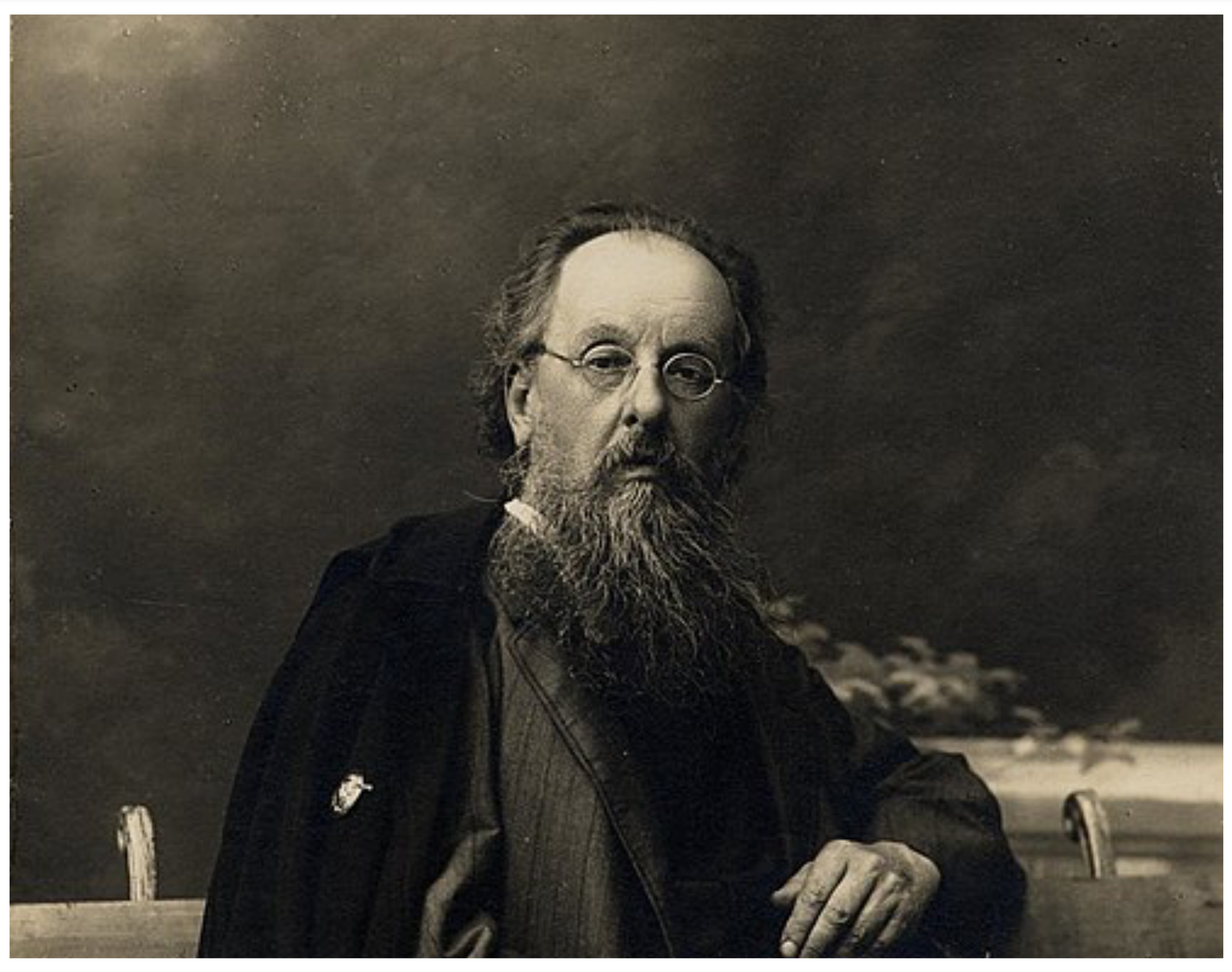


Is it Really Rocket Science?



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Matthew 21:28–30 (KJV) — 28 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. 29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. 30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

Work to engage in an activity involving considerable expenditure of effort—‘to work, to labor.’ (Louw Nida)

Matthew 21:31–32 (KJV) — 31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

Matthew 7:21 (KJV) — 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth** the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Often the question arises, Why, then, are there so many, claiming to believe God's word, in whom there is not seen a reformation in words, in spirit, and in character? Why are there so many who cannot bear opposition to their purposes and plans, who manifest an unholy temper, and whose words are harsh, overbearing, and passionate? There is seen in their lives the same love of self, the same selfish indulgence, the same temper and hasty speech, that is seen in the life of the worldling.

There is the same sensitive pride, the same yielding to natural inclination, the same perversity of character, as if the truth were wholly unknown to them. *The reason is that they are not converted.* They have not hidden the leaven of truth in the heart. It has not had opportunity to do its work. Their natural and cultivated tendencies to evil have not been submitted to its transforming power. Their lives reveal the absence of the grace of Christ, an unbelief in His power to transform the character. (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 99.1)

It is not enough for us to believe that Jesus is not an impostor, and that the religion of the Bible is no cunningly devised fable. We may believe that the name of Jesus is the only name under heaven whereby man may be saved, and yet we may not through faith make Him our personal Saviour. It is not enough to believe the theory of truth. It is not enough to make a profession of faith in Christ and have our names registered on the church roll. “He that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us.” “Hereby we do know that we know Him if we keep His commandments.” 1 John 3:24; 1 John 2:3. This is the genuine evidence of conversion. Whatever our profession, it amounts to nothing unless Christ is revealed in works of righteousness. (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 312.3)

In the son who said, “I go, sir,” and went not, the character of the Pharisees was revealed. Like this son, the Jewish leaders were impenitent and self-sufficient. The religious life of the Jewish nation had become a pretense. When the law was proclaimed on Mount Sinai by the voice of God, all the people pledged themselves to obey. They said, “I go, sir,” but they went not. When Christ came in person to set before them the principles of the law, they rejected Him.

Christ had given the Jewish leaders of His day abundant evidence of His authority and divine power, but although they were convinced, they would not accept the evidence. Christ had shown them that they continued to disbelieve because they had not the spirit which leads to obedience. He had declared to them, “Ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition... In vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” Matthew 15:6, 9. (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 276.1)

John 17:17 (KJV) — 17 Sanctify them through thy
truth: thy word is truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (KJV) — 13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

Ephesians 6:14 (KJV) — 14 Stand therefore, having
your loins girt about with truth, and having on the
breastplate of righteousness;

Exodus 12:11 (KJV) — 11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

James 1:18 (KJV) — 18 Of his own will begat he us
with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of
firstfruits of his creatures.

1 Timothy 2:4 (KJV) — 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth

2 Timothy 4:2 (KJV) — 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

John 14:6 (KJV) — 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Daniel 8:12 (KJV) — 12 And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

1 Kings 18:21 (KJV) — 21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? . . .

1 Corinthians 13:6 (KJV) — 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but
rejoiceth in the truth;

John 14:15 (KJV) — 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 3:16 (KJV) — 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 John 4:8–10 (KJV) — 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 Timothy 2:6 (KJV) — 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

1 Timothy 2:6 (NLT) — 6 He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.

John 8:32–36 (KJV) — 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. 35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

1 John 5:5 (KJV) — 5 Who is he that overcometh the world,
but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?



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