

**Title:** The Acquisitors' Creed

**Source:** Quoted in Andrew Cameron & Brian Rosner (eds), *Still Deadly: Ancient Cures for the 7 Sins* (Sydney South, NSW: Aquila Press, 2007), p. 23.

I believe in Gold, Treasure Almighty, basis of fortune on earth:

And in Greedy Might, the only force that works, which was conceived  
by primeval folk, born of emergent need, refined in aggressive  
climate, was modified, strengthened, polished: and defended like hell;  
and a Third way arose in its tread; it fermented like leaven, and  
spreadeth throughout the land, that all should come to judge a bloke  
by his bread.

I believe in owning shares; the lowly plastic crutch;  
the extension of credit; the retention of gain; the reclamation of debt;  
and in life without fasting.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> For a comparison with the original Apostles' Creed, which the lines above closely parody, click [here](#).