

From Sinai

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In the beginning  
It was passed on  
It all began when  
It was passed on  
Handed down  
From lip to ear  
Mind to heart  
Not taught  
Not instructed  
Not told  
Not given  
And surely not discussed  
It was passed on to us.  
Ere we were  
It was  
It was passed on to us,  
And we became  
The light  
And the law  
His flesh  
In this life  
Born again  
Over and over  
After each  
And after every  
No matter the fire  
Restoration  
The ways of holiness.  
Eat not what they eat  
Lie not with them and theirs  
Clothe not thyself as they do

Speak not their tongues  
Be that living passed on Torah.  
Undone erased  
You passed it back  
In the ovens.