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Preface

This issue of *TAD* opens with an article by Elaine Hocks which thoughtfully explores interesting connections between Polanyi, Coleridge and Bahktin. There follows a review article, written by Dale Cannon, on Andy Sanders' *Michael Polanyi's Post-Critical Epistemology: A Reconstruction of Some Aspects of Tacit Knowing*, a substantial scholarly book which somehow did not get reviewed here when it was first published in 1988. Cannon's probing opens up some good questions which Sanders responds to in his "Criticism, Contact with Reality and Truth." The issues examined here go beyond Sanders' book and I expect that more will be said about them in future discussions. Finally, there is C. P. Goodman's short article "Polanyi on Liberal Neutrality" which explores some issues treated in Polanyi's social and political thought. Goodman argues that moral neutrality erodes the liberal practices which sustain a free society. James Stodder, an economist, has written a provocative review of a new book on Karl Polanyi; I hope that future *TAD* materials will, as Stodder invites, further explore the relationship between the ideas of the Polanyi brothers.

In the "News and Notes" section, there is preliminary information about the upcoming November 1998, Polanyi Society annual meeting as well as the upcoming World Congress of Philosophy, a possible forum for some discussion of Michael Polanyi's thought. There is also information about the new UK journal *Appraisal's* third issue which contains several things related to Polanyi.

Phil Mullins

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NEWS AND NOTES

The Polanyi Society will host two sessions in its annual gathering prior to the November, 1997 annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature in San Francisco. On Friday, November 21, we will meet to honor **Charles S. McCoy**, Professor Emeritus at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley. For thirty years, McCoy introduced generations of seminary and graduate students to the ideas of Michael Polanyi. A panel has been assembled to discuss both McCoy's interpretation of Polanyi and McCoy's contributions to theology, ethics and other areas. To accommodate those with late flights, this session will likely be held from 9 to 11 p.m. at the AAR/SBL host hotel. An earlier evening informal dinner gathering will be arranged for those interested and available. Additional information on Friday evening sessions will be in a future *TAD*. In addition to the Friday night session, there will be a Saturday morning, November 22 (9 a.m.-noon), session with two papers. The papers, respondents, and locations for events on both days will be announced in the next *TAD* (or in a flyer mailed to Polanyi Society members) as soon as plans are finalized. If you are interested in attending the informal dinner honoring McCoy, please contact **Phil Mullins** (see information on the inside front cover); if you have questions about either meeting session, contact **Marty Moleski**, Department of Religious Studies, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York 14208 (Tel: (716) 888-2383, FAX: (716) 886-6506, e-mail: moleski@canisius.edu).

The occurrence of the 20th World Congress of Philosophy, August 10-16, Boston, Massachusetts challenges members of the Polanyi Society to show the contributions and implications of Polanyi's philosophy. The Polanyi Society will have a session at the Conference with presentations, and individuals may submit papers to the 44 sections ranging from Theory of Knowledge to Philosophy and Children. Every major area of philosophical inquiry has a call for papers, including both theoretical and applied fields. For detailed information contact: Congress

Secretariat, American Organizing Committee, Inc., Boston University, 745 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA02215; tel. 617-353-3904; fax. 617-353-5441; email. paideia@bu.edu; internet. <http://web.bu.edu/WCP>. Persons wishing to present a paper, or organize a panel at the Polanyi Society session should contact **Richard Gelwick** at the address on the inside *TAD* cover or at email: rgelwick@mailbox.une.edu. Besides the hotel accommodations, dormitory rooms at Boston University will be available for those who register early. It's a great time to visit Boston, and the conference provides off-season rates for accommodations.

The third number of *Appraisal* (ISSN 1358-3336), the new UK journal with particular interest in the thought of Polanyi has just come out. Although the bulk of the issue is devoted to treatment of the Romanian philosopher Lucian Blaga, there are the following articles related to Polanyi's thought: "Illative Sense and Tacit Knowledge: A comparison of the Epistemologies of John Henry Newman and Michael Polanyi by **Martin X. Moleski, SJ** (the first of a two part piece on this topic); "*Science Faith and Society Revisited: Has the Growth of the Scientific Community Affected the Status of Polanyi's Views on Authority in Science?*" by **Brian Gowenlock**; "A Polyanian Theology" by **Julian W. Ward** (a lengthy review of Polanyi Society member Joan Crewdson's *Christian Doctrine in the Light of Michael Polanyi's Theory of Personal Knowledge*, a book also recently reviewed in *TAD* 22:2: 40-41); "Polanyi and Macmurray?" by **Harold Turner** (a brief but interesting inquiry, historical and philosophical, about the possible connections between these contemporaries); there is also a review by **R. T. Allen** of Polanyi Society member John Puddefoot's book *God and the Mind Machine*. *Appraisal* is available at an annual individual subscription rate of £9 per year. Checks should be sent to R. T. Allen, 20 Ulverscroft Road, Loughborough, LE11 3PU, England. Allen can also be reached by fax (01509 215438) and e-mail (101625.3010@compuserve.com).