Eubject not thy Mind

Subject not thy mind the vast measures of the Earth;

For the Plant of Truth is not upon Earth.

Nor measure the Measures of the Sun,

Gathering together Canons;

He is moved by the Æternal Will of the Father,

Not for thy sake.

Let alone the swift Course of the Moon:

She runs ever by the impulse of Necessity.

The Progression of the Stars was not brought forth for thy sake.

The ætherial wide flight of Birds is not voracious,

And the Dissections of Entrails and Victims,

All these are toys, the supports of gainful cheats; fly thou these

If thou intend to open the sacred Paradise of Piety

Where Virtue, Wisdom and Equity are assembled.

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