuroscience, Stanford University

Open Discussion

Saturday, November 17, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.--Colorado Convention Center, ROOM C3-A208

“Emergence and Supervenience”

Presiding: Ernest Simmons, Concordia College

Moderator: Walter B. Gulick, Montana State University

Philip Clayton, “Emergence, Supervenience, and Personal Knowledge”

Responses:

Biology: Martinez Hewlett, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Arizona

Theology: Gregory Peterson, Thiel College

Philosophical Theology and Polanyi: Philip A. Rolnick, Greensboro College