

CCT: A Genetic Analysis of TS, RC. Pericope 6.

WR	SR TB	WW	WC	GL1 TS	RC
what kind of being is God?—	I agn. rept. the questn. what kind of a being is God does any man or woman know have any of you seen, him heard him, communed with him, here is the questn. that will peradventure from this time henceforth occupy your attentn.—	I ask this congregation what kind of a being is God? turn your thoughts in your hearts, & say have any of you seen or herd him or communed with him this is a question that may occupy your attention	I repeat the question what kind of a being is God. Any man or woman <i>that</i> know any of you seen him? <u>heard</u> him? <u>communed with</u> <u>him</u> ? Here a <i>subject</i> that will peradventure occupy you attention <i>while</i> <i>you live</i> —	I <i>again</i> repeat the question, what kind of a being is God? Does any man or woman know? <i>have</i> any of you seen him, heard him, communed with him? Here is the question that will peradventure from this time henceforth, occupy your attention. ¹	turn your thoughts <i>into</i> your hearts, ² and say if any of you have seen, heard, or communed with him: this is a question that may occupy your attention <i>for a long</i> <i>time</i> . ³ I again repeat the question, what kind of being is God? Does any man or woman know? have any of you seen him, ⁴ heard him, or communed with him? Here is the question that will peradventure from this time henceforth occupy your attention. ⁵

¹ This may be a bit of hyperbole but it was surely the case that the discourse caused discussion among both Saints and outsiders.

² The phrase is not attested elsewhere, reflecting WW's interesting character and perhaps Woodruff's use of Taylor shorthand.

³ “for a long time” is an insertion in GM1 (in Bullock's hand).

⁴ Reads as, [him, ~~or~~ heard] in GM1.

⁵ Here again the WW duplicates the second part of the text from TB, making GM1-RC nearly twice the length of TS for this pericope.