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Shinto is based on the belief and also the worship of Kami. Although the best English translation of Kami is Spirits or God but it is considered as the oversimplification of a complicated topic. There are various other translations of Kami that are used in the text which are the elements of the landscape, such as the mountains, waterfall or the lakes, the powerful forces of nature like the rain, storm or the earthquake and in some texts, humans were also described as Kami once they embrace death. In short, Kami is described as the divine beings of both the Earth and the Heaven, which basically appears in the classics.

In my view all these translations of Kami make more sense than God or spirits. Because there are very striking differences between God and Kami. Kami lives among us in our nature, however God is the divine force, we cannot see or touch him and also he is free of error or imperfections. Moreover Kami can make mistakes, they get angry or even they can commit evil acts. Kami exist in nature, they are not a supernatural world or holy land. It can exist in the form of human or even as animals it can exist as either qualities or beings, it can be thought of anything with extraordinary power and qualities therefore the general concept of Kami is much undefined and abstract. And on the basis of this discussion it is preferable to use other translation of Kami than God or spirits.