

CCT: A Genetic Analysis of TS, RC. Pericope 8.

WR	SR TB	WW	WC	GL1 TS	RC
Every man has a right to be a false prophet. as well as a true prophet.—	if any man is authd. to take away my life who say I am a false teacher <i>so I shod. have the same right to all</i> false teacher & where wod. be the end of the blood & <i>there is no law in the heart of God that wod. allow anyone to interfere with the rights of man¹ every man has the right to be a false as well as a true prophet—²</i> If I show verily that I have the truth of God & show that ninety-nine of 100 are false <i>prop.</i> it wod. deluge the whole world with blood.	But meddle not with any man for his religion, <i>evry</i> government ought to permit evry man to enjoy his religion. I will <i>show</i> the world is wrong by showing what God is.	If any man is authorised to take my life <i>because</i> I am a false teacher then upon the same principle am I authorised to take the life of every false teacher ³ and who would not be the sufferer—but no man is authorised to take away life in consequence of their religion. All laws and governments ought to <i>tolerate whether</i> right or wron. If I show that I have the truth of God & 99/100 are false teachers while they pretend to hold the keys of God & go to killing them because &c <i>would</i> it not deluge the world <i>in</i> blood.	If any man is authorized to take away my life, who says I am a false teacher: ⁴ then upon the same principle am I authorized to take away the life of every ⁵ false teacher, and where would be the end of blood, and who would not be the sufferer. But no man is authorized to take away life in consequence of their religion; <i>which</i> all laws and governments ought to tolerate, ⁶ right or wrong. If I show verily, that I have the truth of God, and show that ninety-nine out of a hundred are false teachers, while they pretend to hold the keys ⁷ of God, and to kill them because they are false teachers, it would deluge the whole world with blood.	If any man is authorized to take away my life because he thinks and says I am a false teacher, then upon the same principle we should be justified in taking away the life of every false teacher; and where would be the end of blood, and who would not be the sufferer? But meddle not with any man for his religion; and all governments ought to permit every man to enjoy his religion unmolested. ⁸ No man is authorized to take away life in consequence of difference of ⁹ religion, which all laws and governments ought to tolerate and protect ¹⁰ right or wrong. ¹¹ Every man has a natural and in our country a constitutional ¹² right to be a false prophet, as well as a true prophet. ¹³ If I show, verily, that I have the truth of God, and show that ninety-nine out of every hundred professing religious ministers ¹⁴ are false teachers, having no authority while they pretend to hold the keys of God's kingdom on Earth, and was to ¹⁵ kill them because they are false teachers; it would deluge the whole world with blood. I will prove ¹⁶ that the world is wrong, by showing what God is.

¹ This interesting phrase did not make it into either amalgamation, though it certainly suggests JS's position in terms of government protection of the rights of citizens. It mirrors the quotation from James Madison's inaugural address, which William W. Phelps included in JS's presidential campaign "position paper," *General Smith's Views of the Powers and Policy of the Government*. Bullock chose WC's less colorful version instead: [But no man is authorized to take away life in consequence of their religion; which all laws and governments ought to tolerate, right or wrong]. The JS diary suggests the Bullock report may be more accurate here. Since Grimshaw actually used VOT for his base text, he may not have considered the Bullock report here.

² WR attests to this phrase.

³ GM1 reads, [principle ~~am~~^{we should be justified in} ~~authorized~~^t taking away].

⁴ The ms history has no colon here, while VOT has a semicolon.

⁵ Both TB and WW attest to the essential language here.

⁶ WW also suggests this language.

⁷ The "keys" here refers to the correct knowledge of God.

⁸ [unmolested] is a Bullock insertion in GM1.

⁹ Reads, [~~their~~^{difference of}] in GM1.

¹⁰ [and protect] is a Bullock insertion in GM1.

¹¹ See per. 9 below.

¹² The foregoing seven-word segment in red is a Bullock insertion into GM1.

¹³ WR here may have been spoken by JS, even though they summarize the preceding remarks of WC.

¹⁴ The foregoing in red is an insertion in GM1.

¹⁵ The three preceding phrases in red are insertions in GM1.

¹⁶ Reads [~~then~~ prove] in GM1.