

Research on the relationships between the structure of kingship and Buddhism in the early Heian period

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In this dissertation, I examine the relationships between the structure of Kingship and Buddhism In the early Heian period.

In researches on the history of ancient and medieval Japanese Buddhism, the relationships between secular powers and Buddhism have been considered as an important problem. However, with respect to the actual situation in the early Heian period have many unexplained points. In early Heian period, the structure of kingship had move toward transformation, for example, appearance of Sessyo, Kanpaku and Dayjo-houou(Dajyo-tennou who become to the priest). I examine the relationships between this transformation and Buddhism. And I consider how the relationships effects on deployment of Buddhism.

Base on the result of the above considerations, I unravel characteristics of the relationships between the structure of kingship and Buddhism in the early Heian period.

I made the following matters clear. (1) Kanjyo(the Tantric Buddhism ceremony of making a connection with the Buddha) from Tendai-syu priest improved the unity of Tennou and Sessyo,Kanpaku.(2) the beaming to the priest of Uda Dajyou-tennou was political action to change the structure of kingship.(3) the beaming to the priest of Uda Dajyo-houou convert the principles of the Jyukai system in Nanto.(4) Uda Dajyo-houou intended to created the base of his authority by rise of Singon-syu.

for these considerations, I came to the following conclusions.(1) the core that composed kingship binds tightly to a specified denomination, and Buddhism became absolutely necessary elements to the transformation of the structure of kingship. But Buddhism had multiple effects on that transformation. In the early Heian period, the relationships between the structure of kingship and Buddhism reach a stage of interdependent relationship. (2) Especially Jyogan period have the potential to become an epochal period.