

*The Acquisitive*

vs.

*The Inquisitive*

The acquisitive amass  
and accumulate;  
the inquisitive inspect  
and investigate.

The question of the acquisitive is:  
“what’s it worth?”

The query of the inquisitive is:  
“is it worth it?”

The acquisitive desire things  
and pile up possessions;  
the inquisitive prize ideas  
and promote understanding.

The feverish activity of the acquisitive  
ends up in isolation  
and loneliness;  
the quiet fervor of the inquisitive  
leads to cooperation  
and community.

The acquisitive protect  
what they have at hand;  
the inquisitive probe  
what you have in mind.

For fullness of life,  
therefore,  
what you really  
require  
is to aspire  
to inquire--  
not acquire.

The acquisitive judge you  
by what you have;  
the inquisitive assess value  
by who you are.

The acquisitive look upon goods  
as the ultimate good;  
the inquisitive prefer goodness  
as their riches and wealth.

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