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# Preface

This issue *TAD* includes several interesting essays beginning with R. P. Doede's "Polanyi on Language and the Human Way of Being Bodily Mindful in the World." Ten years ago Doede published a thoughtful essay here (*TAD* 20:2: 28-42) and I am pleased to have this new piece, which develops and expands Polanyi's account of language. Will Stillwell's "Tacit Knowledge And The Work Of Ikujiro Nonaka: Adaptations of Polanyi in a Business Context," as his title suggests, is a report on how the Japanese management scholar Ikujiro Nonaka has taken up some of Polanyi's ideas. Jere Moorman's recent review (*TAD* 29:2: 55) and Stillwell's essay should make it clear to all that interest in Polanyi extends beyond the academic borders of philosophy and theology. Andy Sanders essay "On Reading Part IV of *Personal Knowledge*: a Finalism or a Simple Vision?" is a revised version of his plenary address at the 2001 Loyola Polanyi Conference. Sanders sketches a reading of the last section of *Personal Knowledge* that emphasizes religious practice rather than metaphysics. Sanders looks at the background of the Gifford Lectures and the writing of *Personal Knowledge* and poses his "simple" account of Polanyi's approach to religion as an alternative to the metaphysical approach he finds in a recent article by Jack Haught and Diane Yeager, ('Polanyi's Finalism', *Zygon* 32 [1997]: 543-566). Also you will find in this issue several reviews. Paul Lewis comments on F. LeRon Shults. *Reforming Theological Anthropology* and Shults was kind enough to respond briefly. C. P. Goodman reviews two books that treat emergence and Dick Moodey reviews another that may be of interest to those who are interested in comparing the thought of Bernard Lonergan and Polanyi.

You will find in this issue (p. 4) the program for the November 2003 Polanyi Society meeting in Atlanta. One session is on Polanyi's understanding of teleology and the other includes three papers on Polanyi and religion. Papers should be available in late October for downloading at the Polanyi Society web site (<http://www.mwsc.edu/orgs/polanyi/>).

Finally, notice the colorful flyer inserted in this issue. It is time to pay dues for this academic year. Increasing postage rates and printing costs make it imperative that even the most absentminded members remember to pay (see financials on p.42). The Polanyi Society is an official 501C3 non profit organization. I am delighted to provide a tax deduction letter to anyone who contributes more than the annual \$25 dues.

Phil Mullins

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## NEWS AND NOTES

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The following articles were included in *Appraisal* Vol. 4, No. 2 (October 2002): Alan Ford, "The Divided Self Of Modernism In The Visual Arts": 53-63. R. J. Brownhill, "Lutheran Freedom: The Mature Scientist As An Ideal Individual": 64-70. C. P. Goodman, "Indwelling within Language": 71-84. R. C. Warren, "Personalist Philosophy: A Human Resource": 85-92.

These articles were in *Appraisal* Vol. 4, No. 3 (March 2003): Tihámér Margitay, "Freedom, Values And Knowing: A Radialized Interpretation Of Polanyi's Philosophy": 103-110. Jan Olof Bengtsson, "Spiritual Personalism: Prospects And Preconditions": 111-124. Richard Prust, "Personality And Pretence": 125-126. Giorgio Baruchello, "Irony And Its Limits: An Essay On Richard Rorty": 127-131. R. J. Brownhill, "Michael Polanyi And The Development Of Multiple Realities And Post Modernism With Special Reference To Psychotherapy": 132-137.

The following articles will be in *Appraisal* Vol. 4, No. 4 which will be published in October of 2003: Alan Ford, "Narcissism, Aestheticism and Andy Warhol": 155-164. Giorgio Baruchello, "The Polics of Cruelty: An Essay on de Sade and Neitzsche": 165-174. Wendy Hamblett, "The Reasonableness of Cruelty: An Enquiry into Wanton Destructiveness": 175-182. Konstantin K. Khroutski, "The Cosmist Future of Personalism": 183-194. Phil Mullins, "Michael Polanyi on Teilhard de Chardin": 195-200.

