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The second part of the answer to this question considers the consequences of accepting mimetic desire as an explanation for behavior ,\$! &! 9-. &% (-!0(\$0([!)2&)!,07!2.8!,)! ',42)! &""(/)!0./,()1! &0! &! 82.*(5! Y\$! &!0./,()&*!0/&*(7!)2(!, '+*,/&),.\$0!."!&/E\$.8*(%4,\$4!', '(),/!%(0,-(!-(*,(0! +-, ' &-,*1! . \$! . \$ (!,% (&F!)2(!&9,*,)1!) . !+-. ' .)(!+.0,),3(!)-&,)0!)2-. #42. #)!&! 0./,()15! B2(!&%3(\$)!."!)(/2\$.*.4,(0!0#/2!&0!-&%,.7!)(*(3,0,.\$7!&\$%!)2(! ,\$)(-\$()!9-.#42)!8,)2!)2('!(C+.\$(\$),&*!,\$/-(&0(0!,\$!)2(!&'.#\$)!."!2#'&\$! (C+.0#-(! &\$!,\$%,3,%#&*! / &\$! 9(!0#9:(/)(%!).!)2-.#42.#)!)2(,-!*,3(05! M1! -('.3,\$4!%,0)&\$/(!&0!&!9&--,(-7!)2(0(!)(/2\$.*.4,(0!&**.8!,\$%,3,%#&*0!).!0((7! *,0) (\$!).7!&\$%! (3(\$! ' (()!/.#\$)*(00!+(.+*(!)2&)!)2(1!.)2(-8,0(! ',42)!\$(3(-! 2&3(!E\$.8\$!(C,0)(%5!M1!,\$/-(&0,\$4!)2(!\$#'9(-!."!+(.+*(!)2&)!&\$!,\$%,3,%#&*! /&\$!E\$.8!."7!)2(0(!)(/2\$.*.4,(0!&*0.!&**.8!".-!&\$!,\$/-(&0(!,\$!)2(!\$#'9(-! ."!+(.+*(!)2&)!&\$!,\$%,3,%#&*!/&\$!+(-/(,3(!&0!+.00(00,\$4!2,42(-!0)&)(0!."! 9(,\$4!)2&\$!)2('0(*"5!;\$!)2,0!8&17!)2(0(!)(/2\$.*.4,(0!/&\$!/�(!,\$/-(&0(0! ,\$!)2(!\$# '9(-!."!+(.+*(!,\$%,3,%#&*0!%(0,-(!).!, ',)&)(7!&\$%!,)!,0!2(-(!)2&)!8(! see the potential for societal beneft.

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