

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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MEMORANDUM FOR : IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

THROUGH : Central Liaison Office, Tokyo.

SUBJECT : Abolition of Governmental Sponsorship, Support,
Perpetuation, Control, and Dissemination of State Shinto
(Kokka Shinto, Jinja Shinto)

1. In order to free the Japanese people from direct or indirect compulsion to believe or profess to believe in a religion that is officially designated by the state, and

In order to lift from the Japanese people the burden of compulsory financial support of an ideology which has contributed to their war guilt, defeat, suffering, privation, and present deplorable condition, and

In order to prevent a recurrence of the perversion of Shinto doctrine and beliefs into militaristic and ultra-nationalistic propaganda designed to delude the Japanese people and lead them into war of aggression, and

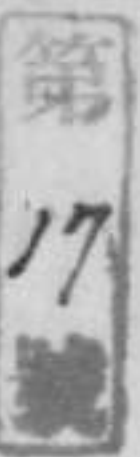
In order to assist the Japanese people in a rededication of their national life to building a new Japan based upon ideals of perpetual peace and democracy.

It is hereby directed that:

a. The sponsorship, support, perpetuation, control and dissemination of Shinto by the Japanese national, prefectural, and local governments, or by public officials, subordinates, and employees acting in their official capacity are prohibited and will cease immediately.

b. All financial support from public funds and all official affiliation with Shinto and Shinto shrines are prohibited and will cease immediately.

(1) While no financial support from public funds will be



extended to shrines located on public reservations or parks, this prohibition will not be construed to preclude the Japanese Government from continuing to support the areas on which such shrines are located.

(2) Private, financial support of all Shinto shrines which have been previously supported in whole or in part by public funds will be permitted, provided such private support is entirely voluntary and is in no way derived from forced or involuntary contributions.

c. All propagation and dissemination of militarist and ultranationalistic ideology in Shinto doctrine, practices rites, ceremonies, or observances, as well as in the doctrines, practices, rites, ceremonies and observances of any other religion, faith, sect, creed, or philosophy, are prohibited and will cease immediately.

d. The Religious Functions Order relating to the Grand Shrine of Ise and the Religious Functions Order relating to State and other shrines will be annulled.

e. The Shrine Board (Jingji-in) of the Ministry of Home Affairs will be abolished, and its present functions, duties, and administrative obligations will not be assumed by any other governmental or tax-supported agency.

f. All public educational institutions whose primary function is either the investigation and dissemination of Shinto or the training of a Shinto priesthood will be abolished and their physical properties diverted to other uses. Their present functions, duties, and administrative obligations will not be assumed by any other governmental or tax-supported agency.

g. Private educational institutions for the investigation and dissemination of Shinto and for the training of a priesthood for Shinto will be permitted and will operate with the same privileges and be subject to the same controls and restrictions as any other private educational institution having no affiliation with the Government; in no case, whenever, will they ~~receive~~ receiving support from public funds, and in no case will they propagate and disseminate militaristic and ultranationalistic ideology.

h. The dissemination of Shinto doctrines in any form by any means in any educational institution supported wholly or in part by public funds

is prohibited and will cease immediately.

- (1) All teachers' manuals and textbooks now in use in any educational institution supported wholly or in part by public funds will be deleted. No teachers' manual or textbook which is published in the future for use in such institutions will contain any Shinto doctrine.

- (2) No visits to Shinto shrines and no rites, practiced, or ceremonies associated with Shinto will be conducted or sponsored by any educational institution supported wholly or in part by public funds.

1. Circulation by the Government of "The Fundamental Principles of the National Structure" (Kokutai no Honrei) "The Way of the Subject" (Shinmin no Michi), and all similar official volumes, commentaries, interpretations, or instruction on Shinto is prohibited.

j. The use in official writings of the term Greater East Asia War (Dai Toa Senso), "The Whole World under one Roof" (Hakko Ichi-u), and all other terms whose annotation in Japanese is inextricably connected with State Shinto, militarism, and ultra-nationalism is prohibited and will cease immediately.

k. God-shelves (Kamidana) and all other physical symbols of State Shinto in any office, school, institution, organizations or structure supported wholly or in part by public funds are prohibited and will be removed immediately.

l. No official, subordinate, employee, student, citizen, or member of Japan will be discriminated against because of his failure to profess and believe in or participate in any practice, rite, ceremony, or observance of State Shinto or of any other religion.

m. No official of the national, prefectural, or local government, acting in his public capacity, will visit any shrine to report his assumption of office, to report on conditions of government or to participate as a

representative of government in any ceremony or observance.

