

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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