

An Analysis of Early Japanese Authors' Studies on Korean Religions

Abstract

Korean religion has been a matter of interest of many researchers not only from the western countries, but from neighboring Japan as well. Many researches have been conducted during the period of Japanese occupation of Korea. However, their political involvement has often been disputable and thus marginalized and deprecated by the Koreans. In this thesis I deal with Japanese research of Korean religion and I focus on the work of Akiba Takashi and Akamatsu Chijo, whose research is among the most important ones due to its depth and expertise to this day. I analyze parts about shamans' names and their geographical differences in more detail, as well as shamanistic rituals and the tools used.