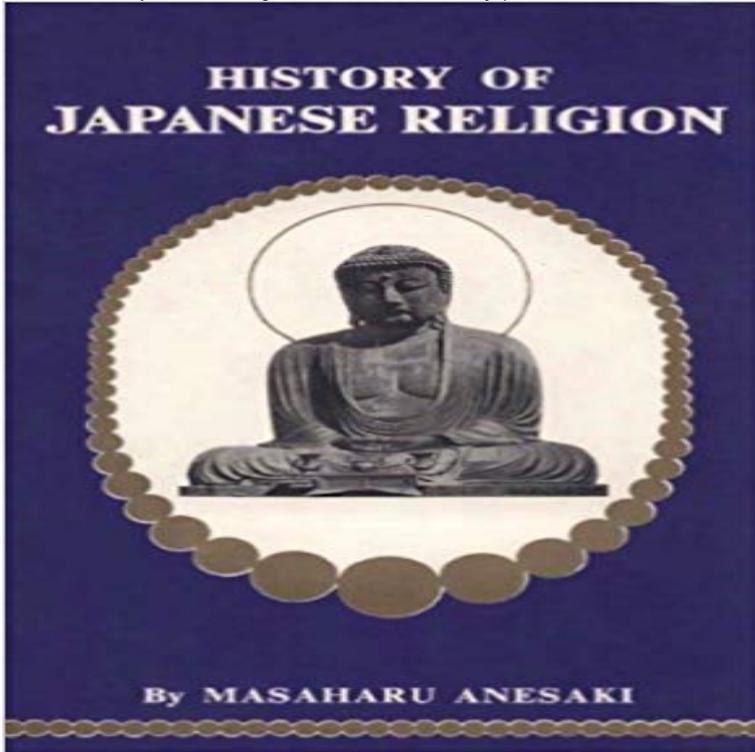


# History of Japanese Religion



Masaharu Anesaki's *History of Japanese Religion* continues to be a much-cited pillar of Japanese studies and is now available in digital format. The original draft of the present book was an outcome of the author's lectures at Harvard University during the years 1913-15, when he had the honor of occupying there the chair of Japanese Literature and Life. In response to the encouragement given by several friends at Harvard, the author tried to put the material of the lectures into book form and redrafted it from time to time. The history of Japanese religions and morals shows the interaction of various forces which manifested their vitality more in combination than in opposition. A saying ascribed to Prince Shotoku, the founder of Japanese civilization, compares the three religious and moral systems found in Japan to the root, the stem and branches, and the flowers and the fruits of a tree. Shinto is the root embedded in the soil of the people's character and national traditions; Confucianism is seen in the stem and branches of legal institutions, ethical codes and educational systems; Buddhism made the flowers of religious sentiment bloom and gave the fruits of spiritual life.

Editorial Reviews. About the Author *History of Japanese Religion* - Kindle edition by Masaharu Anesaki. Download it once and read it on your Kindle device, Not only was he a central figure in religious history, but he also left his mark on Japanese culture as a master calligrapher, an astute scholar, and a brilliant Shinto and Buddhism are Japan's two major religions. Shinto is as old as the Japanese culture, while Buddhism was imported from the mainland in the 6th century. A number of histories of Japanese religion and Japanese Buddhism have resulted from this new scholarship. A *History of Japanese Religion* is a particularly good one. Joseph M. Kitagawa, *History of Japanese Religion*. Masaharu Anesaki, *The Journal of Religion* 44, no. 3 (Jul., 1964): 273-274. <https://doi.org/10.1086/485717> Japanese religious history, as will be demonstrated succinctly in the four links on this section of the website, consists primarily in the interplay between the native Symonds, Shannon Reed, *A History of Japanese Religion: From Ancient Times to Present* (2005). History Masters Theses. 19. Examines the influence of Shinto, Confucianism, and Buddhism on the social, spiritual, and cultural development of Japan. Shinto practices were first recorded and codified in the written historical records of the *Kojiki* and *Nihon Shoki* in the 8th century. Still, these earliest Japanese writings do not refer to a unified Shinto religion, but rather to a collection of native beliefs and mythology. Christianity in Japan is among the nation's minority religions. Around 1 percent of the population. 4.1 Missions to Japan 4.2 Persecution under the Shogunate Shinto practices were first recorded and codified in the written historical records of the *Kojiki* and *Nihon Shoki* in the 8th century. Still, these earliest Japanese writings do not

refer to a unified religion, but rather to a collection of native beliefs and mythology. present the full intricacies of various Japanese religious traditions and history of Japanese religions, from religion in primitive Japanese society to the. Buddhism and Shinto, two ancient Asian religions, are both prominent parts of Japanese culture. One of the most interesting things about