

CCT: A Genetic Analysis of TS, RC. Pericope 11.

WR	SR	TB	WW	WC	GL1 TS	RC
refute the Idea that God was God from all eternity -	Not God from all Eternity.	for he was God from the begin of all Eternity & if I do not refute it— truth is the touchstone ¹ they are the simple and first princ : of truth to know for a certainty the char. of God	We suppose that God was God from eternity. I will refute that Idea, or I will do away or take away the veil so you may see. It is the first principle	We have imagined that God was God from all eternity.— These are incomprehensible to some but are the first principle of the gospel—	We have imagined that God was God ² from all eternity. These are incomprehensible ideas to some, but they are the simple and first principles of the gospel , to know ³ for a certainty the character of God,	We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity; I will refute ⁴ that idea, and will take away and do away the veil, ⁵ so that you may see. These are incomprehensible ideas to some; but they are simple- it is ⁶ the first principle ⁷ of the Gospel, to know for a certainty the character of God,

¹ This phrase does not appear in either RC or TS. The first part appears slightly garbled based on WW and SR reports, but two of the reports including one of the aural audits (WC) have JS saying he would refute the notion that God was God from all eternity. The phrase “truth is the touchstone” was a relatively common one. For example, see the nineteenth-century “Poetry” in Gordon *The Feast*; Mason, *Spiritual Treasury*, or Marston's *Antonios Revenge*, 32, scene 3, and derives from Latin: *verum index sui et falsi*. (Jackson and Neill, *Selected Plays*, 108.) Webster's 1828 Dictionary of the English Language defines touchstone as “(1) a stone by which metals are examined; a black smooth glossy stone. The touchstone of the ancients was called *lapis Lydius*, from Lydia in Asia Minor, where it was found. (2) Any test or criterion by which the qualities of a thing are tried; as money, the *touchstone* of common honesty.” The touchstone was used by rubbing the metal in question on the touchstone. An expert eye could judge the purity of the candidate based on the mark left on the touchstone. Assuming he used the phrase, JS meant the word in the second sense, as a metaphor: a known truth might be used to measure another assertion, the classical sense of canon.

² The JS diary, Woodruff journal and Clayton report all attest [God was God].

³ See pericope 12.

⁴ WR and TB attest to this phrase, but Bullock did not include it in TS, following WC instead.

⁵ The phrasing of Woodruff is inverted here.

⁶ Appears as: [~~they are~~ ^{it is}] in GM1.

⁷ [principles] in GM1.