

Tests for Truth

Indeed you have heard Him
and were taught in Him,
just as **truth** is in Jesus.
Ephesians 4:21



A Touchstone



HISTORY OF THIS METAPHOR

TESTING FOR GOLD PURITY USING A TOUCHSTONE

- This is a test that uses of Nitric acid combined with fractional amounts of Hydrochloric acid to determine the purity of gold. (see note 1)
- Pure gold is 24K (see note 2)
 - Lower values (22K-8K etc.) have admixtures of other metals, silver, platinum group metals, nickel, copper, zinc, etc. used for durability, workability, and coloring.



TESTING JEWELER'S SCRAPS WITH ACID

**HOW DOES THIS METAPHOR
RELATE TO TESTING FOR TRUTH
IN THE BIBLICAL SENSE?**

GENESIS 42:16

16. One of you must go and get your brother. I'll keep the rest of you here in prison. Then we'll find out whether or not your story is true. By the life of Pharaoh, if it turns out that you don't have a younger brother, then I'll know you are spies.

New Living Translation (biblehub.com)

ZECHARIAH 13:7-9

7. Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the man who is My Companion, declares the LORD of Hosts. Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn My hand against the little ones.
8. And in all the land, declares the LORD, two-thirds will be cut off and perish, but a third will be left in it.
9. This third I will bring through the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'They are My people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'"

Berean Standard Bible (biblehub.com)

2 CORINTHIANS 2:9

9. My purpose in writing you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:15

15. Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.

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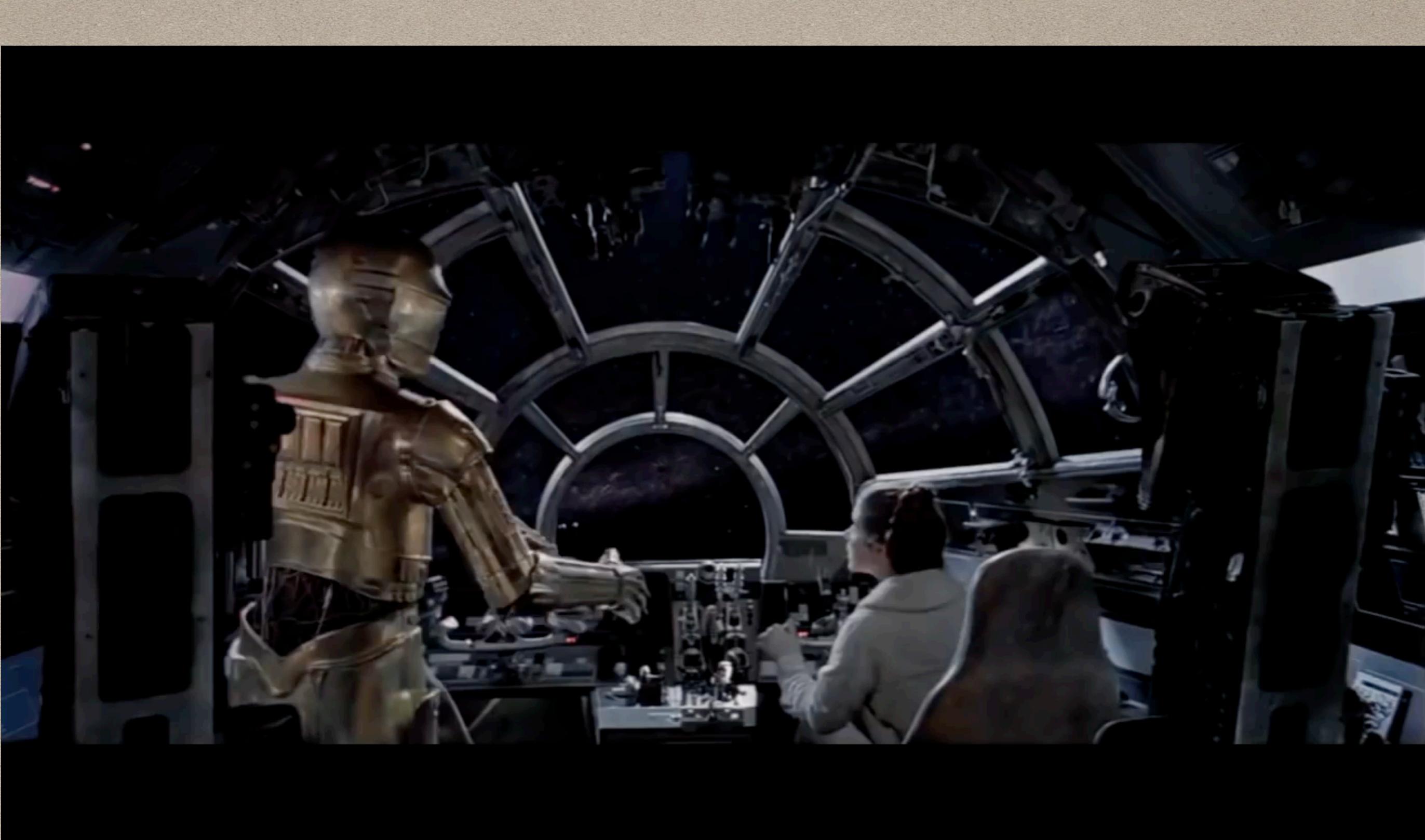
A Steersman or Navigator



HISTORY OF THIS METAPHOR

A STEERSMAN OR NAVIGATOR

- A navigator is responsible for determining a vessel or aircraft's position, plotting a course, and ensuring safe and efficient travel from one point to another.
- Responsible to test for current location, and plan for the future trip.



MILLENNIUM FALCON GOES INTO
THE ASTEROID FIELD

**HOW DOES THIS METAPHOR
RELATE TO GUIDANCE IN THE
BIBLICAL SENSE?**

STAYING ON THE RIGHT PATH

- Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
- Psalm 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."
- Isaiah 30:21 - "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

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AVOIDING SHIPWRECK (MORAL OR SPIRITUAL FAILURE)

- 1 Timothy 1:19 - "Holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith."
- James 3:4 - "Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go."
- This compares human speech (and by extension, wisdom) to a rudder that steers the course of life.

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DANGERS OF DRIFTING OR GETTING LOST

- Hebrews 2:1 - "We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away."
- Ephesians 4:14 - "Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming."

JESUS AS THE ULTIMATE NAVIGATOR

- John 14:6 - "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"
- Matthew 7:13-14 - "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Guidance as Being Blessed with Luck

IMMANUEL KANT: GRACE AND LUCK

One of my professors at Temple University said, and I misquote: "For Kant grace is being blessed by luck."

In a similar way, his view of grace is that one must be worthy to receive it.



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