



A little learning is a dangerous thing
Drink deeply, or taste not of truth's deep spring:
There shallow sips intoxicate the brain,
But drinking largely sobers us again.

When, at first sight with what God's light imparts,
In fearless youth we tempt the heights of arts,
While from the lowly level of our mind,
Short views we take, nor see the lengths behind,
But, more advanced, behold with strange surprise
New distant scenes of endless science rise!

—Alexander Pope, adapted