

# JACK LONDON'S "CREDO"



**I**would rather be ashes than dust!  
I would rather that my spark should  
burn out in a brilliant blaze  
than it should be stifled by dry-rot.  
I would rather be a superb meteor,  
every atom of me in magnificent  
glow,  
than a sleepy and permanent planet.  
The function of man is to live, not to  
exist.  
I shall not waste my days trying to  
prolong them.  
**I**shall use my time.

Jack London not two months before his death, to a group of friends with whom he was discussing, as he loved to discuss, the eternal problems of life and living.  
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