



THE APOSTLES' CREED





...the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints...



- What the church is meant to be
- Why we can't be that
- How, through Jesus, we can be



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A SNOOTlet is a little kid who's wildly, precociously fluent in SWE [Standard Written English]. Just about every class has a SNOOTlet, so I know you've seen them - these are the sorts of six-to-twelve-year-olds who use "whom" correctly and whose response to striking out in T-ball is to shout "How incalculably dreadful!" The elementary-school SNOOTlet is one of the earliest identifiable species of academic geekoid and is duly despised by his peers and praised by his teachers.

- David Foster Wallace, *Authority & American Usage*



...The SNOOTlet, who at first appears to be one of Us... nevertheless speaks an erudite Standard Written English that signals membership not in Us but in Them... The SNOOTlet is, as it happens, an indispensable part of the other children's playground education... the kids are naturally learning that a Group's identity depends as much on exclusion as on inclusion. They are, in other words, learning about Us and Them, and about how an Us always needs a Them because being not-Them is essential to being Us.

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