

Gold and silver are beautiful

- The precious metals, apart from their monetary and industrial uses, have non-material value in private use
 - Ordinary people value gold for being seductive, incorruptible and rare
 - We use it symbolically and ceremonially
 - We love to give it and to hold it
 - We also see it as a resource for a rainy day
- Silver
 - ‘The family silver’: we use it for meals on special occasions
 - Admire it in the great Cathedrals of Spain, Portugal and Latin America
 - Our Authorities still imitate it in our small coins, though inflation has made them unaffordable or vanishing