

## TACIT DIMENSION AS COMPREHENSIVE ENTITY: REFLECTIONS ON THE INEFFABLE

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### **Abstract:**

According to Polanyi, explicit scientific knowledge is dependent upon the belief systems of the disciplinary matrices, as normative frameworks, and individual personal belief in and commitment to these frame as an accepted guide to the practice of science. The essay explores the comprehensive entity which Polanyi refers to as a fixed interpretative framework, which pulls together his clues and details into a skillful intuition of his idea of tacit dimension. The paper works from Polanyi's clues and details of tacit knowing (from...to structure) or tacit coefficient to the gestalt of the tacit dimension. The paper explores the interaction, and intersection, of a fixed interpretive frame with personal heuristics on the frame. This frame is a manner of indwelling personally in the real world; the frame is one's basic theory of and about the world. This framework is supported by the social group(s) of which one may be a member, via personal beliefs about the world and his or her commitments to these and thus to the framework. The essay especially studies Polanyi's idea that language is our way of being in, and tacitly knowing the world. The paper concludes that, for Polanyi, culture is the tacit underpinning of all knowing; it is the tacit dimension.

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