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Dear Josh;

Thanks for Dr. Shive's letter and the enclosures. One of them referred to an article published in 1926 (~~Am J.~~ Jour. Am. Chem. Soc.) in which Williams reported testing several people's ability to taste creatine; 4 out of 5 couldn't taste it. It could be that that experience generated his thinking about chemical individuality. In any case I think that although he may have known about Garrod his approach to the idea of individuality is so different as to suggest that it came to him independently. Your friend Robt. Merton would agree that there's no reason why he couldn't have done so. I wonder what Williams would say if the question were put to him. Is that possible? The question would be (in essence if not in fact), "Did your knowledge of Garrod and his ideas cause you to start thinking about chemical individuality?" I realize its late in the game to know how to interpret the answer, unless it was an unequivocal

Why do "Yongue" Shive a call. He seems to be RJW's alter ego, and might well carry the ball.
Josh.

yes. But it would (might) be interesting.

Thanks again,

J.

Stanley