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The Shinto religion was primarily used to maintain and promote Japanese supremacy. Though not a religious rebellion, because it was a stronghold of Christianity the shogun equated this rebellion with the Christian religion.

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They attribute the low number to the fact that many do not perceive Shinto as fitting into the category of religion. Therefore it is not religion If religion was rigid and not flexible then various schools of that religion would not exist.

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Confucianism Like Buddhism, Confucianism also entered Japan from Korea and China. This is most clearly seen in the Warango also known as the Japanese Analects which was the leading Shinto text during the Tokugawa era. Shinto priests attend the public shrines and present offerings to the Kami and formally mediate between the Kami and the local people.

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One of the Jesuit founders, Francis Xavier 1506-1552 was the first Western missionary to arrive in Japan. This post-war constitution guarantees the right of religious freedom and prohibits any religiously affiliated group from exercising political power. Their main celebrations relate to birth and marriage.

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