

Shinji

The majority of people, who are leaders, loved and respected in society, all live by the principle of the path.

They give back the strength of their unmei to the world (society) and have the kokoro (conviction) to walk the right path.

To the Shinja

How are you striving to make the best of the teachings in your life?

Do you have the kokoro (resolve) to live and give back to the world (society)?

Human beings cannot become the person (existence) who guides society based solely on knowledge and experience.

They become complete for the first time when awareness from the principles is gained, understanding is deepened, and their kokoro (life) is supported by the principles.

When human beings learn the teachings as a family, live in a family where ties are deepened based on the principles, they know for the first time what the true human kokoro is and experience the worth of a family.

This is the environment (home environment) that fosters the human being who lives a life guided by their unmei.

Do not take lightly the teachings that Kami has revealed to the world (society) through Shisha.

The teachings will foster human beings who will guide society on the right path; society will deepen the right connections and evolve, the more people there are who live by the teachings.

Summary of the Shinji

Human beings must live according to the correct path, which is a way of life that abides by *Kami, Hotoke, Hito no Michi*. If we live by the path set forth by this principle, our *jittai* rises, and we're able to live a life that's one with our *unmei*.

People, who are leaders, respected and revered by many, live a way of life that is based on common sense. They use their existence to be of use to society and freely use the strengths given to them by *Kami*. That is how the *jittai* is raised and how the family prospers.

What do you see when you reflect on your *kokoro*? Have you made the effort to live your life by the teachings? Are you enthusiastic about giving back to society? The reason why *Kami* asks us these questions is because when we're able to do all of these things, each day of our life will be filled with meaning and purpose.

We don't gain meaning and purpose in life through the knowledge and experience that fills society. Life has meaning and purpose when we become aware of the natural way of things—common sense, when the way we live each day is based on the teachings, and when we become the person with faith and conviction, this is how our life is completed.

Learn the teachings together with your family and create a family where the correct relationships are fostered. The family is like a tree. The father is the root, the mother is the trunk, and the children are the branches; and the correct relationship to one another is maintained.

When we are raised in a harmonious family, our *kokoro* anchors; and we live a life that is one with our *unmei*. That's when we become aware of the importance of our relationship with our family—that we cannot live our life alone—thus we begin to understand its worth.

The teachings of *Kami* are the compass that guides our life. *Kami* warns us not to take these teachings lightly because even though that may not have been our intent, the reality of today says otherwise. To be saved, the teachings must steadily become a part of us.

Kami's teachings foster human beings who will guide society on the right path. As the number of people who live by the teachings increases, good relations are maintained in society and it evolves. We must first begin strengthening the family, which is smallest social unit in our society, to make the community, the environment, and the world a better place.