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Astronomy is perhaps the science whose discoveries owe least to chance, in which human understanding appears in its whole magnitude, and through which man can best learn how small he is.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

Adam inquires concerning celestial motions, is doubtfully answered, and exhorted to search rather things more worthy of knowledge.

- Milton, John

It is clear to everyone that astronomy at all events compels the soul to look upwards, and draws it from the things of this world to the other.

- Plato

These earthly godfathers of Heaven's lights, that give a name to every fixed star, have no more profit of their shining nights than those that walk and know not what they are.

- Shakespeare, William

I try to forget what happiness was, and when that don't work, I study the stars.

- Walcott, Derek

When I, sitting, heard the astronomer, where he lectured with such applause in the lecture room, how soon, unaccountable, I became tired and sick; Till rising and gliding out, I wandered off by myself, in the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time, looked up in perfect silence at the stars.

- Whitman, Walt



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