

謹賀新年

令和參四年(西曆2022年)壬寅元旦

信貴山朝護尊子寺



寺傳に曰く、敏達天皇御代の六世紀後半、聖徳太子、廢佛派物部守屋を討つべく此の山に至りて祈願され給ふや天空に毘沙門天の御姿現はれ秘策を與ふ。時恰も寅年寅日寅刻なり。朝敵討伐の後、太子自ら刻みたる毘沙門像を祀るべく伽藍をば創建、信ずべき貴ぶべき山の意を込めて信貴山と名付けらる(毘沙門天の御姿、ブロッケン妖怪ならん)。九世紀初醍醐帝の御病、命蓮上人の祈願に依りて平癒せられば、朝護孫子寺の勅号を賜る。(Photo: 2021/11/13, Nikon Z6)

鞍馬山鞍馬寺



宝亀元年(770)唐招提寺鑑真和上が高弟鑑禎上人、正月4日寅日夢告を受け、白馬に導かれて鞍馬山に登られし時、鬼女現れたれど毘沙門天に祈りて難を逃れらる。鑑禎上人が結び毘沙門天をば祀りたる草庵、該寺の濫觴と傳はる。(Photo: 2021/11/15, Nikon Z6)

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Sigisan - Chogosonshi Temple



Temple's legend says, in the late 6th c. in the Era of Emperor Bitatsu when Prince Shotoku came to this mountain and prayed during his campaign against the anti-Buddhist Monobe Clan, an image of Vaisravana appeared in the front sky and gave him a strategy. It was the time of tiger in the day of tiger in the year of tiger. After subjugating the enemy, the prince carved a statue of Vaisravana and dedicated it to a temple which he built and named Singi-san, or a mountain to be believed and respected (The image was possibly a Broken Spector in my conjecture). In the early 9th c. Emperor Daigo's disease was magically healed when Rev. Myoren prayed, hence the temple was granted a holy name, Chogosonshi Temple. (Photo: 13/Nov/2021, Nikon Z6)

Kuramasan – Kuramadera Temple



On the Tiger Day of 4th January in 770 AD, when Gantei, a disciple of the Great Monk Ganjin, received a revelation in a dream and climbed up to Mt. Kurama on the back of a white horse, a witch appeared but he was saved by praying to Vaisravana. A humble hut that he built and dedicated to Vaisravana is said to have been the origin of this temple. (Photo: 15/Nov/2021, Nikon Z6)

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