

Søren Kierkegaard Society Newsletter No. 6

INTERNATIONAL KIERKEGAARD COMMENTARY will become a reality! Yes. After writing every University Press in America and Canada we found five prospective publishers. The first with whom we started serious negotiations became the one with whom we are in the process of finalizing a contract.

The name has been changed from A Kierkegaard Commentary to International Kierkegaard Commentary. The name change is significant, for I will appoint an International Advisory Board and I will put considerably more effort into developing contributions from overseas than I originally planned. You may recall that my first intent was focused on identifying and developing a cadre of Kierkegaard scholarship in this hemisphere. (see Perkins' Personal Kierkegaard Newsletter, No. 1.) The broadening of the concept is really everyone's gain and no one's loss.

Our publisher will be Mercer University Press, a new press founded at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia. The press was founded in 1979 and plans to publish thirty titles by the end of this year. They are completely equipped with electronic scanning and typesetting equipment. Thus, the turn around time between delivery of ready copy and publishing will be quite short.

Copy, editorial work, rewrites, copy editing will be accomplished as usual. However, the preparation of the typesetting copy after the above is finished, must be done on an Optical Character Recognition Ball for the scanner and typesetting. Contributors will be asked to present final rewrites and copy editing changes typed with the OCRB ball. Thus, the contributor controls the final copy. If we have to prepare the OCRB copy at the University of South Alabama, the process will be delayed by considerable time because of the typing and the time for back and forth mailing for the contributor's approval. OCRB is available on the Selectric and on the Diablo. Metal print wheel, Order #9R21136, \$47.00. Plastic print wheel, Order #8R1602, \$7.75. (Xerox, Inc. quoted price.)

From the due date of the manuscripts to publication there will be more structured scheduling than many are used to. Thus, due dates will of necessity be firm: no extensions. When requests for rewrites or retyping of copy arrive we will need a prompt response. The experience some of us had with Kierkegaard's "Fear and Trembling": Critical Appraisals seeping slowly (four years) through the press will not be repeated. Electronic publishing has changed the whole scene and we will enjoy the new promptness between contributor's due date and publication.

Since we are still in the process of rewriting and copy editing for IKC: Two Ages we can extend the dates for the next two volumes.

*at publisher's insistence*  
New Due Date

IKC: The Concept of Anxiety

~~September 15, 1982~~ *June 15, 1982*

IKC: The Sickness unto Death

~~December 31, 1982~~ *Sept. 15, 1982*

I hope you will begin to think about IKC as a proper outlet for some of your research. Plan ahead. We want essays that have expository strengths, comparative studies between Kierkegaard and other thinkers, conceptual analyses, essays on SK's literary strategies where appropriate, the influence of the concepts or books on subsequent theology, philosophy, psychology, literature or whatever.

You can do your research at any time on the Danish texts or present translations and then rewrite at the appropriate time. There are some format expectations so be in touch with me from the time you begin seriously to plan.

IKC represents for the whole Kierkegaard community a tremendous opportunity to develop a "standard interpretation" which can be the benchmark for a generation. IKC offers older heads an opportunity to present the cream of their lifetime of scholarship to the cosmopolitan academic community. IKC offers younger scholars an opportunity not just to "get published," but more appropriately to present the first fruits and promise of their career to a discriminating readership early on. As the general editor, my pleasure is simply "making opportunities".

A number of you will be called upon to help with the editing as members of the Advisory Board (a term appointment) or as Volume Consultants. These responsibilities will devolve rather largely upon the senior scholars but not exclusively.

Your support is needed in several ways: 1) writing 2) library purchase of IKC when available (your personal library and your institution's library) 3) helping us get IKC reviewed through the journals where you have influence, 4) classroom reference and assignment, 5) your unsolicited advice on any and all matters you think pertinent, 6) the avoidance of a sectarian spirit or competitive attitude toward other Kierkegaard projects that may develop in the future or may be underway now but unknown to me.

### Publications

1. Alastair McKinnon has edited a facsimile edition of Guds Uforanderlighed (first ed.). Available from: Professor Alastair McKinnon, 3005 Barat Road, Montreal, Canada, H3Y 2H4
2. Journey to Selfhood by Mark Taylor. University of California Press.

3. Kierkegaard and Christendom by John Elrod. Princeton University Press.
4. Kierkegaard's Truth: The Disclosure of the Self, edited by Joseph H. Smith. Yale University Press.
5. Kierkegaard's Relation to Hegel, by N. Thulstrup, translated by George Stengren. Princeton University Press.
6. Kierkegaard's Fear and Trembling: Critical Appraisals, edited by Robert L. Perkins. University of Alabama Press.

CALL FOR PAPERS

SØREN KIERKEGAARD SOCIETY at American Philosophical Association meeting.

Baltimore, Maryland

December, 1982

Papers should be sent to Robert L. Perkins, Department of Philosophy, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama 36688, by May 15, 1982. They will be refereed and commentators provided. Papers on any aspect of Kierkegaard's sources, thought, influence, literary strategies, etc. are welcome. Papers on Sickness unto Death and Concept of Anxiety will be given a small preference - all other things being equal.

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Other news - such as I have

Mark Taylor received the D. Phil. degree from the University of Copenhagen upon the defense of Journeys to Selfhood.

Merold Westphal is the visiting "Good Professor of Philosophy" at Juniata College, 1981-2.

The morning session of the Nineteenth Century Theology Study Group of the American Academy of Religion in December, 1981 was given over to Kierkegaard. Papers and discussion were led by Michael Plekon, Stephen Dunning, Steve Crites, Mark Taylor, Niels Thulstrup and Robert L. Perkins. Richard Crouter was the organizer.

The Søren Kierkegaard Society met with the APA in December, 1981. Papers and discussion were led by Jerry Gill, Bradley Dewey, John Hoberman and Dan Magurshak. Robert L. Perkins was the organizer.