



Our Father, on the Rise of Science

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et them begin, as I began, with light:
Celestial iotas of alphabet unknown,
Deciphered by equations they soon would write
For Force attracting planet, star, and stone.
Alembic fires illumined many a night
To smelt the ores, distill the putrid bone,
In search of formulaic clues, not quite
Correct until a Table stood full-blown.
Eons I took to get conditions right
For Scientists to flourish on their own;
Yet in four centuries they reached the height
Of pseudo-gods, pretenders to My throne.
My children have done well at co-creation;
I wonder how they'll try to bring salvation.

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