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Kojiki's Code

—The myths of ancient Japanese tell us the dawn of natural science—

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Abstract

This paper deals with Japanese ancient classic "Kojiki." Generally speaking, it is considered as a kind of myths. But our new approach is to have a multilingual viewpoint for Kanji (Chinese ideograph). And concretely, it was ancient Chinese fortunetelling "Yi-jing." It tells us how the nature is changing. It is natural science. And we found Ohkuninushi-no-Kami was a God of the earth (soil). Moreover "Inaba-no-shirousagi," one of stories of Ohkuninushi-no-Kami was also constructed by same theme "the earth." We've arrived at a new conclusion that Kojiki especially the beginning of this book was very original story to show Japan was unique nation from the beginning. And ancient people's viewpoint for nature was not very different from ours.

Key words: multilingual viewpoint, Yi-jing, natural science.