2. a. The purpose of this directive is to separate religion from the state, to prevent misuse of religion for political ends, and to put all religions, faiths, and creeds upon exactly the same legal basis, entitled to precisely the same opportunities and protection. It forbids affiliation with the government and the propagation and dissemination of militaristic and ultra-nationalistic ideology not only to Shinto but to the followers of all religions, faiths, sects, creeds, or philosophies.

b. The provisions of this directive will apply with equal force to all ~~xxxxx~~ rites, practices, ceremonies, observances, beliefs, teachings, mythology, legends, philosophy, shrines, and physical symbols associated with Shinto.

c. The term State Shinto within the meaning of this directive will refer to that branch of Shinto (Kokka Shinto or Jinja Shinto) which by official acts of the Japanese Government has been differentiated from the religion of Sect Shinto (Shuha Shinto or Kyoha Shinto) and has been classified as non-religious national cult commonly known as State Shinto, National Shinto, or Shrine Shinto.

d. The term Sect Shinto (Shuha Shinto or Kyoha Shinto) will refer to that branch of Shinto (composed of 17 recognized sects) which by popular belief legal commentary, or the official acts of the Japanese Government has been recognized to be a religion.

e. Pursuant to the terms of Article I of the Basic Directive on "Removal of Restrictions on Political, Civil, and Religious Liberties" issued on 4 October 1945 by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in which the Japanese people were assured complete religious freedom..

- (1) Sect Shinto will enjoy the same protection as any other religion.
- (2) Shrine Shinto, after having been divorced from the state and disesteemed of its militarization and ultra-nationalistic elements, will be recognized as a religion if its adherents so desire and will be granted the same protection as any other religion in so far as it may in fact be the

philosophy or religion of Japanese individuals.

f. Militaristic and ultra-nationalistic ideology, as used in this directive, embraces those teachings, beliefs and theories which advocate or justify a mission on the part of Japan to extend its rule over other nations and peoples by reason of:

- (1) The doctrine that the Emperor of Japan is superior to the heads of other states because of ancestry, descent or special origin.
- (2) The doctrine that the people of Japan are superior to the people of other lands because of ancestry, descent or special ~~myth~~ origin.
- (*) The doctrine that the islands of Japan are superior to other land because of divine or special origin.
- (4) Any other doctrine which tends to delude the Japanese people into embarking upon wars of aggression or to glorify the use of force as an instrument for the settlement of disputes with other peoples.

7. The Imperial Japanese Government will submit a comprehensive report to this Headquarters not later than 15 March 1945 describing in detail all action taken to comply with all provisions of this directive.

4. All officials, subordinates, and employees of the Japanese national, prefectural, and local Governments, all teachers and education officials, and all citizens and residents of Japan will be held personally accountable for compliance with the spirit as well as the letter of all provisions of this directive.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

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日本帝國政府ニ對スル覺書

終戰連絡中央事務局經由

主 題 國家神道、神社神道ニ對スル政府ノ保證、支援、保全、統

制及弘布ノ廢止

一 國家指定ノ示教ヲ信仰スルコト或ハ信仰ノ告白ヲ直接又ハ間接ニ
強制サルコトヨリ日本國民ヲ解放スルタメニ
又戰爭犯罪、敗北、苦惱、困窮及ヒ現在ノ慘狀ヲ惹起セル一ノ理念
ノ強制的財政的支持の負擔ヲ日本國民ヨリ除去スルタメニ又日本國
民ヲ救キ侵略戰爭ヘ誘導スル目的ヲ以テ神道ノ教義及信仰ヲ軍國主
義的竝ニ過激ナル國家主義ニ歪曲スルコトノ再ヒ起ラザルヨウ之ヲ
防止スルタメニ

又恒久平和ト民主主義ノ理想トニ基キ日本人ノ國民生活ヲシテ眞ニ
新日本ノ建設ニ寄與セシムルコトヲ援助スルタメニ
當司令部ハ茲ニ次ノ指令ヲ發ス

(イ) 日本政府、府縣廳、市町村ノ官公吏、屬官、雇員ハ其公式ノ資格

ニ於テ神道ノ保證、支援、保全、統制及ヒ弘布ヲナスコトヲ禁ズ
カカラ行爲ハ即時停止スヘシ

(ロ) 神道及神社ニ對スル公共的資金ヨリノアラユル財政上の援助及公
務上ノ特別關係ハ之ヲ禁止スカカル行爲ハ即時停止スヘシ

一 公用地又ハ公園ニ設置サレタル神社ニ對シ公共的資金ヨリノ財
政上ノ支援ガ認めラレザルトモ此禁令ハ神社ノ敷地ニ對シ日本
政府ガ支援ヲ停止スベキモノト解釋スルハ不可ナリ

