

### *Shinji*

*The person(s) who lives a life without regrets and leaves behind good elements in their Kokoro no Michi, live with the kokoro to give back.*

*This is the person who lives on in the kokoro of many people and is remembered in the world (society).*

*But there are many people who are unable to understand the worth of their life, do not make the best of their encounters and leave behind regrets in their lives.*

*To the Shinja*

*Live by the teachings and cherish your encounters with family members, relatives, shinja and the people of the world.*

*The teachings will draw out the strengths of your unmei and bring about good encounters.*

*The more encounters grow and deepen, the kokoro (unmei) of human beings shine greater and will attract the kokoro of many people.*

*Individual unmei come together, complement, and true encounters are created based on strong admiration and respect.*

*Human beings who create and foster good encounters with people is a person (existence) who guides society on the right path and receives the support of many people.*

*This is how the ties to the Kokoro no Michi of your family are made deeper, stronger, and good elements are passed on to your descendants.*

### **Summary of the Shinji**

We have many different kinds of ties to people in our life; and all of them are in the hands of *Kami*. These countless encounters should be appreciated. But our family ties must be cherished. Because if we cherish our ties to our family, we're able to successfully get along with others outside the family.

What we must not forget at such times is the *kokoro* to give back. *Kami* asserts that the person, who lives a life without regrets and passes on good elements to their children and grandchildren, live with the *kokoro* to give back.

The person who appreciates the *kokoro* of others and strives to give back by using their strengths will never leave behind a life of regrets. What will be left behind is that person's way of life, which will continue to live on in the *kokoro* of many people.

Unfortunately, the reality is that there are many people who leave behind regrets as their life journey comes to an end; they are unable to perceive the value of life and to make the best of their ties to other people. They do not discern the principle that when encounters with others are appreciated, their life is greatly protected.

Thus it's vital to learn the teachings and to make them a part of yourself. It's important to appreciate all the ties and encounters that you have in addition to your kinship with your family. Cultivate a personality that is balanced, rather than a personality who is always insisting on their rights.

When we live by the teachings, the strengths of our *unmei* are brought out and each encounter is pleasant. Don't be critical of others or society because regardless of the environment, we're able to make the best of our inherent goodness.

When you do this, your encounters come to life and your *unmei* is honed. The more your ties to others emerge, your strengths shine. The *kokoro* of many people are drawn to you. You will be loved, admired and your mutual existence will come together to create friendly and congenial relations.

The basics to making the best of our ties to other people are rooted in our relationships with our family members. When we elevate our character based on the teachings, we're able to get along with everyone and become someone who will guide the people around us on the right path. When we become this kind of person, our life is highly respected and admired. In the end, this is what protects our family; and we pass on many good elements that are succeeded by our children and grandchildren.