Shirayama-Hime Shrine

Hakusan means "white mountain," much like France's Mont Blanc.

There are 26 mountains in Japan that include "hakusan" in their names.

White mountains are revered around the world.

For thousands of years, Hakusan has been revered as a mountain where spirits or deities, called kami, reside.

The misogi purification ritual has special meaning because practitioners immerse themselves in the precious water from sacred Mt. Hakusan.