4 main religions

Atheist/Folk Shinto (1/2)

Buddhist (1/3)

Shinto (1/25)

Christian (1/50)

Shinto originated in Japan, it is the belief that everything as “Kami” or spirit, which can also be translated into God, everything in nature has a sprit, such as rivers, trees, rocks, the sun, and the weather. There are also many festivals and ceremonies in Shinto, the oldest recorded ritual is Niinamesai, where the Emperor offers the newly harvested rice to the kami for their blessing of a bountiful harvest. There are also Shinto Shrines, where one can offer prayer to the kami.

Buddhism was introduced to Japan in the 6th century by Baejkje, who sent a picture of Buddha and sutras. The religion was accepted 30 years later. After this there was a large wave of immigration into Japan, form Koreans and Chinese, Buddhism helped establish Japan’s cultural power in Asia. At the time, the capital was Nara, there are six sects established in Nara, which all form Nara Buddhism, and when the capital moved to Heian, more forms of Buddhism arrived from China, such as Shingon Buddhism.

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