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A world that lacks principles suppresses the will to live.

### *Shinji*

*The world lacks principles and it moves relying on information and knowledge as absolute.*

*Believing in knowledge without principles as absolute, human beings continue to close off their kokoro.*

*Unable to achieve harmony, this is the reason why confrontations continue to increasingly grow.*

*To the Shinja*

*Why is Kami revealing the principles to society (the world)?*

*People are lost, consumed by the realities (the conditions) of society.*

*When society is seen through the teachings, you will know what you must do now.*

*When knowledge and social norms are understood based on the principles, doubts will not arise in your kokoro.*

*Human beings are in the hands of Kami and live within nature's flow.*

*They are only a small existence.*

*Because they have lost this awareness, they are unable to live and accept the unmei (the power) of an era.*

*This society moves as the unmei of all creation comes together in mutual support.*

*Now is the time to become aware of this truth about society and live each day with the kokoro to give back.*

*Your life environment will gradually anchor and the strength to live will rise.*

*Your kokoro will feel calm as you see the changes (the flow) of society.*

*Hence your kokoro anchors and your impatience disappears.*

*Understand well that this kind of life is possible because it is now the age of Shinkon.*

### **Summary of the Shinji**

Presently, the world is overflowing with ways of thinking and living that go against the principles, the way things should be, as well as the workings of life. Believing that information and knowledge are absolute, many rely solely on this belief as they live.

When we become convinced that only the knowledge we know is correct, we become misguided in our thinking, we deny everyone and everything that differs from the way we think, we criticize and may even be tempted to go off the path. Our *kokoro* becomes narrow and shallow and harmony is destroyed.

If we do not strive to maintain harmony, there is no trust; and conflict is created. This is not only about wars and regional conflicts, it also can be seen in our politics, communities, workplace, and even in our families.

To prevent this from happening, *Kami* has revealed the *Shinji*, the principles, to us through *Shisha*. When we know a way of life based on the principles that is in sync with the workings of this world, we begin to know how to think and behave when faced with the realities in our society. Even when we find ourselves at the mercy of the norms inundating society, we remain unaffected and are able to go on with our life knowing our place and position in the scheme of things.

No matter how advanced science and technology become, people are simply one form of life that is allowed to live within the changes of nature. Going against the principles is tantamount to spitting up at the sky. Your spit will always fall back in your face. Unfortunately, the majority of people remain unaware they are going against the principles, and because they see knowledge and science as absolute, they have forgotten to harmonize, hence they are always in doubt.

This world moves efficiently when all living creatures come together and make their existence greater in mutual support. When we become aware of this, we'll probably do our best to live with the *kokoro* to give back to society with humility based on who we are and our place in life.

Hence, be aware of how society should be and live with the *kokoro* to give back. Actively be involved with many people and use your strengths generously.

We find meaning and purpose when we are of use to others. Our *kokoro* is always anchored and no matter what happens in our life, we will always stay calm and the strength to overcome rises. The changes in society will not upset us; and we will not feel anxious or impatient; we'll enjoy our lives each day.