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### Pursuing Perfection

Okay, I didn't love editing my paper over and over again but I will admit that it helped. I usually like to write my paper, read it over (maybe) and then just hand it in. For the most part, I've done pretty well with this method. This last paper was somewhat of a wakeup call though. I knew I needed to go back and fix a lot. I worked with Sabba and Gustavo and I have to say that I got a lot out of their advice and the process of reading their papers.

One of the biggest problems with my paper was that the conclusion was repetitive. Sabba told me that I could use the conclusion to suggest that people who have deep inner guilt could try to do charity or something to make them feel better but I don't really agree with that so while it was a good idea, I decided to follow my instincts. I remember in class talking about how we can use the conclusion to make a point that comes as a result of what we have in the body. So I wrote about how I will try to avoid doing anything that would cause intrinsic guilt because in my paper I point out how it is much more powerful than extrinsic guilt.

Another issue I wanted to address was the fact that my paper didn't use any personal or specific examples. I mostly just wrote about the ideas of guilt and used hypothetical situations to demonstrate my points. It worked but was really boring, so I decided to write about a time when my neighbor and I were twelve got in trouble. It's not super-exciting but it's definitely more interesting than what I had before.

Getting and giving feedback from people who struggle with some of the same problems

as I do has been helpful in improving my essay. Now the idea is to take some of these editing practices and make them into habits so that I can do this on my own. I know I may not be a perfect writer yet but that doesn't mean I shouldn't pursue perfection.