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#### 2. Coauthor

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Islam and Judaism* (coauthor with K. Nakata and I. Teshima), Tokyo: PHP,  
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#### 3. Articles

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- “Current Trend of Evangelicals Affecting the U.S. Presidential Campaign,” N. Watanabe ed., *Guide to Religion and the Present Age*, Tokyo: Heibon-sha, 2008.
- “Promoting a Dialogue with Muslims: Focusing on Vatican and WCC,” K. Mori ed., *Can European Union coexist with the Islamic Tradition?: Controversies over the Muhammad Cartoons*, Tokyo: Akashi Publishing Company, 2007.
- “How Can Christianity Contribute to Solving the Environmental Problems?” *Gospel and the World*, 2007.
- “A Critique of the Pluralist Model: ‘Exclusivism’ and ‘Inclusivism’ Revisited,” *Studies in Christianity* 69/2, 2007.
- “A Theological Understanding of War: Justice and Peace in Multireligious Society”, *Studies in Christianity* 64/1, 2002.
- “The Past, Present, and Future of Korean and Japanese Societies from the Perspective of Eschatological Thought”, *Studies in Christianity* 63/1, 2001 (In Japanese and Korean).
- “Religious Pluralism in Modern Theology: A Trend of Secular Society in the Age of Globalization”, *Journal of Religious Studies* 329, 2001.
- “Christianity and Life Science: Focusing on Responsibility”, *Studies in Christianity* 62/1, 2000.
- “A Hermeneutical Study of Eschatology: Apocalypticism and Thought of Wisdom”, *Studies in Christianity* 61/2, 1999.
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- “The Gender of God: A Dialogue with Feminist Theology”, *Religion and Society* 4, 1998.
- “A Theological Study on Understandings of the Body”, *Studies in Christianity* 59/2, 1998.
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- “The Metamorphosis of Religion in the Public Sphere: In the Battle with Modernization and Secularism,” TOBB Economics and Technology University, Ankara, Turkey, 2015.
- “Requirements of “good religion”: An inquiry into the effects of the 3/11 disaster on the concept of religion in Japan,” International Symposium “Concepts of Religion between Asia and Europe” (UPRP Asia and Europe), University of Zurich, Switzerland, 2012.
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- “The Confrontation of Monotheistic and Polytheistic View of Nature in Japan”, *American Academy of Religion, 2003 Annual Meetings*, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A., 2003.