



THE GRAVE OF TANABE HAJIME

This is the grave of the Kyoto school philosopher Tanabe Hajime 田辺元 (1885–1962) and his wife Chiyo 千代. It is located near their last home in Kitakaruizawa 北軽井沢, Gunma Prefecture. The epitaph is a line from his late work *Sei no son-zaigaku ka shi no benshōhō ka* 生の存在学か死の弁証法か (Ontology of Life or Dialectic of Death? in *Tanabe Hajime zenshū* [Complete Works of Tanabe Hajime], vol. 13, p. 529) and reads:

Watashi no kikyū suru tokoro wa shinjitsu no hoka ni wa nai 私の希求する
ところは真実の他にはない.

What I seek is nothing other than the truth.

This inscription describes not only Tanabe's philosophical explorations but also his approach to life.

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