

慷慨的愛：論箴言書一至九章 智慧女人的愛與給予

Generous Love: On the Love and Giving of
Woman Wisdom in Proverbs 1–9

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摘要

箴言書一至九章使用情慾語言（erotic language）闡述「追求智慧」的主題，特別強調文中讀者年輕人與智慧女人的愛情關係。智慧女人以慷慨吸引年輕人，承諾物質與心靈上的諸多益處，並激勵對她的愛慕之情。本文旨在經由希伯來經文釋義，探討智慧女人如何展現慷慨，並深入思考她的愛與給予對讀者的意涵。

研究顯示，智慧女人的慷慨展現於主動協助、樂施錢財、表達善意等三個面向上，且其供應豐盛，令人讚嘆。她主動現身街頭，應許毫無保留地施予訓誨（箴 1:20-33），進而在年輕人追求智慧的旅途中一路扶助，為他們未來的愛情關係奠定基礎（箴 2:10-12；4:6；6:22-24）。她樂施錢財，應允賜給愛她的人富貴與尊榮，又邀請年輕人與她建立愛情關係（箴 8:1-36）。她表達善意，隆重設筵款待年輕人，並在互愛中實現她的應許（箴 9:1-6）。智慧女人的供應質量兼優，使人獲益良多，遠勝她的對手——淫婦與愚昧女人。

對於學習智慧的年輕人而言，智慧女人富裕、卓越且充滿魅力，無疑是值得追求的對象。她主動邀請人轉向她、尋求她，與她建立親密的愛情關係。她的大方給予不僅激發人對她的渴望，也成為追求她的動力。因此，智慧女人的慷慨可謂「誘之以利」（pathos of desire）的策略，因她的贈與全然無償——無論是物質或心靈的利益，抑或是她自己。凡願意及時轉向她的人，皆可立即獲得。

關鍵字：智慧女人、追求智慧、慷慨、愛、誘之以利

Abstract

Proverbs 1–9 employs erotic language to articulate the theme of “the pursuit of wisdom,” emphasizing a romantic relationship between Woman Wisdom and the young man, the implied reader of the text. Woman Wisdom captivates him with her generosity, promising abundant material and spiritual blessings while nurturing his affection. This study explores, through Hebrew exegesis, how Woman Wisdom expresses her generosity and reflects on the implications of her love and giving for readers.

Research reveals that Woman Wisdom’s generosity manifests in three ways: her willingness to provide help, wealth, and kindness. Her provisions are abundant, exceeding all expectations. First, she actively seeks out the young man in public spaces, freely offering her teachings without reservation (Prov. 1:20–33). She closely guides and protects him on his journey toward wisdom, laying a foundation for a future romantic relationship (Prov. 2:10–12; 4:6; 6:22–24). Second, she promises financial rewards, giving wealth and honor to those who love her and inviting the young man into a meaningful relationship with her (Prov. 8:1–36). Third, she demonstrates kindness by hosting a grand banquet for the young man, fulfilling her promises through mutual affection (Prov. 9:1–6). Woman Wisdom’s gifts are both beneficial and marked by exceptional quality and quantity, surpassing those of her rivals — the Strange Woman and Woman Folly.

To the young man seeking wisdom, Woman Wisdom is affluent, extraordinary, and irresistibly attractive — undeniably a worthy pursuit. She actively invites people to turn to her, seek her,

and build a loving relationship with her. Her abundant generosity stirs desire and motivates pursuit. This generosity becomes a “pathos of desire” because her gifts — whether material rewards, spiritual blessings, or even herself — are freely given. Before it is too late, anyone willing to turn to her can receive her provisions.

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