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Top Hat's Face: Explaining Robert Hanssen's Treason

Explanations of Robert Hanssen's treason, the most damaging espionage in U.S. history, usually rely on psychological dissociation or compartmentalization. Rejecting those accounts because they absolve Hanssen of moral and legal responsibility, the author argues that his contradictory *personae* were instruments designed to conceal his crimes from himself and others.

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Phonies, Fakes, and Frauds—and the Social Harms They Cause

Although the exploits of the virtue imposter—who lies about his experience, knowledge, achievements, or identity in order to gain advantage over others—are reported almost daily, we rarely consider the ubiquity of those exploits or their wider social consequences.

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Having One Child to Save Another: A Tale of Two Families

Genetic technology permits parents to select the children they will have, for a variety of controversial reasons. Two poignant cases from the United Kingdom raise the issue of how much moral and legal scrutiny those reasons should face, or can bear.

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Genetic Engineering and Our Human Nature

Policies addressing genetic technology typically insist on the need for “enlightened” public policy. Such policies must reflect some vision of what human beings *are*. Understanding the sacred helps identify elements in nature and human nature that ought to be preserved.

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