ニ從來全面的或ハ部分的ニ公共的資金ニヨツテ支援サレタアラユ
ル神社ヲ個人的ニ財政上支援スルコトハ許可セラル但シカカル
個人的支援ハ全ク自發的ニシテ強制的又ハ不本意ノ寄進ニヨラ

サルコトヲ要ス

(ハ) 神道ノ教義、慣例、祭式、儀式又ハ禮式ニ於テ軍國主義又ハ過激
ナル國家主義ノ如何ナル宣傳及ヒ弘布ヲモ許サズ猶他ノ如何ナル
宣傳、信仰、信條、又ハ哲學ノ教義、慣例、祭式、儀式、禮式ニ

於テモ上記ノ宣傳及ヒ弘布ハ許サズカカル行爲ハ即時停止スベシ

(イ)伊勢大廟ニ關スル宗教的式典ノ指令及ヒ國立及ヒ他ノ神社ニ關スル宗教的式典ノ指令ハ之ヲ徹廢スベシ

(ロ)内務省ノ神祇院ハ之ヲ廢止スベシ而シテ政府ノ如何ナル機關モ其ノ現在ノ機能、職責、及ヒ行政的責任ヲ代行スルコトヲ得ズ

(ハ)アラユル公共教育機關ニシテ其ノ重ナル機能ガ神道ノ弘布力又ハ神職ノ養成ニアルモノハ之ヲ廢止スベシ其ノ現在ノ機能、職責及行政的責任ハ政府ノ如何ナル機關モ或ハ租稅ニヨリ支援サルル如何ナル機關モ之ヲ代行スルコトヲ共ズ

(ニ)神道ノ研究又ハ弘布及神職ノ養成ノタメ設立サレタル私立ノ教育機關ハ之ヲ許ス但シ政府ト特殊ノ關係ナキ他ノ私立教育機關ト同様ノ監督及制限ノ下ニ且同様ノ特典ニヨリ經營セラルベシ

但シイカナル場合ニモ公共的資金ヨリノ支援ヲ受クベカラズ又如何何ナル場合ニモ軍國主義的及過激ナル國家主義的理念ヲ宣傳弘布スベカラズ

(ホ)全面的ニ或ハ部分的ニ公共的資金ニヨツテ支援サルル如何ナル教育機關ニ於テモソノ方式ト手段トヲ問ハズ神道ノ教義ノ弘布ハ之ヲ禁ズカカル行爲ハ即刻停止スベシ

一全面的ニ或ハ部分的ニ公共的資金ニヨリ支援サルル如何ナル教育機關ニ於テモ現ニ使用中ノ教授用參考書及教科書ハ之ヲ檢閲シスベテノ神道教義ヲ削除スベシ將來使用セラルベキ如何ナル教授用參考書及教科書ニモ一切神道教義ヲ含有スルコトヲ禁ズ

ニ全面的ニ或ハ部分的ニ公共的資金ニヨリ支援サルル如何ナル教育機關ニ於テモ神社ニ參拜シ神道ニ關係アル祭式、慣例或ハ儀式ヲ行ヒ又ハ後援ヲナスベカラズ

(ロ)政府發行ノ「國體ノ本義」「臣民ノ道」及ヒ同種ノアラユル書籍、評論、註釋、又ハ神道ニ關スル敎訓ノ頒布ハ之ヲ禁止スル

(ハ)公文書ニ於テ「大東亞戰爭」「八紘一字」ナル用語及ヒ其他ノ用語ニシテ日本語トシテ其ノ意味ノ聯想ガ國家神道、軍國主義及ヒ過激ナル國家主義ト極メテ密接ナル關係アルモノハ其ノ使用ヲ禁止

スカカル行爲ハ即時停止スベシ

四) 全面的ニ或ハ部分的ニ公共的資金ニヨリ支援サルル如何ナル役所
學校、機關、協會又ハ建造物中ニ神祇其ノ他國家神道ノ物的象徵
トナルアラユル事物ヲ設置スルコトヲ禁ズ是等ノ事物ハ即時除去
スベシ

五) 官公吏、屬官、雇員、學生、一般國民又ハ日本國內在住者ガ國家
神道又ハ如何ナル宗教タルトヲ問ハズ之ヲ信仰セザルガ故ニ或ハ
信仰ノ告白ヲナサマルガ故ニ或ハカカル特定ノ宗教ノ慣例、祭式
儀式、禮式ニ參加セザルガ故ニ彼等ヲ差別待遇スルコトヲ得ズ
六) 政府、府縣、市町村ノ官公吏ハソノ公ノ資格ニ於テ新任ノ報告ヲ
ナスタメ或ハ職務ノ執行狀態ヲ報告スルタメ或ハ政府ノ代理者ト
シテ儀式又ハ禮式タルトヲ問ハズ之ニ參列スルタメ如何ナル神祇
ニモ參拜スルコトヲ得ズ

