In many temples today in Japan, one can see a fire ritual performed the origin of which traces back some four thousand years or more to Vedic India and the ancient religious practices of Iran. The Shingon tradition maintains this ritual practice in which offerings are made into a fire built on an altar inside of a temple. This practice is known as goma in Japanese, and homa in Sanskrit. It is found almost everywhere that tantric practices—of all kinds—are performed, and throughout the tantric Buddhist tradition.

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