

CCT: A Genetic Analysis of TS, RC. Pericope 23.

WR	SR TB	WW	WC	GL1	TS	RC
might proclaim. God never had power to create the spirit of man at at all, Intelligence exist upon a self existent principle no creation about it. all mind & spirit God ever sent into the world are susceptible of enlargement.— —————	but if I am right I mit. with boldness proclaim from the house top that God never <i>had</i> power to create the Sp of Man at all— it is ne God himself cod. not create himself— intelligence <i>is</i> self existent it is a sp. from age to <i>end</i> & there is no creatn abt. it the first principles of man are self exist with God—	if I am right, I might say God never had power to create the spirit of man, God himself could not create himself. Intelligence is Eternal & it is self exhistng. All mind that is susceptible of improvement ,	But if I am right then I might <i>be</i> bold to <i>say</i> that God never did have power to create the spirit of man at all. <i>He</i> could not create himself— Intelligence exists upon a selfexistent principle—is a spirit from age to age & no creation about it—All the spirits that God ever sent into <i>this</i> world are susceptible of enlargement.	How came spirits? Why they are and ware Self Existing as all eternity & our Spirits are as Eternal as the very God is himself ¹	But, if I am right I might with boldness proclaim ² from the house tops, that God never did have power to create the spirit of man at all. ³ God himself could not create himself: ⁴ intelligence exists upon a self existent principle, ⁵ it is a spirit from age to age, and there is no creation about it. All the spirits that God ever sent into the world are susceptible of enlargement. ⁶ The first ⁷ principles of man are self existent with God;	But if I am right I might with boldness proclaim from the house tops, that God never had the power to create the Spirit of man at all. God himself could not create himself. Intelligence is eternal, and exists upon a self-existent principle; it is a spirit from age to age, and there is no creation about it. All the minds and spirits ⁸ that God ever sent into the world are susceptible of enlargement. The first principles of man are self-existent with God.

¹ The GL1 reduction is important since it is some measure of what the average listener might have thought. Clearly JS conveyed at least a portion of the message he had hoped to convey to the grieving families of the city.

² WR attests “proclaim” while WW and WC attest to “say”.

³ Attested by all sources.

⁴ Phrase attested precisely by WW though it was not a source for this text.

⁵ Attested by WR. RC reads, [self existent ~~spirit~~^{principle}].

⁶ Phrase attested by both WR and WW. This hopeful statement is connected to both preceding (the highest destiny of man) and later passages (the lowest) in the sermon, on the ultimate fate of man. At the church conference of October 1841, JS reportedly said, “It is no more incredible that God should *save* the dead, than that he should *raise* the dead. There is never a time when the spirit is too old to approach God. All are within the reach of pardoning mercy, who have not committed the unpardonable sin, which hath no forgiveness, neither in this world, nor in the world to come.” (*Times and Seasons* 2: 577-8.)

⁷ VOT has a printing correction: [firs.^t].

⁸ “mind” and “spirits” are attested by WW and WC, respectively.