

摘 要

《贝奥武夫》(*Beowulf*)是一部具有浓厚基督教文化的日耳曼民族史诗,也是中世纪早期欧洲最完整、最优秀的史诗。目前,对《贝奥武夫》的研究非常广泛。然而,对《贝奥武夫》巨人形象的研究却很少。实际上,《贝奥武夫》对英国的民族精神有着深刻的影响。尤其是《贝奥武夫》中巨人格伦德尔的形象,对英国民族精神的影响更是不亚于主人公贝奥武夫。同时,《贝奥武夫》的巨人形象与《圣经》中的歌利亚有着密切的关系。贝奥武夫和巨人的故事应该是大卫和歌利亚故事的变体。《贝奥武夫》中的巨人与《圣经》中的歌利亚在某种意义上说,起着道德基础的作用。探究这两者之间的关系,对研究英国国民性有着重要意义。

本文通过对《贝奥武夫》中巨人形象的研究,探讨了民族史诗《贝奥武夫》与英国民族性的关系。民族史诗《贝奥武夫》产生于英国民族精神形成之时,对英国民族精神的发展也起到了促进作用。贝奥武夫巨人的形象为盎格鲁撒克逊人提供了共同的道德标准。同时,也促使后来的英国人为这一标准而努力,提高自己的道德境界。英国人可以借此机会从野蛮走向文明,实现民族性的发展与进步。

关键词: 《贝奥武夫》; 巨人; 神话原型批评; 西方文化

Abstract

Beowulf is a Germanic national epic with many elements of Christian culture, and also the most complete and excellent epic in early medieval Europe. Now, the research about *Beowulf* is very extensive. However, there are few researches on the image of giant in *Beowulf*. In fact, *Beowulf* has a profound influence on the national spirit of Britain. In particular, the image of Grendel, the giant of *Beowulf*, has no less influence on the national spirit of British than the hero Beowulf. Meanwhile, the image of giant is closely related to Goliath in the *Bible*. The story of Beowulf and the giant should be a variation of the story of David and Goliath. In a sense, the giant in *Beowulf* and Goliath in the *Bible* play the role of moral foundation. It is of great significance to study the relationship between the two.

Based on the study of the image of the giant in *Beowulf*, it will discuss the relationship between the national epic *Beowulf* and the British nationality. The national epic *Beowulf* came into being at the time of the formation of the British nation, which also promoted the development of the British national spirit. The image of giant provides common moral standards for the Anglo Saxons. At the same time, it also urged later British people to struggle for this standard and improve their moral state. The British can take this opportunity to move from barbarism to civilization and realize the development of nationality.

Key words: *Beowulf*; Giant ; Archetypal Criticism ; Western culture

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