Prehistoric California: Archaeology And The Myth Of Paradise

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This article reviews the evidence and interpretation of the development of ritual traditions in the prehistoric Japanese archipelago prior to the appearance of Buddhism in mid-sixth century AD. Key sites and materials are selected from the Jomon period (c.14,000 BC–c.500 BC), the Yayoi period (c.500 BC–AD 300), and the Kofun period (AD 300–710). In This Article. 1 Introduction. 2 The Archaeology of Religion and Ritual in Japan. 3 Ritual Practices Among Late Palaeolithic and Jomon Foragers (14,000–500 BC). 4 The Elaboration of Ritual Authority: Religion and Rice-Growing in the Yayoi (500 BC–AD 300). 5 The Appropriation of Religious Power by the Tomb-Builders of the Kofun Period (c.AD 250–710). 6 Conclusions.