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Rationality and the Structure of the Self

E-Mail Correspondence of 12 June 2006 with Cambridge University Press:

Dear Dr. Rehl,

Thank you for your kind and encouraging message. Separately and consecutively it is, if absolutely necessary. Please feel free to ignore the kicking and screaming noises. I am just so very certain that this strategy is going to lose that very large potential art audience (even if there's no longer a CUP Art catalogue, there's sure to remain its mailing list, and I had many years ago designed a promotional flyer for RSS that it could distribute).

As to letting readers know the books are intimately connected, they'll know this the moment they start reading either volume. The magnitude of the task I set myself in this project - to upend and rethink received notions of practical rationality, moral motivation, moral justification, taxonomies of moral theories, and Kant interpretation - required addressing so many different kinds of counter-arguments arising out of so many different contexts (ethics, psychology, economics, logic, history) that there would have been no way to move the argument forward in a clear and linear order without deferring some issues to the other volume. Virtually every chapter of both volumes contains such cross-references. Take them out and you're left with two ambitious but inadequately defended discussions. Leave them in and you have a built-in advertisement in each volume for the other one.

At any rate, I'm very pleased to be able to move on to the next step, and hope to be back in touch quite soon with tracking numbers for the shipment.

Best regards,
Adrian Piper

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> Subject: Re: RSS Update & Review
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> Dear Dr. Piper,

> I have now read your message carefully. I can say with certainty that we understand each other on all points of the matter. The next step is to send the revised mss. back to the reviewers for what we hope will be a warm endorsement of each volume. Right now it looks as though they books would be published separately and consecutively. I will want to ask my colleagues in marketing for advice as to how to let readers know that the books are intimately connected. We can have that discussion down the road, once the books have been approved and contracted. I'm pleased that you have found the readers' comments to be so useful. I look forward to receipt of the mss.

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> Kind regards,
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> Dear Dr. Rehl,

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> I have now finished making revisions to Volume II of RSS. Again I would like to convey my deep appreciation to the reader of this volume for his/her careful and conscientious comments on it. Some of those comments were addressed in Volume I, others in Volume II itself. But engaging with the work of Brandom and Baron has greatly improved the resulting discussions, as the reader predicted; and I have made additional, clarificatory revisions to every chapter. I also wanted to say how much I appreciate your patient and thoughtful handling of this project over the very extended period of time since you first took it over from Stephanie Achard.

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> Soon I will be putting both volumes in final form. I would be very grateful if you could describe very briefly what is involved in the next stages of review and approximately how long the process will take.

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> In addition, in order to save time and avoid any future misunderstandings or unwanted surprises, and before I undertake the considerable expense of formatting, printing out and sending hard copies of both manuscripts to CUP for a final decision, I also want to be sure that, *regardless of CUP's final decision on this project*, I have rightly understood on what, in my correspondence with CUP up to now, we have come to see eye-to-eye. I would appreciate very much if you would let me know at your earliest convenience whether or not I am correct in my understanding of the following matters.

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> (1) SEQUENCE: As per Stephanie Achard's e-mails to me of 2/11/04 and 2/27/04, *IF* CUP were to publish RSS, it would in all likelihood publish the two volumes consecutively. As per my e-mails to Stephanie Achard of 2/5/04 and to you of 4/3/06, 4/5/06, 4/21/06 and 4/22/06, I would accept this – even though, as per my e-mail of 4/5/06 and my .pdf document of 5/10/06 (sent successfully 5/11/06), I can state with 100% certainty that it would be much more profitable to publish both volumes simultaneously and advertise them simultaneously in CUP's Philosophy catalogue and in its Art & Architecture catalogue. As per your e-mail to me of 5/11/06, CUP would be willing at least to entertain this suggestion as a thought-experiment.

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> (2) LENGTH: As per my e-mail to Stephanie Achard of 1/9/04 and to you of 10/21/04 and 4/4/06 (first e-mail), I would not be able to reduce the size of RSS any further. As per your e-mail to me of 4/4/06, *IF* CUP were to publish RSS, it therefore would be willing to do so as two "longish books."

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> (3) STRUCTURE: As per my e-mail to Stephanie Achard of 2/5/04 and 2/29/04, and to you of 10/21/04, 4/3/06 (Paragraph 8), and 4/4/06 (second e-mail), the two volumes of RSS are inherently interdependent. Neither can be detached from the other and neither can be reduced to a section or part of the other. *IF* CUP were to publish them, it would be willing to promote them *either* as two volumes of a single project, as per Stephanie Achard's e-mail of 2/27/04; *or* as "complementary," as per your second e-mail of 4/4/06.

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> Please accept my apologies for recurring to issues I have already discussed with CUP – with Terry, with Stephanie Achard, and with you. It is very important to me that I proceed with a clear understanding of the situation. Of course I realize that much will depend on what the next round of readers say (if I understand the process correctly?). Because of the constructive and beneficial comments I have received from CUP's readers so far, the manuscripts are in better and stronger shape now than I ever imagined they could be; and I am correspondingly more strongly committed to the level of quality and depth CUP's readers have now enabled me to achieve. I very much hope the project will finally appear under CUP's imprint. But in any case I have only appreciation for the additional time and effort CUP's readers have convinced me to invest in improving it. I am deeply grateful to them, and to you for your careful and sensitive supervision of an unusual case. I really appreciate it, and look forward to hearing from you.

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> With best regards,
> Adrian Piper
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