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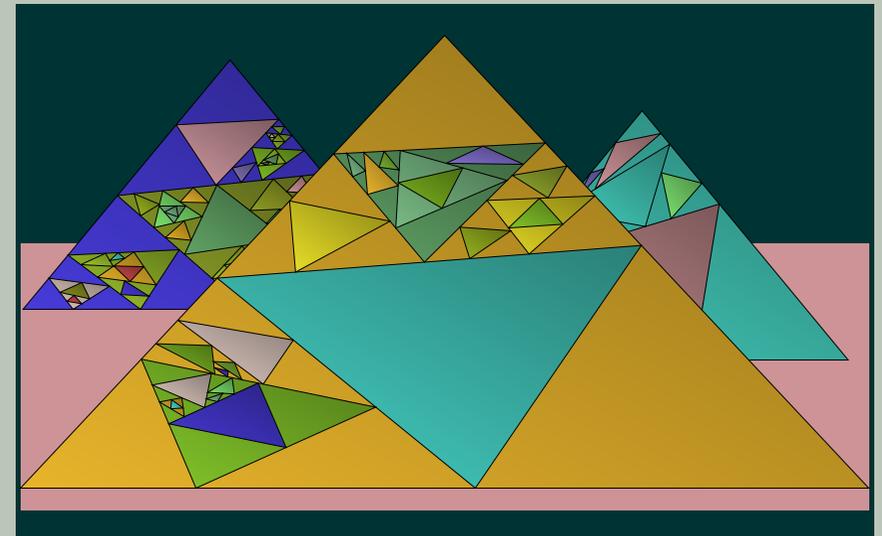
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*that seriousness which is not so serious  
and thereby protects other goods*



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