

Shinji

Strive to be the shinja who correctly understands the meaning of what it is for a person (human beings) to live.

Look closely at the person (people) who lives each day in today's society.

They live without purpose, their kokoro at the mercy of whatever is immediate—a life lived without dreams.

To the Shinja

Learn the teachings and strive to deepen your relationship with family members.

You will begin to gradually perceive the meaning of the teachings and what you must do in life will become clear.

Give back the strengths of your unmei to society.

Grasp the profoundness of this one principle, and the kokoro (conviction) to abide by the path will increasingly deepen.

Within Kami's hands, you will know that you are protected through your unmei and you will also experience the meaning of life.

The true meaning and purpose that human beings live for is to know true happiness as you live and feel the love of family members.

This sacred experience that exists in life can be attained especially now as you live in this finite era.

Leave behind good elements in your Kokoro no Michi; this is how people, who attain kaiun, live.

Summary of the Shinji

Kami calls out to us to be the *shinja* who has the right understanding about what it means for human beings to live. Life is given within *Kami's* hands; and the life we live as one human being is an era.

The life of a human being can never go backwards and always moves forward. What we think about now is linked to our future life. Therefore, we must always be vigilant in the way we think and feel because if we become lax, our lives will move in the wrong direction. If we remember that the cumulative effect of each moment is what creates our life, we begin to perceive the need to live correctly.

The *kokoro* of the majority of people in society today are shortsighted focused only on the immediate future; and they are unable to have the right goals when it comes to living. As a result, they tend to be overly concerned about advantages and disadvantages for very small issues. This prevents them from making the best of their strengths.

As *Kami* repeatedly teaches us, what we need to do now is to learn the teachings and deepen our relationship with our family. As we endeavor to do this, we begin to perceive the significance of living by the teachings and to understand how we should live. When it comes to family, you'll probably begin to live a way of life based on your place within it.

Each person has come into this world for a reason and as long as every person is needed, we must continue to make the best of our strengths and to have the mindset to give back to society. The more this awareness deepens, we will consciously strive to abide by the path.

Life is not about comparing ourselves to others because each of us has been given an *unmei* from *Kami* that is uniquely our own. Our life is protected through our *unmei*. Thus the importance of coming together with the *unmei* of many people for mutual enhancement can be seen.

The meaning and purpose of what it is to live as a human being become real when our strengths are useful for other people. This is especially true when it comes to the family—when we experience mutual support and feelings of deep mutual love within our family, the joy of being alive springs forth.

Your life must be filled with meaning and purpose because it is transient. Make yourselves widely useful in society and leave behind good elements in your *Kokoro no Michi*. Your way of life will lead to *kaiun* and your next life will be decided.