

***The Rainbow* のアーシュラ**

Ursula in *The Rainbow*

中山本文

Lawrence first intended to publish the new story titled *Sisters*, but he changed his original plan and split it into two stories, *The Rainbow* (1915) and *Women in Love* (1919). Lawrence refers to the relations of the two stories in 1916, saying that *Women in Love* is a kind of sequel to *The Rainbow*. F.R. Leavis commented on the later work, pointing out that it is "wholly self-contained" and has "no organic connexion with *The Rainbow*." His point is understandable when we consider that the writing style of *The Rainbow* belongs to the 19th century English novel, while *Women in Love* is analytic and esoteric. However, the truth is that the main interest of the stories is quite similar to each other. Leavis's point of view attracts our attention in that he believes Lawrence was well matured enough to write *Women in Love* by the time (1915) when he finished *The Rainbow*. This suggests that the author had already had that critical mind represented in the later story, which is well enough proved by the characterization of Ursula in *The Rainbow*. Although Leavis is negative of the connection between *The Rainbow* and *Women in Love*, Ursula in the former novel is surely identical of another Ursula in *Women in Love*. It is not too much to say that *The Rainbow* was written in order to create Ursula.

The cardinal purpose here is to discuss how important Ursula is for *Women in Love*, paying attention to Ursula in the former story.

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はじめに

F.R.Leavisは、*The Rainbow*と*Women in Love*が元々ひとつであったものが分離して生まれたことは認めつつも、二つの作品の関係が、普通“a sequel”が意味するものを超えていると述べている。もちろん、彼はロレンスが1916年に*Women in Love*について“a kind of sequel to *The Rainbow*”と言っていることは十分承知している。*Women in Love*は“wholly self-contained”

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