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This programmatic socio-rhetorical investigation approaches the Epistle of James as an instance of written deliberative rhetoric, and it seeks to ascertain the social texture of James 2.5, a rhetorical performance of language that in other contexts is explicitly attributed to Jesus. Utilizing the conventions of Greco-Roman rhetoric, Dr. Wachob successively probes the inner texture, the intertexture, the social and cultural texture, and the ideological implications of the rhetoric in James 2.1–13. He analyzes James' activation of antecedent texts in the LXX, common conceptions and topics in the broader culture, and also sayings in the Jesus tradition. He concludes that James emanates from the same milieu as the pre-Matthean Sermon on the Mount and shows James 2.5 to be an artful performance of the principal beatitude in that early epitome of Jesus' teachings.

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SOURCES AND ABBREVIATIONS

AARAS	American Academy of Religion Academy Series
AASF	<i>Annales Academiae Scientiarum Fennicae</i>
AB	Anchor Bible
AnBib	Analecta biblica
ANRW	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt</i>
ASNU	Acta seminarii neotestamentici upsaliensis
ATR	<i>Anglican Theological Review</i>
BAGD	Baur-Arndt-Gingrich-Danker, <i>Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament</i>
BDF	Blass-Debrunner-Funk, <i>Greek Grammar of the New Testament</i>
BETL	Bibliotheca ephemeridum theologiarum lovaniensium
BFCT	Beiträge zur Förderung christlicher Theologie
BGU	Aegyptische Urkunden aus den Staatlichen Museen zu Berlin Griechische Urkunden
BHTh	Beiträge zur historischen Theologie
Bib	<i>Biblica</i>
BJRL	<i>Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester</i>
BSac	<i>Bibliotheca Sacra</i>
BT	<i>The Bible Translator</i>
BZNW	Beihefte zur ZNW
CBQ	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CBQMS	Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series
CJ	<i>Classical Journal</i>
CNT	Commentaire du Nouveau Testament
ConNT	Coniectanea Neotestamentica
CQ	<i>Church Quarterly</i>
CRINT	Compendia rerum iudaicarum ad novum testamentum
Ebib	Etudes bibliques
EDNT	<i>Balz-Schneider, Exegetical Dictionary of the NT</i>

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<i>ETS</i>	<i>Erfurter theologische Studien</i>
<i>EvQ</i>	<i>Evangelical Quarterly</i>
<i>EvT</i>	<i>Evangelische Theologie</i>
<i>Exp</i>	<i>The Expositor</i>
<i>ExpT</i>	<i>Expository Times</i>
<i>FB</i>	<i>Forschung zur Bibel</i>
<i>FFNT</i>	<i>Foundations and Facets: New Testament</i>
<i>FOTL</i>	<i>The Forms of the Old Testament Literature</i>
<i>FRLANT</i>	<i>Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments</i>
<i>GNT</i>	<i>Grundrisse zum Neuen Testament</i>
<i>HeyJ</i>	<i>Heythrop Journal</i>
<i>HNTC</i>	<i>Harper's New Testament Commentaries</i>
<i>HSCP</i>	<i>Harvard Studies in Classical Philology</i>
<i>HTKNT</i>	<i>Herders theologische Kommentar zum Neuen Testament</i>
<i>HTR</i>	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
<i>HUT</i>	<i>Hermeneutische Untersuchungen zur Theologie</i>
<i>IB</i>	<i>Interpreter's Bible</i>
<i>ICC</i>	<i>International Critical Commentary</i>
<i>IDB</i>	<i>Buttrick, Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible</i>
<i>IDBSup</i>	<i>Supplementary volume to IDB</i>
<i>Int</i>	<i>Interpretation</i>
<i>JAAR</i>	<i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>
<i>JBL</i>	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
<i>JHS</i>	<i>Journal of Hellenic Studies</i>
<i>JR</i>	<i>Journal of Religion</i>
<i>JRH</i>	<i>Journal of Religious History</i>
<i>JSNT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
<i>JSNTSup</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament – Supplement Series</i>
<i>JSOT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
<i>JSOTSup</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament – Supplement Series</i>
<i>JSS</i>	<i>Journal of Semitic Studies</i>
<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
<i>KD</i>	<i>Kerygma und Dogma</i>
<i>LB</i>	<i>Linguistica Biblica</i>
<i>LCL</i>	<i>Loeb Classical Library</i>
<i>LSJ</i>	<i>Liddell and Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon</i> , rev. by H. Jones
<i>LPLG</i>	<i>G. W. H. Lampe, A Patristic Greek Lexicon</i>

