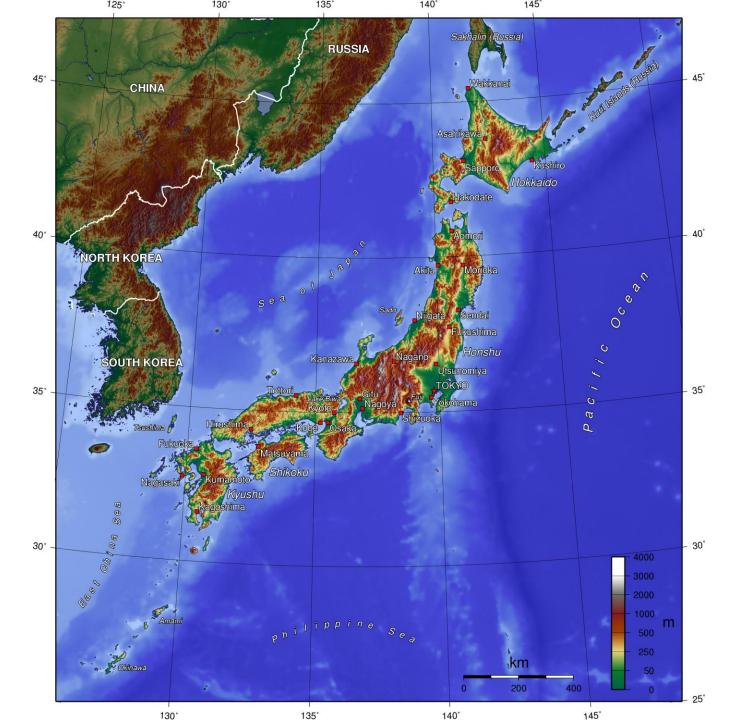
Pilgrims' Paths in Japan

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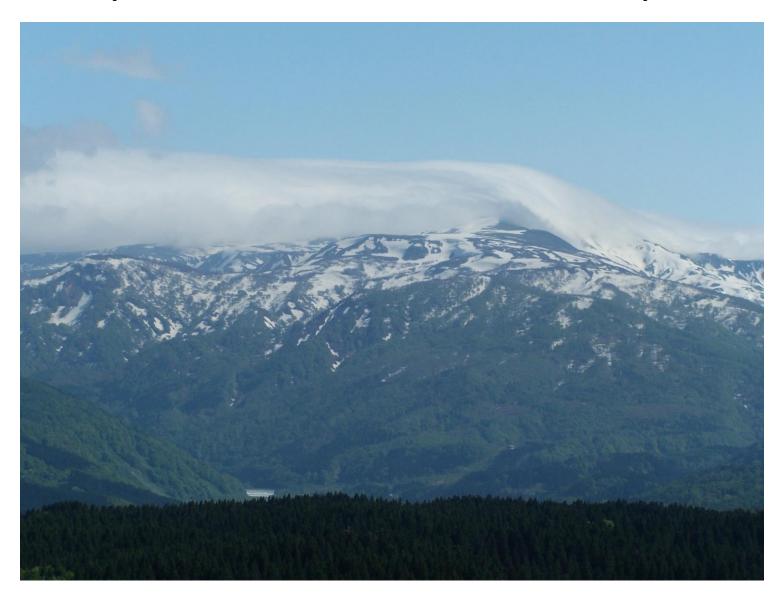
The moon and sun are eternal travelers. Even the years wander on. A lifetime adrift in a boat, or in old age leading a tired horse into the years, every day is a journey, and the journey itself is home.

- Matsuo Bashō, *Narrow Road to the Interior* (1694); tr. Sam Hamill





Dewa Sanzan (Three sacred mountains)



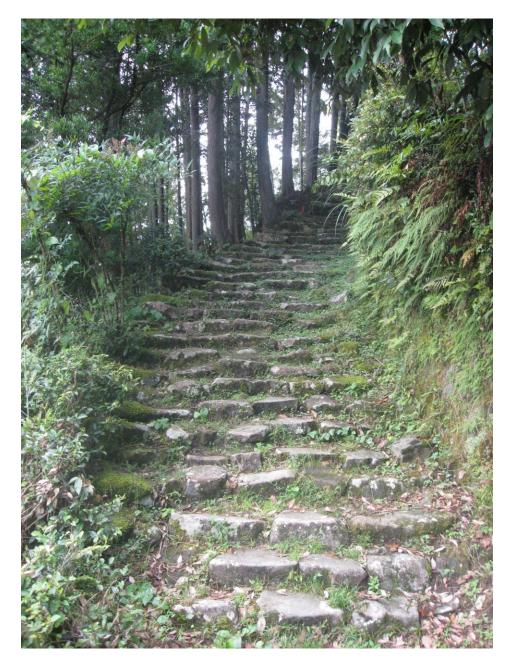


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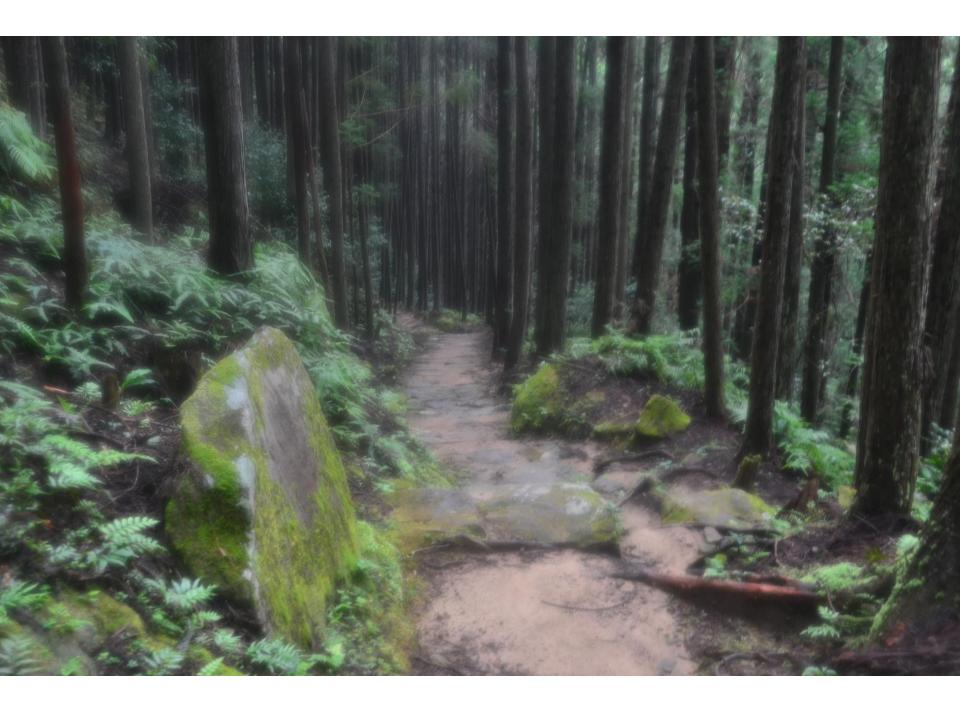
Kumano Kodo















Izumi Shikibu (ca 976-1030)

At Fushiogami-oji:

Kumano deity in dream:

Beneath unclear skies,
My body obscured by
drifting clouds,

I am saddened that my monthly obstruction has begun.

How could the god who mingles with the dust

Suffer because of your monthly obstruction?













