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The Philosopher (Chaucer's Canterbury Tales)

Then too there was a wise philosopher
 Whose principles of life were sound and true.
 In stature he was tall and lean, and yet
 He had a certain strength I can't forget.
 I've found this quality hard to describe
 It seemed to me he had pure peace inside.
 The mind he had was strong, and just, and wise;
 And without bias, he could criticize
 All things, no matter what their nature be;
 Much wisdom he possessed, and gave it free.
 He had been heard to say in times by-gone,
 "What good is knowledge if it's not passed on?"
 When question rose as what was right to do,
 He asked for, got, and thought on each man's view.
 Then after meditating he would say,
 "To me, it seems it should be done this way."
 He never tried to dictate to our minds,
 But showed us how to think in broad designs.
 Though reasons not to be he surely had;
 He was a humble man, and we were glad.



He gave me this Celtic Cross
 at my Confirmation in 1951
 (as he was a Celtic Alchemist)
 then taught me World Religions
 & Sacred Art for many years.