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<i>LTP</i>	<i>Laval théologique et philosophique</i>
<i>MaTS</i>	<i>Marburger Theologische Studien</i>
<i>MM</i>	J. H. Moulton and G. Milligan, <i>The Vocabulary of the Greek Testament</i>
<i>Neot</i>	<i>Neotestamentica</i>
<i>NHS</i>	Nag Hammadi Studies
<i>NICNT</i>	New International Commentary on the New Testament
<i>NIGTC</i>	The New International Greek Testament Commentary
<i>NKZ</i>	<i>Neue kirchliche Zeitschrift</i>
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
<i>NovTSup</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum, Supplements</i>
<i>NTD</i>	Das Neue Testament Deutsch
<i>NTS</i>	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
<i>OBT</i>	Overtures to Biblical Theology
<i> OCD</i>	<i>Oxford Classical Dictionary</i>
<i>OGIS</i>	<i>W. Dittenberger, Orientis Graeci Inscriptiones Selectae I–II</i>
<i>PTMS</i>	Pittsburgh Theological Monograph Series
<i>PW</i>	Pauly-Wissowa, <i>Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft</i>
<i>RelSRev</i>	<i>Religious Studies Review</i>
<i>ResQ</i>	<i>Restoration Quarterly</i>
<i>RHR</i>	<i>Revue de l'histoire des religions</i>
<i>SBL</i>	Society of Biblical Literature
<i>SBLDS</i>	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
<i>SBLMS</i>	Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series
<i>SBL SBS</i>	Society of Biblical Literature Sources for Biblical Study
<i>SBLSP</i>	Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers
<i>SBLTT</i>	Society of Biblical Literature Texts and Translations
<i>SBS</i>	Stuttgarter Bibelstudien
<i>SCHNT</i>	<i>Studia ad corpus hellenisticum novi testamenti</i>
<i>SE</i>	<i>Studia Evangelica</i>
<i>SKKNT</i>	Stuttgarter kleiner Kommentar: Neues Testament
<i>SNTSMS</i>	Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
<i>ST</i>	<i>Studia theologica</i>
<i>SUNT</i>	<i>Studien zur Umwelt des Neuen Testaments</i>
<i>SVF</i>	<i>H. von Arnim, Stoicorum Veterum Fragmenta</i>
<i>SVTP</i>	<i>Studia in Veteris Testamenti pseudepigrapha</i>
<i>TBA</i>	Tübinger Beiträge zur Altertumswissenschaft
<i>TBl</i>	<i>Theologische Blätter</i>

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<i>TDNT</i>	<i>Kittel-Friedrich, Theological Dictionary of the New Testament</i>
<i>TDOT</i>	<i>Botterweck-Ringgren, Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament</i>
ThExh	Theologische Existenz heute
<i>TLZ</i>	<i>Theologische Literaturzeitung</i>
<i>TSK</i>	<i>Theologische Studien und Kritiken</i>
TU	Texte und Untersuchungen
<i>TZ</i>	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
WMANT	Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
<i>ZKT</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für katholische Theologie</i>
<i>ZKWKL</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für kirchliche Wissenschaft und kirchliches Leben</i>
<i>ZNW</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
<i>ZTK</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i>

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