

### *Shinji*

*Now that you know that the world revolves around the unmei-jittai, what should you do as a human being?*

*Learn the teachings and through repeated kigan, strive to be the human being who lives by love that is true.*

*The more this thought (conviction) deepens, human beings will seek encounters with people and things and their thoughts will be about deepening these encounters.*

*Human beings are beings (existence) that live seeking love.*

*Yet, they live without knowing what love (truth) is.*

*To the Shinja*

*Learn the teachings as a family; and ask Kami for a family that lives by the teachings.*

*The kokoro of family members will gradually come together and their love will grow to be tangible.*

*Parents give their children unconditional love. If you live by the teachings, this kokoro (love) will grow naturally.*

*The human kokoro finds security and confidence in encounters where the kokoro does not seek to benefit; and they deepen.*

*If human beings live by the teachings and their life abides by the path, all will be loved by their family and relatives and they will become a person (existence) who will fill the kokoro of many people with love.*

*Having become aware of the principle of etoku and deepened their understanding, each human being will complete their life in the hands of Kami.*

### **Summary of the Shinji**

There is a tendency to believe that society will improve if we strive harder, if politics is made better, if social welfare is enhanced. However, as history has shown time and again, everything is simply repeated cycles of prosperity and decline.

This world revolves around the *unmei-jittai*. The *unmei* is the power or strength *Kami* has given us to be useful in this world. But the *jittai* prevents the *unmei* from blossoming. The *unmei* is our gift from *Kami* and it does not need to be changed. Thus, our task is to improve our *jittai*.

To elevate our *jittai*, we must learn *Kami's* teachings and refine our personality and character. Not only must we learn the teachings, but we must *kigan* to practice them with humility and strive to become the human being who lives with love that is true.

Without our daily *kigan* and without *Shinkon's* protection, our *jittai* dominates our life. As we learn the teachings and become aware of *Shinkon*, we *kigan* aspects about ourselves and the situations in our life and put into practice what we have learned. This is how we grow closer to becoming the person who lives with love that is real and true. This is who we should endeavor to become.

When human beings love themselves, others will love them as well. Love of oneself is a strong emotion and we should strive to achieve balance with this love and love for others. The awareness that we're all in the same boat is about love that is the truth. The stronger this conviction, the more we begin to cherish the people and things we meet and come into our lives. All of us want to be loved because we cannot live alone. However, many people don't know how to show and express love. When we show love to others, it returns to us. Love is crucial.

Love in the human *kokoro* is fostered in the family. That's why it's important to learn the teachings as a family and to create a family that lives by the principles. Learning the teachings as a family is vital to attaining *kaiun*. When family members try to practice them, the right relationships begin to evolve in the family, their *kokoro* gradually come together, and their love for one another becomes tangible. It becomes a family where love that is true and pure is balanced.

If you are a parent, it's natural that your love for your children is unconditional. In turn, your children, who feel this, respond to this love. A relationship that does not seek favors or reward in return, gives the *kokoro* a sense of security and allows the confidence to live to deepen.

If the family learns the teachings and lives by the principles, everyone will be supported by the love of the people around them and you will become a person whose love for others deepens. You will be someone who enlightens the people around you and your existence will shine.

Let's be more aware of the principle on *etoku*, deepen our understanding, and complete our lives in the hands of *Kami*. We now live in an age where if we abide by the path, the light can be accessed. Thus, live by the principles of the path.