

harmony : and when a Newton discovers a single rule of it for us, he but makes our assurance surer. For uncounted centuries before ever hearing of "Gravitation" men knew of the sun that he rose and set at hours which, though mysteriously appointed, could be accurately predicted ; of the moon that she regularly waxed and waned, drawing the waters of the earth in a flow and ebb, the gauge of which and the time-table could be advertised beforehand in the almanack ; of the stars, that they swung as by clockwork around the pole. Says the son of Sirach concerning them—

*At the word of the Holy one they will stand
in due order,
And they will not faint in their watches.*

So evident is this celestial harmony that men, seeking to account for it by what was most harmonious in themselves or in their experience, supposed an actual Music of the Spheres inaudible to mortals ; Plato (who learned of
3 ☞ Pythagoras)