

After Dennis Angel's "Sheeler with Jars and Rocks"

Modern Ignatius

It must be so clean, where you're from:
Its power plants titanium white in the desert sun

Pipes and wires convey symmetrical millisecond milligrams
A ricocheted pulse, a modern synapse

Meanwhile, Ignatius in his apse
Places pebbles in a homely jar:
Upright as a column, both saint and glass,
Crystalline as arid sun and hot as its sand

Was Peter lost in the ions or lost in the eons,
A resurfacing technophobic Herculean
Builder? He took humble dry rock
And Ignatius watched him carve:
Video killed the radio star

Ignatius placed pebbles in a simple jar.
An act of layman's philosophy yet more laden with energy
Than any sterilized export or laboratory
Or any metallic Hermes flung from facility

Ignatius placed rocks in a jar, and amidst the desert
He thought of stone builders, and remembered the sea.

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