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Preacher man says ... Divine Retribution
Comes to a person ... or whole institution
Ignore the rules ... that's braver than I
Cosmic slap in the face ... or pie in the sky.

Some go on the face ... of what doesn't happen
What goes as right reason ... in them a'nappin
They don't go abstract ... they don't even try
There's only each act ... "let's make it fly".

It's getting abstract ... that makes thought a mission
Abstract to practice ... but your or my version
Is that an example ... of "quid pro quo"
Or the dark motive ... "I don't want to know".

Go buy a grape ... do you hurt a fruit packer?
Get out of shape ... perspective or slacker?
Different abstractions ... so much to know
Infer to a "practice" ... then on with the show.

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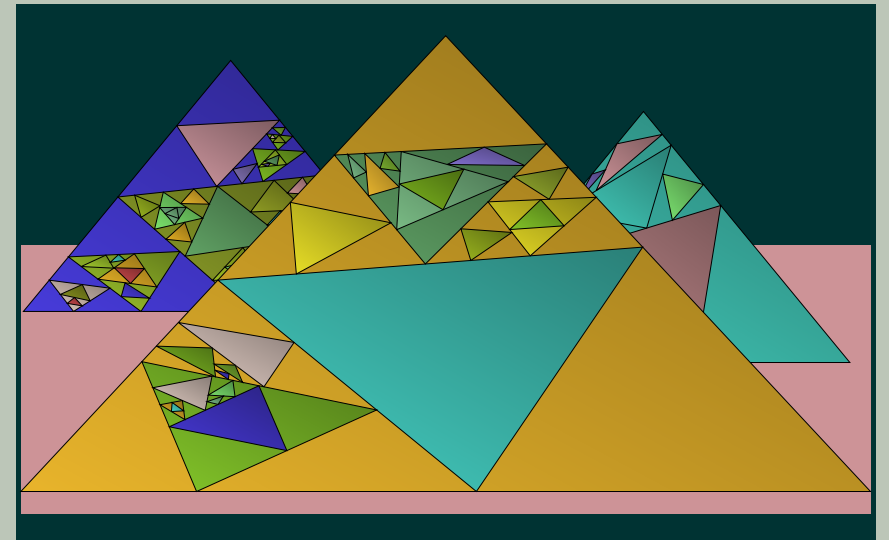
You wash your hands ... to make the world better
That's a good practice ... we'll send you a letter
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Cheerful Moral Will

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*that seriousness which is not so serious
and thereby protects other goods*



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