

## **SUPPLEMENTARY READING LIST ON JAPANESE HISTORY AND RELIGION**

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### **THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF PRE-MODERN JAPAN**

#### **General Works:**

Arthur E. Tiedemann, ed., *An Introduction to Japanese Civilization*

H. Paul Varley, *Japanese Culture*

George B. Sansom, *Japan: A Short Cultural History*

Tsunoda Ryusaku, et al., *Sources of Japanese Tradition* (2 vols.)

Source readings with good introductory essays; somewhat dated.

*The Cambridge History of Japan* (UGA Reference DS835 .C36)

Volume 1 contains much information on religion and culture in pre-Buddhist Japan and on the early periods of Japanese Buddhism.

#### **Works pertaining to Specific Periods:**

Ivan Morris, *The World of the Shining Prince: Court Life in Ancient Japan*

Louis Frédéric, *Daily Life in Japan (At the time of the Samurai, 1185-1603)*

C. J. Dunn, *Everyday Life in Traditional Japan*

### **GENERAL WORKS ON JAPANESE RELIGION**

Byron Earhart, *Japanese Religion: Unity and Diversity* (3rd ed., 1982; 4th ed., in press)

Joseph M. Kitagawa, *Religion in Japanese History* (1966); and *On Understanding Japanese Religion* (1987; good glossary)

### **REFERENCE WORKS IN RELIGION (including Japan)**

*The HarperCollins Dictionary of Religion* (1995)

The most reliable and up-to-date authority on all topics. Entries are very brief, but they are all by leading specialists.

Mircea Eliade, general editor, *Encyclopedia of Religion* (1987)

Fairly up-to-date, with good scholarship on most matters.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY ON JAPANESE RELIGION**

Joseph M. Kitagawa, "The Religions of Japan," in Charles J. Adams, *A Reader's Guide to the Great Religions* (2nd ed., 1977): 247-82. Expert, but rather dated.

Earhart, *Japanese Religion: Unity and Diversity* (3rd ed., 1982): 213-54. Also rather dated.

Arcadio Schwade, *Shintō: Bibliography in Western Languages* (1986)

Exhaustive and fairly up-to-date; use "Topical Index" (at the end).

Shojun Bando, et al., *A Bibliography on Japanese Buddhism* (1958). Very dated.

There is also an annual *Bibliography of Asian Studies* (published by the Association for Asian Studies) and an annual bibliography of religion, *Religion Index: One*. See also the bibliographic notes at the end of entries in the *Encyclopedia of Religion*.