Double Entry Journal: Can I relate to the seven deadly sins?

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| 1. AnimeUproar. (2019, April 5). *Every Character's Sin Explained! (Seven Deadly Sins / Nanatsu no Taizai)* [Video File]Retrieved October 6, 2019, from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1-vctXL-KU&t=411s>. 2. In the show The Seven Deadly Sins, the main characters are composed of a group of seven sinners known as the seven deadly sins. “Each sin got their sin given to them” (AnimeUproar, 2019) because of some sort of wrong they had done that can easily define that person’s persona. In other words, the main characters in this show are meant to be the embodiment of a sin. “Starting with the captain, Meliodas the dragon sin of wrath” (AnimeUproar, 2019). He received his sin when he let his wrath consume him, destroying an entire city by himself. “Moving on to Ban, the fox sin of greed (AnimeUproar, 2019). His sin comes from the misconception that he destroyed the fairy forest to satisfy his own selfish greed for immortality. “Following up, Merlin, the boar sin of gluttony” (AnimeUproar, 2019). She gained this title from her obsession with knowledge. She used her magical ability “Infinity” on herself to stop her own time, meaning she can gain and seek as much knowledge as she wishes without her lifespan getting in the way of her desires. “Next, the fairy king Harlequin, the grizzly sin of sloth” (AnimeUproar, 2019). Harlequin’s sin is tied to the fact that he failed his duty as the fairy king by neglecting the fact that his friend Helbrum had been killing humans for five hundred years. This caused a problem between the once at peace human and fairy races, they concluded that it was fair to put Harlequin in prison for a thousand years for his sloth actions. “Then there’s Diane, the serpent sin of envy” (AnimeUproar, 2019). Diane got her sin because when she was training to be a giant race warrior, she often went roaming around, wishing she could live the life of others, a life without being forced to fight and die for glory. One day, she ran away from home, and on her way back home she witnessed the death of her mentor Metrona (her mentor). Due to her being busy envying others’ lives, she neglected the life before her. “Next let’s talk about Gowther, the goat sin of lust” (AnimeUproar, 2019). His sin comes from the time he was accused of seducing the princess and brutally killing her by ripping out her heart before raping her. “Lastly, lord Escanor, the lion sin of pride” (AnimeUproar, 2019). Escanor’s sin comes from a curse placed on him from birth. During the day, he grows incredibly strong, changing his personality as well. Growing up, others were jealous of his strength, so he was ignored and rejected by his people, growing lonely. His daytime form covered that hole in his heart by growing unbelievably prideful and arrogant, saying things like how he only feels pity for those weaker than him. 3. “he is constantly trying to suppress his wrath and that only makes its all the worse when it does surface” (AnimeUproar, 2019) 4. “Clearly, Ban has overcome the negative aspects of his greed“(AnimeUproar, 2019) 5. “He had lost his memories, so he wasn’t aware of what was happening” (AnimeUproar, 2019) 6. “However, she overcomes the sin of envy when she gets her memories back and remembers that she loves Harlequin” (AnimeUproar, 2019) 7. “Pride is considered on almost every list the original and more serious of the seven deadly sins” (AnimeUproar, 2019) 8. “And beg Mael to take the power back and save his friends. Thus, he overcomes the sin of pride by prioritizing his friends above himself” (AnimeUproar, 2019) 9. Now that I know what the seven deadly are and what made them gain their title, I want to know the opposites of their sins and what type of people may be considered the embodiments of those virtues | Going into this video, I thought that I couldn’t relate to many of the sins. The few I thought I could relate to might have been the grizzly sin of sloth and the boar sin of gluttony. These sins could relate to me in the sense that I am often lazy at several things and that I do have habits that give me joy. Habit’s like playing video games, watching a long series of a tv show etc. After watching the video, I realized that even if it’s in a small way, I have more in common with the sins than I thought I did. I’m like the wrath sin in the sense that I keep my anger and rage suppressed but when I let it take over, I become destructive as all the rage build up is being let go at once. The serpent sin of envy is quite straight forward, everyone at one point or another wishes to have something that someone else has or even be something someone else is and I am no exception to that. For example, as a kid I would see other kids during recess with toys and feel like they are so lucky to be allowed to bring such toys to school or even have them in the first place. The sin of lust is also straight forward, I am human, humans have desires whether they be sexual or non-sexual. Like the sin of envy, I also feel the desire for things such as a job, to be finished school so that I can make my own money and live my independent adult life away from my parents. And finally, as for the sin of pride, I’ve always tried to humble myself and never seem too cocky or arrogant. This doesn’t stop me from feeling the need to take pride in a few things here and there. For example, as a kid, or even now as an adult; if I were to play Mario kart with my cousins, I will destroy them. I do not care what age they are or even if they know how to play or not, if they want to race me, I will show no pity, just complete pride in my abilities. The same goes for other games such as Pokémon, for that little bit of time I get a chance to shine, I make sure I do, disregarding how others feel. Overall, it turns out that I am more alike each of the seven deadly sins that I thought I was, I may not be the complete embodiment like them, but I do have some aspects to me that are like each of them. This video helped me realized that by analyzing each of the sins and what actions – even if they are slight – can reflect which sin.  The thought that the longer that someone holds back their anger, the worse it will be when it all comes out is something, I have come to realize to be true. This one time in grade seven, I knew a kid who was picked on almost all year long. He smiled and made some banter back as a way to laugh it off but towards the end of the school year, he got really mad and when the teacher left the classroom, he flipped a few desks, kicks some chairs and left to go home in the middle of the day.  I would argue that there are little to no aspects of greed that are good. I don’t think that there is a good side of greed and that the idea of greed is mostly if not completely negative. The thought of obtaining something no matter the cost for selfish reasons is something I cannot see as good in anyway.  Harlequin was given the sin of sloth for his sloth like actions as the fairy king. I would disagree with putting that much of a burden on his shoulders as he had no memories of him being the fairy king and therefor there was no way for him to carry out the duties that he had no idea he had. To me, that is the equivalent of expecting a person who has been in a coma for 200 years to suddenly live up to the new society’s standards. There is no way that person can know how to act as they went a long period of time without having the knowledge needed to be more responsible.  I disagree with this as well. I don’t think that just because she remembers her love for Harlequin – she also overcomes her sin completely. I think that the envy in her and in people in general will always be there. For example, once I don’t feel envy towards others in one way, I will sooner or later feel envious about something else.  Once again, I disagree with this point. I believe that a little bit of pride is nothing to worry about. Sure, a lot of arrogance and pride may not be the best mind set to have but I think that just because it can be dangerous only in cases where a person is far too prideful, that it shouldn’t be revered as the most deadly of the sins.  I can agree with this point. Escanor doing this means that he is no longer haunted by his day form, whom thinks he is above all else and that everyone else should suck up to him. I have seen this in many other shows and movies as well, usually in a villain/antagonist. The antagonist would give up something to help the antagonists after realizing the errors in their ways.  The reason I want to know more about this topic is because now that I know that I have at least some parts of me that resemble each of the seven deadly sins, I want to know what the exact opposites of each of the sins and whether I have part of me that resemble those too. |

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