

Shinji

The more the family learns the teachings, the kokoro of family members come together, deepen, and feelings of mutual support strengthen.

This is the family where love that is true blossoms and grows.

To the Shinja

Look carefully at your family.

How has the kokoro of the family come together?

What is needed is the effort to build a family (family environment) where thoughts and feelings are communicated with love, trust, and hope.

When human beings gain an understanding of the principles, love for the family grows naturally, and feelings of gratitude deepen.

The principles bring the kokoro of the family together as one, foster human beings who will live with love that is the truth.

Human beings are connected to Kami (Shinkon) through their unmei.

Knowing this truth, now is the time to learn the teachings as a family.

The human kokoro (unmei) that is honed in a family with principles will raise its jittai.

The strength that is missing in society today is the kokoro (love) that believes the family as invaluable.

Having realized the reason why suffering deepens in a society that is in turmoil, create a home by family members that lives by the principles.

Because the kokoro (love) of the family becomes the strength that guides the life of family members on the right path.

Summary of the Shinji

Kami has repeatedly taught us the importance of a family that lives by the principles. The true form of the human being is the soul; and our soul finds stability in the kind of relationship we have with our family. The family is where our *unmei* is honed and refined.

Family members must learn the teachings to create a family where they can have the right relationships. When the teachings are practiced in daily life, each person's *kokoro* comes together and feelings of mutual support grow stronger. The awareness of what it is to be a father, a mother, a daughter, a son begins to grow. *Kami* tells us that this is the family where love that is the truth is fostered and blossoms. Love that is the truth consists of both self-love and love for others, known as pure love, which exist in harmony within the *kokoro*.

However, it's very difficult for human beings to achieve this kind of *kokoro* because self-love comes to us naturally. It is instinctive. Hence we need to learn the teachings and to make the effort to elevate our *kokoro* constantly.

Having learned *Kami's* teachings, *Kami* asks you what is the situation in your family. Has the *kokoro* of your family come together? The goal is to foster a family where love, trust, and hope bring together the thoughts and feelings of family members.

The reason why *Kami* asks us about this is because the *kokoro* in many families has not come together. Ties between individuals in the family are weak. Love that is given must be returned. Trust that is given must not be betrayed. Expectations must be met in what we do.

When we are in touch with *Kami's* teachings, we gradually see our family members as precious and our gratitude deepens. The teachings bring the *kokoro* of individual members together and what is fostered is love that is the truth. This is exactly why the teachings must be learned as a family.

All human beings are connected to *Kami* through their *unmei*. Knowing this truth, let's strive to learn the teachings as a family. If the family abides by the principles, the individual *jittai* of each family member is raised.

What is missing in modern society today is the *kokoro* that the family is precious. Realize the reason why problems and suffering deepen; and build a family that abides by the principles. The love of a family that supports one another in day-to-day life becomes the strength that guides their life on the right path.