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The Religion of the Samurai University of Hawaii Press

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The Religion of the Samurai Hardpress Publishing

An illustrated guide to uniting physical control with mental calm, by an experienced martial artist and practicing Buddhist. The medieval Samurai of Japan have long been depicted as the consummate warriors of Asia. While the physical training the Samurai underwent was intense and exacting, much of their skill was based on their mental refinement as well as their physical prowess. At the forefront of integrating spiritual understanding into the martial arts, Scott Shaw, the author of *Zen O'Clock* draws upon his years of study of Buddhist culture to show you how to acquire higher awareness through the art of Zen and laido, or the meditative art of the sword. He begins by teaching you how to control and refine your physical senses, while quieting your mind and your emotions as well as your reactions to other people's energies. Next, with clear instruction and photographs, he guides you through both standing and seated forms of laido. He also includes powerful breathing exercises for centering yourself and directing energy. Includes illustrations Praise for Scott Shaw's *The Warrior is Silent* "An easy-to-read introduction to recognizing and developing the spiritual depth of the martial arts." —Publishers Weekly

Zen Stories of the Samurai SciELO - EDITUS

How the samurai cultivated Zen, relating its teaching of a free and spontaneous mind to the experience of a warrior in individual

combat, and finding philosophical strength in Zen as they prepared themselves for death.

Zen and the Way of the Sword Routledge

While early Buddhists hailed their religion's founder for opening a path to enlightenment, they also exalted him as the paragon of masculinity. According to Buddhist scriptures, the Buddha's body boasts thirty-two physical features, including lionlike jaws, thighs like a royal stag, broad shoulders, and a deep, resonant voice, that distinguish him from ordinary men. As Buddhism spread throughout Asia and around the world, the Buddha remained an exemplary man, but Buddhists in other times and places developed their own understandings of what it meant to be masculine. This transdisciplinary book brings together essays that explore the variety and diversity of Buddhist masculinities, from early India to the contemporary United States and from bodhisattva-kings to martial monks. *Buddhist Masculinities* adopts the methods of religious studies, anthropology, art history, textual-historical studies, and cultural studies to explore texts, images, films, media, and embodiments of masculinity across the Buddhist world, past and present. It turns scholarly attention to normative forms of masculinity that usually go unmarked and unstudied precisely because they are "normal," illuminating the religious and cultural processes that construct Buddhist masculinities. Engaging with contemporary issues of gender identity, intersectionality, and sexual ethics, *Buddhist Masculinities* ushers in a new era for the study of Buddhism and gender.

Deconstructing Martial Arts University of Hawaii Press

Popular understanding of Zen Buddhism typically involves a stereotyped image of isolated individuals in meditation, contemplating nothingness. This book presents the "other side of Zen," by examining the movement's explosive growth during the Tokugawa period (1600-1867) in Japan and by shedding light on the broader Japanese religious landscape during the era. Using newly-discovered manuscripts, Duncan Ryuken Williams argues that the success of Soto Zen was due neither to what is most often associated with the sect, Zen meditation, nor to the teachings of its medieval founder Dogen, but rather to the social

benefits it conveyed. Zen Buddhism promised followers many tangible and attractive rewards, including the bestowal of such perquisites as healing, rain-making, and fire protection, as well as "funerary Zen" rites that assured salvation in the next world. Zen temples also provided for the orderly registration of the entire Japanese populace, as ordered by the Tokugawa government, which led to stable parish membership. Williams investigates both the sect's distinctive religious and ritual practices and its nonsectarian participation in broader currents of Japanese life. While much previous work on the subject has consisted of passages on great medieval Zen masters and their thoughts strung together and then published as "the history of Zen," Williams' work is based on careful examination of archival sources including temple logbooks, prayer and funerary manuals, death registries, miracle tales of popular Buddhist deities, secret initiation papers, villagers' diaries, and fund-raising donor lists.

The Religion of the Samurai Princeton University Press

Ce sixième opus de la collection aborde les arts martiaux et les sports de combat sous l'angle de la diversité des pratiques. Parce que le panorama social est pluriel, ces disciplines doivent être envisagées dans leur forme individuelle et singulière pour en saisir toute la complexité. Les textes présentés dans cet ouvrage montrent comment les arts martiaux et les sports de combat existent et évoluent dans nos sociétés selon différentes finalités : la manière dont certains praticiens s'investissent dans la recherche ; comment les milieux sociaux des disciplines influent sur les praticiens ; la construction sociale des valeurs chez les praticiens ; la façon dont les blessures sont vécues et interprétées ; la place du corps dans les entraînements exigeants en fonction d'une recherche de haute performance ; ainsi que le rapport aux disciplines au sein d'une société qui cherche à maintenir ses pratiques traditionnelles dans un monde en changement. Cet ouvrage réunit des collaborations de chercheurs universitaires. Tous ont en commun l'intérêt de l'avancement des connaissances sur la thématique des arts martiaux et des sports de combat par le moyen des sciences sociales. Ont contribué à cet ouvrage les auteurs suivants : Olivier Bernard, Paul Bowman, Frédéric Dubois, Aurélie Épron, Christophe Gobbé, Louis-Étienne Pigeon, David

Pineault, Alexandra Rouleau et Cheikh Tidiane Wane.

