

重读《圣经》：一种女性主义的诠释

Revisiting the Bible: A Feminist Interpretation

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This paper engages in a thorough study of Scripture on the origin and nature of the womankind from a feminist perspective. It establishes a theoretical counterpoint to the male-dominant tradition of the West. It also categorizes and analyzes the female characters of the Bible. The male-dominant rabbinic tradition, and later, the Christian tradition, both contributed to the distortion of biblical teaching on women, so much so that male-dominant thought patterns have permeated both traditions on a deep, subconscious level. However, the biblical text itself honestly reflects the condition of women over several thousand years from Old Testament to New Testament times. Some biblical authors show empathy for women who suffered exploitation and disparagement; others affirm and applaud the wisdom and courage of women leaders, the piety of the devout among them, even the passion of those who seek true love. In the New Testament, the status of women undergoes radical change. The paper concludes, therefore, that the Bible has an underlying female consciousness, strongly evident in many portions of Scripture. This consciousness is believed to have inspired the feminism expressed in segments of Western art and literature.