

研究ノート

Johnson's Dictionary and the Philosophy of Language in the Eighteenth Century

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要 旨

ジョンソン辞書をその親版（1755）と簡約版（1756）の総体として理解するためには、18世紀における英国啓蒙主義のなかで考察する必要がある。その手始めとして、18世紀の言語観や辞書観を理解することが不可欠である。本研究においては、その資料や文献の調査を行った。その文献一覧をここに提示する。それにはジョンソン辞書の構想案（1747）や辞書の序文（1755）およびアディソンやスウィフトのエッセイも含まれる。これまでの研究では、ほぼその範囲内でジョンソンの時代の言語観を理解しようとしてきた傾向がある。それだけでは不十分である。18世紀英国における啓蒙主義のもとでジョンソンが立脚した言語観を追求するためには、言語に直接かかわるような文法書や言語学書も含めなければならないし、一般の人々のジョンソン辞書に対する賛辞や批判の文書や手紙なども含める必要がある。なお、この文献一覧をもとに、それぞれの文献から重要と思われる個所を抜粋した書を、筆者は作成中である。

キーワード：ジョンソン英語辞典, 18世紀言語観, 啓蒙主義

Johnson's Dictionary, in both unabridged and abridged versions, can only be fully understood within the context of the British Enlightenment in the eighteenth century. Contextualisation requires the inclusion of various articles, papers, and books written about the Dictionary, as well as research about the philosophy of language during this time, which differed greatly from that of

the nineteenth century following the emergence of comparative linguistics. Particularly relevant books include Locke's *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*, published in 1690 and Watts' *Logick: or, the Right Use of Reason in the Enquiry after Truth*, published in 1741. These texts profoundly influenced Johnson's philosophy of language and his methods of lexicography, including definition.

After Johnson's death, many lexicographers criticised his Dictionary and later augmented and supplemented it in various ways during the latter half of the eighteenth century.

Johnson's Dictionary	{	(word-list, etymology)	Mason, Todd
		(pronunciation)	Ash, Sheridan, Walker
		(synonym)	Piozzi

Based on these works, English lexicography moved toward the *Oxford English Dictionary*, which was first planned as an enlargement and augmentation of Johnson's Dictionary.

The research for this anthology was based heavily on J. E. Conington and Elizabeth C. Conington's 1984 work, *Johnson's Dictionary, Bibliographical Survey 1746 – 1984*. Similar to Conington's *Survey*, this study includes a collection of articles and papers about Johnson's Dictionary, but it also includes chapters or prefaces taken from books about language or grammar that do not directly refer to Johnson or his Dictionary. This list includes four types of material:

1. Essays written by Johnson himself, including his *Plan* (1747) and Preface (1755);
2. Essays and prefaces from books about language or grammar, which do not refer to Johnson's Dictionary;
3. Articles from magazines or letters about Johnson's Dictionary, including Chesterfield's essays written for the *World* and Webster's harsh criticisms in the early 19th century; and
4. Articles from magazines or letters that do not directly refer to Johnson or his Dictionary but that are relevant to both.

The following chronological list of materials include texts from more than 130 sources scattered throughout eighteenth-century literature. The materials contained in this list are, even now, very difficult to access, so, if they are gathered and edited in the form of a book, they would prove very useful to students of Johnson and his Dictionary.

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