The Other Side of Zen Routledge

Religion of the Samurai focuses on Northern (Mahayana) Buddhism, and Zen Buddhism in particular. This short book contains a wealth of detail, as well as very lucid explanations of seemingly elusive Zen Buddhist concepts. It includes a text on the 'Origin of Man' by Kwei Fung Tsung Mih, a notable Chinese scholar who was the seventh Patriarch of the Kegon sect. With extensive footnotes.

Religion of the Samurai CreateSpace

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Samurai Zen Oxford University Press, USA

"The Invention of Martial Arts examines the media history of what we now call 'martial arts' and argues that martial arts is a cultural construction that was born in film, TV and other media. It argues that 'martial arts' exploded into popular consciousness entirely thanks to the work of media. Of course, the book does not deny the existence of real, material histories and non-media

dimensions in martial arts practices. But it thoroughly recasts the status of such histories, combining recent myth-busting findings in historical martial arts research with important insights into the discontinuous character of history, the widespread 'invention of tradition', the orientalism and imagined geographies that animate many ideas about history, and the frequent manipulation of history for reasons of status, cultural capital, private or public power, politics, and/or financial gain. In doing so, The Invention of Martial Arts argues for the primacy of media representation as key player in the emergence and spread of martial arts. This argument overturns the dominant belief that 'real practices' are primary, while representations are secondary. The book makes its case via historical analysis of the British media history of such Eastern and Western martial arts as Bartitsu, jujutsu, judo, karate, tai chi and MMA across a range of media, from newspapers, comics and books to cartoon, film and TV series, as well as television adverts and music videos, focusing on key but often overlooked texts such as adverts for 'Hai Karate', the 1970s disco hit 'Kung Fu Fighting', and many other mainstream and marginal media texts"--

Wild Ivy Forgotten Books

Zen was uniquely suited to the Samurai of Japan. The high moral principles of Buddhism, when adopted and adapted by the Japanese warriors who became the Samurai, created an austere philosophy of singular beauty and depth. Its characteristic requirements of strict control over body and mind was exemplified by ancient warrior monks whose serene countenance, even in the face of certain death, made them much admired even by their foes. Zen may be the most misunderstood of the world's moral philosophies. While it is often classified as a Religion, it is frequently considered by its adherents to be a utilitarian philosophy, a collection of rational moral precepts or, even more simply, as a state of being. The aim of the practice of Zen is to become Enlightened and achieve the beatitude of Nirvana. To reach Nirvana means to achieve the state of extinction of pain and the annihilation of sin. Zen never looks for the realization of its beatitude in a place like heaven, nor believes in the realm of Reality transcendental of the phenomenal universe, nor gives countenance to the superstition of Immortality, nor does it hold the world is the best of all possible worlds, nor conceives life simply as blessing. It is in this life, full of shortcomings, misery,

and sufferings, that Zen hopes to realize its beatitude. It is in this world, imperfect, changing, and moving, that Zen finds the Divine Light it worships. It is in this phenomenal universe of limitation and relativity that Zen aims to attain to highest Nirvana.

Obaku Zen Springer

This work shows how the Mahayanistic views of life and the world differs markedly from that of the Theravada, which is generally taken as Buddhism by occidentals, to explain how the religion of Buddha has adapted itself to its environment in the Far East.

Arts martiaux. Étude des pratiques et des valeurs contemporaines Fivestar

This book focuses on the role of ethics in the application of mindfulness-based interventions (MBIs) and mindfulness-based programs (MBPs) in clinical practice. The book offers an overview of the role of ethics in the cultivation of mindfulness and explores the way in which ethics have been embedded in the curriculum of MBIs and MBPs. Chapters review current training processes and examines the issues around incorporating ethics into MBIs and MBPs detailed for non-secular audiences, including training clinicians, developing program curriculum, and dealing with specific client populations. Chapters also examine new, second-generation MBIs and MBPs, the result of the call for more advanced mindfulness-based practices. The book addresses the increasing popularity of mindfulness in therapeutic interventions, but stresses that it remains a new treatment methodology and in order to achieve best practice status, mindfulness interventions must offer a clear understanding of their potential and limits. Topics featured in this book include: • Transparency in mindfulness programs. • Teaching ethics and mindfulness to physicians and healthcare professionals. • The Mindfulness-Based Symptom Management (MBSM) program and its use in treating mental health issues. • The efficacy and ethical considerations of teaching mindfulness in businesses. • The Mindful Self-Compassion (MSC) Program. • The application of mindfulness in the military context. Practitioner's Guide to Mindfulness and Ethics is a must-have resource for clinical psychologists and affiliated medical, and mental health professionals, including specialists in complementary and alternative medicine and psychiatry. Social workers considering or already using mindfulness in practice will also find it highly useful.

