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IS THERE STILL BUDDHISM OUTSIDE JAPAN? COSMOLOGY & POLEMICS IN JAPAN'S MEDIEVAL PERIOD



Keenly aware of living in a small archipelago on the easternmost periphery of the Asian continent, premodern Japanese Buddhist thinkers struggled to define their own place vis-à-vis the great Buddhist countries of India and China. Alternative representations of Japan, both as a marginal, benighted backwater, and as a superior Buddhist realm, were creatively juxtaposed to assert the claims of rival teachings. In the process, Buddhist norms and concepts of Japan became mutually formative.

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