

CCT: A Genetic Analysis of TS, RC. Pericope 4.

WR	SR	TB	WW	WC	GL1	TS	RC
		I wish to go back to the begin: of creation— <i>it is necessary to know</i> the mind decree & <i>ordinatn.</i> of the great Elo ¹ <i>beging at the creatn.</i> & it is necy. for us to have an understandg. of God in the beging. if we start right it is <i>very easy for us</i> to go right all the time but if we start wrong, it is hard to get right	Go to the morn of creation to understand of the decrees of the Eloheem at the creation. It is necessary for us to have an understanding of God at the beginning, if we get a good start first we can go right, but if you start wrong you may go wrong.	First place wish to go back to the beginning of creation. There the starting point in order to fully acquainted with purposes, decrees & c of the Great Eloheim that sits in the hev. for us to take up beginning² at the creation necessary to understand <i>something</i> of God himself in the beginning. If we start right easy to go right all the time—start wrong hard matter to get right.	First of all, or in the beginning,	In the first place , I wish to go back to the beginning of creation; there is the starting point, in order to be fully acquainted with the mind , purposes, decrees, &c. of the great Eloheim, ³ that sits in yonder heavens , it is necessary ⁴ for us to have an understanding of God himself in the beginning. ⁵ If we start right, it is easy to go right all the time; but if we start wrong, it is a hard matter to get right.	In the first place I wish to go back to the beginning to the morn⁶ of creation; there is the starting point for us to look to, in order to understand and be fully acquainted with the mind , purposes, and decrees of the great Elohim, ⁷ who sits in yonder heavens as he did⁸ at the creation of this world. It is necessary for us to have an understanding of God himself in the beginning. If we start right, it is easy to go right all the time; but if we start wrong, we may go wrong , and it will be a hard matter to get right.

¹ An abbreviation for “Elohim” rather than the Aramaic, “my God,” both WW and TB attest to Elohim (Eloheim).

² This is partially attested by TB and WW, but GM1-RC disconnect the thought. The decrees at the beginning of creation suggest the 1842 Book of Abraham text, Abr. 3:22-28.

³ The use of the word here resonates with JS’s usage in the temple-related instruction introduced and gradually given to a group of men and women over the previous two years. Devery S. Anderson, “The Anointed Quorum in Nauvoo, 1842-45,” *Journal of Mormon History* 29, no. 2 (Fall 2003):137-157.

⁴ [it is necessary] is used twice in TB in this pericope.

⁵ This phrase also attested by WW. There are two related thoughts here: understand what was in the mind of God before the creation takes place and understand the nature of God – both subjects are subsequently addressed in the sermon.

⁶ Another example of the impulse of the editors to include alternate expressions as though they were unique. [to the morn] shows as an insertion in GM1.

⁷ [Eloheim] in GM1.

⁸ [as he did] appears as an interlinear insertion in GM1.