Unit 5 O-MO-TE-NA-SHI Japanese Culture

✓ REVIEW

Put the following Japanese into English.

- 1. 狂言は、厳粛な能の合間に演ぜられ、観客に笑いをもたらす短時間の喜劇です。
- 2.文楽は、日本の伝統的な人形劇です。

日本の宗教 Religion in Japan



A Shinto shrine

A Buddhist temple

1. Read the following key words, which appear in the text your teacher is going to read.

Key words:

- continent 大陸
- indigenous 固有の
- spirituality 精神的基盤
- entity 実在する物事
- cherished 大切に心に持ち続けた
- reflected 反映される
- celebration お祝いをすること
- 2. Listen twice and answer the questions.



QUESTIONS

- 1. What are Japan's major religions?
- 2. When and from where did Buddhism arrive in Japan?
- 3. What is Shintoism?

Japanese Views of Religion (1)

1. Read the following key words, which appear in the text your teacher is going to read.

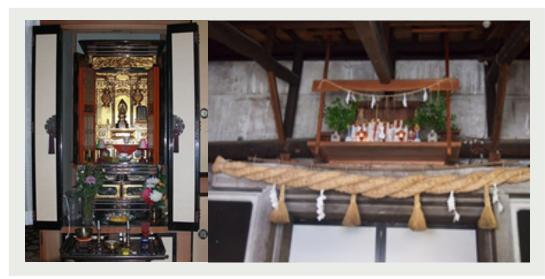
Key words:

- prevailing 支配的な・一般的な
- ambiguous あいまいな
- deity 神
- profess 明言する
- votive 願掛けの
- ground-breaking ceremony 起工式
- observance 守ること
- 2. Listen twice and answer the questions.

QUESTIONS

- 1. How religious are Japanese people?
- 2. What do you mean by 'ambiguous'?
- 3. Give me more examples, please.

Japanese Views of Religion (1)



A butsudan

A kamidana

1. Read the following key words, which appear in the text your teacher is going to read.

Key words:

- altar 祭壇
- prosperity 繁栄
- contradiction 否認
- afterlife 死後の世界
- 2. Listen twice and answer the questions.

QUESTIONS

- 1. What is a butsudan?
- 2. What is a Shinto kamidana?
- 3. Why do Shintoism and Buddhism exist so successfully together?

PRACTICE SENTENCES

Put the following Japanese into English.

- 1. 神道と仏教が日本の二大宗教です。
- 2. 神道は、日本古来の精神的基盤をなすもの、自然界のすべてに実在する物事に神が宿っていると信じるものです。
- 3. 宗教に対する現在の日本人の一般的な態度は、かなりあいまいです。
- 4. 神道とは、この世と現世に関する精神的な基盤をなすもので、一方、仏教は来世に関するものです。

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