There are several different articles regarding the Nobel Laureate R. A. Millikan (1868—1953). ***You need only read your assigned article.*** You are welcome to read more if you desire, but only your assigned article is required.

When we meet for lab next week, you will be expect to briefly summarize the content of your article and the perspective. You are welcome to compare notes with others but please complete your own reflection.

NOTE: Each answer should consume about 3-4 sentences.

**Reading Reflection Questions**

1. Perspective is important. Anytime we present someone, or read an article about a historical figure (who also happens to be a scientist), the perspective of the author frames and tints the way that we view the historical figure. What is the perspective of the author toward Millikan? Is s/he supportive of Millikan's work and accomplishments or antagonistic?
2. What is the main purpose of the article? Or, how does Millikan fit into the purpose of the article? What role specifically did he carry out? Was his goal accomplished? Was he successful?
3. What personal elements about Millikan do you gain from the article? Are there character elements that are presented (or implied) by the tone of the article? Are there quotes by Millikan that reveal something of his persona?
4. Do you notice conflict or controversy surrounding Millikan's career as a scientist and/or public figure? If so, please describe the apparent tension. From the article, can you determine how Millikan's personality contributed to the controversy?