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
Gundam in Tokyo, 2009

Mobilesuite Gudam Series

Robotics in Japan

Animism in Anime

Princess Mononoke (1997)
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”