

Prophets vs. Profits

Is there any profit
in being a prophet?

When profits accumulate,
prophets adjudicate.

For, if the profits
just increase,
the prophet ask:
“Is the increase just?”

And, as profits win gain,
prophets inquire:
“At whose loss?”

Profits are not bad;
prophets merely request:
“For whose good?”

When profits pile up,
prophets see
the shake-down.

If, therefore, profits amass,
prophets embarrass.

The profiteer desires;
the prophet searches.
The profiteer grabs;
the prophet grasps.
the profiteer connives;
the prophet convinces.

Amos was a prophet:
he tended the sycamore.
Amaziah was a profiteer:
he tended to seek more.

When, therefore, money
is on your mind,
see the profiteer;
but if it is peace
you wish to find,
approach the prophet.

For, you can spend
your profits,
and still be pathetic.
It is better to spend
your life
being more prophetic.

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