

APHORISTIC SKILL

When pithy proverbs, planned and purposed well,
have gleaned the gathered gold of saint and sage,
they serve as goads to prod the intellect.
Succinctly packed, such worthy epigrams
can preach a sermon in a simple phrase,
dispensing wit to waken sleepy minds....

But birthing brevity is not a breeze,
and weakly woven maxims miss their mark.
Let logic lollygag or lines be lax,
and wisdom convolutes as foolish fluff.
Cerebral crucibles must purge the dross,
or crafted dictums die before they spread.

— *David L. Hatton, 5/20/2020*