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Response Paper 2

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Although ~~the~~ <sup>out</sup> religions are different I recall a similar incident when I was eight years old. I received Sunday communion (walking up the aisle receiving holy bread and a spoonful of holy wine) but did not do my cross <sup>There is a proper term for this but don't know it.</sup> which you are supposed to do. Nobody noticed including my parents. For the whole day I felt very guilty. I felt like I was going to be struck dead by the all mighty god for committing a sin. Hughes states that Westley the boy who lied to everyone and god in vain that he was saved was not struck dead by god (32). During the nightly prayer before retiring to bed my mother asked what was wrong and I admitted what I had done earlier. I expected to receive punishment but instead got a lecture that feeling guilty means that you have a good conscious and that god forgives you. As I got older I stopped attending church but continued to have good morals.

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