

Faith and Inspiration: Living with Mt. Fuji

Fire and water, forest and rock, sternness and blessings, life and death: Mt. Fuji transcends the dualities that structure our mundane world. For those who live in its foothills, the mountain is a constant companion, a life-giving source of water with a different face for every season. For those who arrive to climb it, Mt. Fuji is another world, a place of purification and rebirth. This short movie presentation captures the beauty and severity of the natural world on and around the mountain: the colors, the sounds, the changing skies. It also includes rare footage of modern-day ascetics and pilgrims to convey something of the faith that has drawn people here over the years.

The screen is located on the north side of Fugaku 360, corresponding to Mt. Fuji's north face. This is the face that Fuji-ko pilgrims from Edo (modern-day Tokyo) climbed when using the Yoshida Ascending Route, the only extant trail connecting the mountain's base to its peak.