*Appraisal* will sponsor an April 2nd and 3rd, 2004, conference. As with past *Appraisal* conferences, papers related to Polanyi are welcomed but other topics may also be treated. For more information, contact Richard Allen (rt.allen@ntlworld.com)

*Polanyiana* 11:1 & 2, 2002 ([http://www.kfki.hu/chemonet/polanyi/02\\_12/tartalom.html](http://www.kfki.hu/chemonet/polanyi/02_12/tartalom.html)) is now on the *Polanyiana* web site (homepage: <http://www.kfki.hu/chemonet/polanyi/>).

This issue honoring Eugene P. Wigner is in Hungarian, although you see an English Table of Contents ([http://www.kfki.hu/chemonet/polanyi/02\\_12/contents.html](http://www.kfki.hu/chemonet/polanyi/02_12/contents.html)). This issue includes a Hungarian translation of the Royal Society memoir for Michael Polanyi ("Michael Polanyi, 1891-1976," *Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of the Royal Society*, 23 (1977): 421-448) that was written by Eugene P. Wigner and R. A. Hodgkin. At the end of the memoir, in English, is a bibliography of Michael Polanyi's scientific papers (page 50) and a selected list of Michael Polanyi's social and philosophical writings (page 58); these were originally published as part of the memoir and have not heretofore been available electronically.

You can locate *Appraisal* articles plus reviews and other items as well as a listing of materials in *Polanyiana* by going to the page in the Polanyi Society web site that concerns *Tradition & Discovery* (<http://www.mwsc.edu/orgs/polanyi/tad.htm>) and clicking on the link to Other Journals with Special Interest in the Thought of Michael Polanyi. Here you will find a table of contents for each issue of *Appraisal* and *Polanyiana* or a link.

Walter B. Mead's article, "Michael Oakeshott as Philosopher: Beyond Politics, A Quest for Omniscience" was recently published in *The Political Science Reviewer: An Annual Review Of Scholarship*, (Vol. 32, 2003, pp, 221-268).

### Electronic Discussion List

The Polanyi Society supports an electronic discussion group exploring implications of the thought of Michael Polanyi. Anyone interested can send e-mail to Struan Jacobs (swjacobs@deakin.edu.au) who is the moderator. The address for the list is polanyi-list@deakin.edu.au

# 2003 Polanyi Society Annual Meeting in Atlanta

The year's Polanyi Society annual meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on November 21 and 22, 2003. As in past years, meetings are to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society for Biblical Literature. To secure hotel reservations in the immediate convention area, it is necessary to register for the AAR/SBL annual meeting. However, anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the Polanyi Society meetings, whether or not they are attending the AAR/SBL meetings. Other hotels in Atlanta are not reserved for the AAR/SBL. If you want information about registration for the AAR/SBL meetings, go to <http://www.aarweb.org/default.asp> or phone (1-800-575-7185 or +1-330-425-9330 [outside US and Canada]) or email [aarsblreg@reg@conferon.com](mailto:aarsblreg@reg@conferon.com). The Polanyi Society program is listed in the 2003 AAR/SBL Annual Meeting Program in Additional Meetings (AM48 on p. 188 and AM86 on p. 193). Papers will not be read in sessions but they can be downloaded by early November at the Polanyi Society web site (<http://www.mwsc.edu/orgs/polanyi/>).

## Program

*Friday, November 21, 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.--Marriott Marquis--Madrid Room*

Theme: Michael Polanyi's Understanding of Teleology"

Moderator: Paul Lewis, Mercer University

"Polanyi's Daring Epistemology and the Hunger for Teleology"

Richard Gelwick, University of New England

"The Discovery of Meaning through Scientific and Religious Forms of Indwelling"

John Apczynski, St. Bonaventure

Respondent: Walt Gulick, Montana State University-Billings

Open Discussion

*Saturday, November 22, 9 AM. - 11:30 a.m.--Hilton--Roosevelt Room*

Theme: "Science, Religion and Reality"

Moderator: Phil Mullins, Missouri Western State College

"Polanyi on Religion"

Tony Clark, University of St. Andrews

"The Tacit and the Unknowable: The Bearing of Each Upon Faith and Knowing"

Walter Mead, Illinois State University.

"Polanyi's Epistemology of Discovery as Applied to Science, Religion, and Astrology"

Aaron Milavec, University of Victoria

Open Discussion

Business Meeting (11:15)-Walter Gulick, Presiding

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