

Frontispiece



Katsushika Hokusai, Dragon

Japan's creation mythology, as recorded in the eighth century Kojiki and Nihongi chronicles, depicts Owatsumi (大綿津見) as the first god born of the country's founding brother and sister, Izanagi and Izanami. Owatsumi is the lord god of the sea, sometimes called Ryujin or dragon god (龍神). Master of the sea and its denizens, Owatsumi appears in the shape of a dragon.

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