ニ) 本指令ノ目的ハ宗教ヲ國家ヨリ分離スルニアリ又宗教ヲ政治的目
的ニ惡用スルコトヲ防止シ當然精確ニ同ジ機會ト保護トヲ與ヘラ

ル權利ヲ有スルアユル宗教、信仰、信條ヲ正確ニ同ジ法的根據
ノ上ニ立タシムルニアリ本指令ハニ神道ニ對シテノミナラズア
ラユル宗教、信仰、信條又ハ哲學ノ信奉者ニ對シテモ政府ト特別
ノ關係ヲ保有スルコトヲ禁ジ且ツ軍國主義的又ハ過激ナル國家主
義的理念ノ宣傳及ヒ弘布ヲ禁ズルモノナリ

四) 本指令ノ各條項ハ同一ノ效力ヲ以テ神道ニ關スルアラユル祭式、
慣例、儀式、禮式、信仰、教訓、神話、傳說、哲學、神社、物的
象徵ニ適用セラル

ハ) 本指令中ニ意味スル國家神道ナル用語ハ日本政府ノ法令ニヨリ宗
派神道或ハ教派神道ト區別セラレタル神道ノ一派即チ國家神道或
ハ神社神道トシテ一般ニ知ラレタル非宗教的ナル國家的祭トシ
テ區別セラレタル神道ノ一派(國家神道或ハ神社神道)ヲ指スモ
ノナリ

ニ) 宗派神道或ハ教派神道ナル用語ハ一般民間ニ於テモ法律上ノ解釋
ニ於テモ日本政府ノ法令ニ依テモ宗教トシテ從來認メラレタルハ

（十三）公認宗教ヨリ成ル一神道ノ一派ヲ指スモノナリ

（四）聯合國最高司令官ニ依リ昭和二十年十月四日ニ發セラレタル基本
的指令即チ「政治的、社會的、宗教的自由ヲ保障セラレタルモノナルガ該基
本指令ノ第一條ノ條項ニ基キ

（一）宗教神道ハ他ノ宗教ト同様ナル保護ヲ享受ス

（二）神社神道ハ國家ヨリ分離セラレ、ソノ軍國主義的及ヒ過激ナル
國家主義的要素ヲ剝奪セラレタル後若シソノ信奉者ガ希望スル
場合ニハ一宗教トシテ承認セラレベシ而シテソレガ事實上日本
人個人トシテ本國ニ在リテハ他ノ宗教ト同様ノ保護ヲ許容セ
ラルベシ

（五）本指令中ニ使用サル「軍國主義的及ヒ國家主義的の理念」ナル語
ハ以下ニ掲グル理由ノ下ニ日本ノ支配ヲ他國民及ヒ他民族ニ及ボ
サントスル日本ノ使命ヲ擁護シ又ハ正當化セントスル教訓、信仰
及ヒ理論ヲ包含スルモノナリ

（一）日本ノ天皇イソノ家系、血統或ハ特殊ナル起原ノタメニ他國ノ
元首ヨリモ卓越ストノ主義

（二）日本國民ハソノ家系、血統或ハ特殊ナル起原ノタメニ他國民ヨ
リモ卓越ストノ主義

（三）日本ノ諸島ハ神ニ起源ヲ發シタルガ爲ニ或ハ特殊ナル起原ヲ有ス
ルガ故ニ他國ヨリモ卓越ストノ主義

（四）其ノ他日本國民ヲ欺瞞シテ侵略戦争ニ驅出サシメ或ハ他國民ト
ノ論争解決ノ手段トシテ武力行使ヲ謳歌セシムルニ至ラシムル
如キ主義

（五）日本帝國政府ハ昭和二十一年五月十五日マデニ本司令部ニ對シテ
本指令ノ各條項ニ基キ執ラレタル諸處置ヲ詳細ニ記述セル總括的報
告ヲ提出スベシ

（六）日本政府、府縣廳、市町村ノ凡テノ官公吏、屬官、雇員及ヒ凡テ
ノ教師、教育關係職員、一般國民、日本國內在住者ハ本指令各條項
ノ語句ノミナラスソノ精神ヲ遵守スルコトニ對シ夫々個人的ニ責任

ヲ貢フベシ

受領
主官
寫

十二月十五日正午十二時
一 部
總務課長
大臣
次官

最高司令官代理
米軍大佐
總副官補助
ユチ、ダブリユー、アレシ