

Offerings

Offerings play a very important part in any visit to a shrine, as they are a way of seeking the good will of the kami. Offerings are made at a number of places around the shrine enclosure, and the size and value of the offering may depend on regional traditions and the occasion. Festivals are popular times for making offerings, and as many local festivals are based upon agricultural activities within the region, the offerings made at such gatherings often take the form of some local produce.