The Religion of the Samurai a Study of Zen Philosophy and

Discipline in China and Japan Holmes Publishing Group
What is the essence of martial arts? What is their place in or relationship with culture and society? *Deconstructing Martial Arts* analyses familiar issues and debates that arise in scholarly, practitioner and popular cultural discussions and treatments of martial arts and argues that martial arts are dynamic and variable constructs whose meanings and values regularly shift, mutate and transform, depending on the context. It argues that deconstructing martial arts is an invaluable approach to both the scholarly study of martial arts in culture and society and also to wider understandings of what and why martial arts are. Placing martial arts in relation to core questions and concerns of media and cultural studies around identity, value, orientalism, and embodiment, *Deconstructing Martial Arts* introduces and elaborates deconstruction as a rewarding method of cultural studies.

Bushido Weiser Books

Hakuin Zenji, also known as Hakuin Ekaku (1689-1769), is often referred to as the "father" of the Japanese Zen Rinzai school. His reforms revitalized the school, ensuring its endurance even to our own day. A fiery and dynamic teacher and renowned artist, Hakuin reemphasized the importance of zazen, or sitting meditation, in his teaching. This intimate self-portrait of the Zen master includes reminiscences from his childhood, an account of how he came to practice Zen, and a description of his enlightenment experiences.

Violência, Samurais e o Bushido no cinema de Akira Kurosawa
Cosimo, Inc.

Bushido is the chivalric code of moral principles that the Samurai followed. Influenced by Confucianism, Shinto and Zen Buddhism, it tempers the violence of a warrior with wisdom and serenity. This book has become influential among military and corporate leaders looking for ways to manage their people and overcome their opponents. Beautifully produced in traditional Chinese binding and with a timeless design, this book includes the classic Inazo text with a new introduction.

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Zen Buddhism Tuttle Publishing

The Religion of the Samurai is a study of Zen philosophy in China and Japan. Starting with the history of Buddhism, the book offers a historical perspective of the two main currents of Zen: the Rinzai and the Soto traditions. Exploring the relationship between Zen Buddhism and Samurais and the whole Bushido philosophy the author builds up the difference between Himayanism and Mahayanism, with the different approaches they have as a whole. The book highlights the parallels between a Zen Monk and a Samurai warrior revealing the different understanding of Buddhism in China and Japan. *Zen and Japanese Culture* Red & Black Pub

King offers a fascinating look into the mind of the samurai swordsman in a far-reaching account of the role of Zen in the thought, culture, and the martial arts of Japan's soldier elite. An esteemed scholar of Eastern religions, King deftly traces the development of Zen and discusses the personal nature of its practice, its emphasis on individual discovery and attainment.

Zen The Floating Press

Liberalism and Chinese Economic Development brings international contributors together in order to consider economic,

political, social and legislative aspects of China's modernization. This volume explores how liberalism is received and perceived, and whether it is adapted or adopted upon the basis of centuries of Chinese civilization and decades of capitalism. China's role in the global economy is an undeniable force. This book examines both historical and contemporary dimensions surrounding the question of Chinese liberalism, exploring China's economic development in a comparative context. In particular, this text explores differences with the Western model, and more specifically, the relationship between Chinese economic thought and European traditions. This text assesses China's economic development at both a macro and a micro level, and also considers its relationship with its neighbours. Campagnolo answers whether free-trade and capitalistic economic developments are long sustainable without other types of liberal developments? Or is the idea that political liberties and economic freedom are just Western ideologies? This is a uniquely wide ranging book, suitable for scholars of the Chinese economy, the history of economic thought, economic philosophy and international political economy.

Samurai Zen CreateSpace

Takuan Sōho's (1573-1645) two works on Zen and swordsmanship are among the most straightforward and lively presentations of Zen ever written and have enjoyed great popularity in both premodern and modern Japan. Although dealing ostensibly with the art of the sword, *Record of Immovable Wisdom* and *On the Sword Taie* are basic guides to Zen—"user's manuals" for Zen mind that show one how to manifest it not only in sword play but from moment to moment in everyday life. Along with translations of *Record of Immovable Wisdom* and *On the Sword Taie* (the former, composed in all likelihood for the shogun Tokugawa Iemitsu and his fencing master, Yagyū Munenori), this book includes an introduction to Takuan's distinctive approach to Zen, drawing on excerpts from the master's other writings. It also offers an accessible overview of the actual role of the sword in Takuan's day, a period that witnessed both a bloody age of civil warfare and Japan's final unification under the Tokugawa shoguns. Takuan was arguably the most famous Zen priest of his time, and as a pivotal figure, bridging the Zen of the late medieval and early modern periods, his story (presented in the book's biographical section) offers a rare picture of Japanese Zen

in transition. For modern readers, whether practitioners of Zen or the martial arts, Takuan's emphasis on freedom of mind as the

crux of his teaching resonates as powerfully as it did with the samurai and swordsmen of Tokugawa Japan. Scholars will welcome this new, annotated translation of Takuan's sword-

related works as well as the host of detail it provides, illuminating an obscure period in Zen's history in Japan.

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