Introduction
Religion in Japanese Culture

Traditional Religions around us

Religion and Culture
Religion as ultimate concern is the meaning-giving substance of culture, and culture is totality of forms in which the basic concern of religion expresses itself. In abbreviation: religion is the substance of culture, culture is the form of religion.

Paul Tillich, Theology of Culture, 1964, p.42

- Traditional religion is the substance of traditional culture, traditional culture is the form of traditional religion.
- New religiosity is the substance of popular/sub culture, popular/sub culture is the form of new religiosity.

Manga and Anime
Religions in Ancient Japan

Animism

My Neighbor Totoro (1988)

Memorial Service for Animals

• malice
• curse

- Coexistence of humans, animals and nature
- Can humans reconcile with animals and nature in the industrial society?
- A transition from the ancient animism to “techno-animism”