

Shinto



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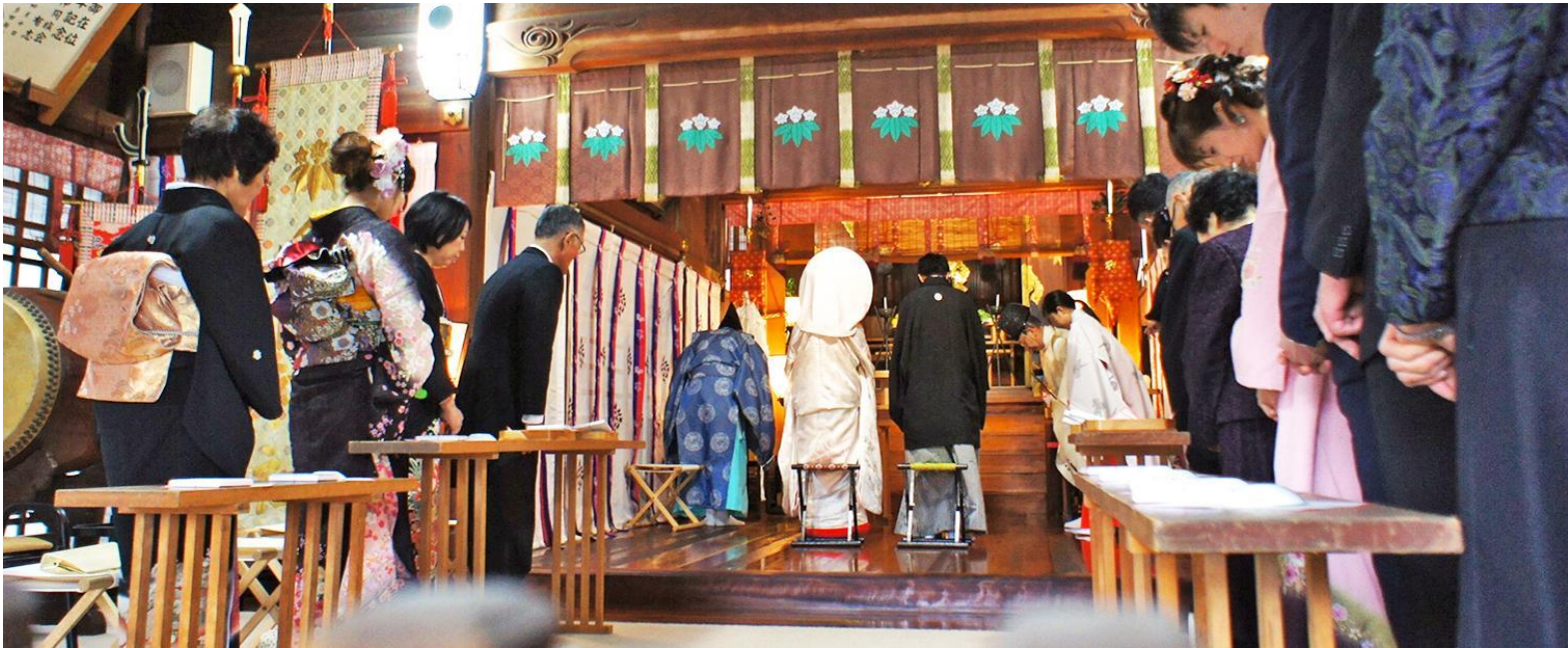
General information

- Most of the followers of Shintoism live in Japan
- 159.1 people follow it
- Shintoism is a polytheistic religion
- Shinto can be classified into Shrine Shinto, Sect Shinto, and Folk Shinto.



Doctrines

- Shinto has no founder, no official sacred scriptures, and no fixed dogmas
- Shintoists believe in the mysterious creating and harmonizing power (musubi) of kami and in the truthful way or will (makoto) of kami
- Two main powers are Musubi and Tsumi
- The Shinto don't believe in a heaven or underworld



The main terms

- Kami are the spirits (they can be elements of the landscape, forces of nature, beings and the qualities of these beings)
- Musubi is the power of creation and purity
- Tsumi is the pollution, or sin
- Kenkai is the visible, everyday world
- Yukai is the invisible, spirit world.

