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HERMANN OBERTH - "THE ROCKET INTO PLANETARY SPACES" - 1923. THE TURNING  
POINT FROM IMAGINATION TO REALIZATION - HOW DID THIS FUNDAMENTAL WORK OF  
ROCKET AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY COME ABOUT IN THE FIRST PLACE?

**Abstract**

Hermann Oberth is today considered the true father of spaceflight, as Frank Winter, former curator of the early space department at the National Air Space Museum in Washington, wrote in his 1996 article Who is he true Father of Spaceflight? answered with an resounding yes. This statement goes back to the epochal importance and impact of the book The Rocket into Planetary Spaces. Wernher von Braun called it the guiding star of his life. But how did this book come about in the first place, what were the reasons for writing this book? This work attempts to show the background and motivation for the publication of this work.