

Creeds to Fit Your Fancy

The encyclopedia Britannica states: "In Christianity, in contrast, there are over 150 officially recognized creeds and confessions," and that "For the New Testament community, in contrast to some Christian groups in later times, a creedless Christianity was inconceivable." Concerning the Apostles Creed it is affirmed "As is true of other creeds, it is in part intended to exclude heretical views" (Ibid). Thus, if an individual, or group, is looking for a creed to live by would simply be an endeavor to find authorization for what is already in agreement with predetermined doctrines, as a Creed is defined as: "a formal statement of Christian beliefs," or, "a set of beliefs or aims which guide someone's actions" (Oxford). What we want to consider at this time is a new creed that has surfaced to do the very thing, as is defined (ibid).

Apostles Creed reads thusly:

"I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting."

The new Sparkle Creed reads thusly:

"I believe in the non-binary God whose pronouns are plural. I believe in Jesus Christ, their child, who wore a fabulous tunic and had two dads and saw everyone as a sibling-child of God. I believe in the rainbow Spirit, who shatters our image of one white light and refracts it into a rainbow of gorgeous diversity."

"I believe in the church of everyday saints as numerous, creative, and resilient as patches on the AIDS quilt, whose feet are grounded in mud and whose eyes gaze at the stars in wonder. I believe in the call to each of us that love is love is love, so beloved, let us love. I believe, glorious God. Help my unbelief."

As for the purpose of a "new creed" we'll just leave that to the readers consideration.