

Unidentified

THEY:

The researchers, the scientists
Feared and revered (wo)men in white
Coats

GOD:

[Unidentified]
Last seen—in the MRI scans of devotees
(Prayer lights up the readers like fireworks
RED RED RED
Like magma becoming lava)

THEY predict the whereabouts of particles,
Mapping their sneaky almost-consciousness.
THEY classify the animals in categories
Marked “Nonhuman.”
THEY say that Science is the Word
That burst the Universe into evolving existence.
And so it is.
Until THEY prove otherwise.

Depending on who you ask:
GOD is a Craniate
Gnathostome, using its hinged mouth
To pick favorites.

Depending on who you ask:
GOD is a Chordate
Vertebrate bending over backwards
Coiling and snake-like.

However:
It is unanimously undecided
Which category of “Nonhuman” it occupies
(Annelid? Arthropod? Cephalopod?)
Because THEY cannot count its legs.

*GOD, from His Palace of Mirrors
Hidden in the clouds
Brandishes a Spy Glass,
Magnifying the “Nongods”
And burns them
As He tries to understand.*