

『日本靈異記』における仏法

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## Buddhism in “The Nihon ryoiki”

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In “The Nihon ryoiki”, Buddhism consists of Buddhas, Bodhisattvas, sutras, practices and monks. “The Nihon ryoiki” often relates these ones to miraculous events. For example, a statue of Buddha cried while it was being broken. A sutra didn’t burn though it was in the fire. The author of “The Nihon ryoiki” considered that Buddhism has the power which caused such miraculous events. In addition, the power of Buddhism was considered to bring happiness to living things. If living things believe Buddhism they will gain happiness because they are related to the power of Buddhism. If living things don’t believe Buddhism they must suffer because they can’t be related to the power of Buddhism. The author of “The Nihon ryoiki” insisted that people must believe Buddhism because of such an idea. It can be said that Buddhism means the miraculous power and is the most important purpose of lives of living things in “The Nihon ryoiki”.