

Shinji

The more encounters with people are cherished, the kokoro (jittai) of a person (human being) is honed and a life of much meaning and purpose is lived.

But, many people go out into society without knowing the meaning (value) of what it is to live because their relations with their family are inadequate.

They are increasingly unable to have encounters, and lose their way in life.

To the Shinja

Learn the teachings and understand the meaning of life correctly.

The teachings give the kokoro latitude and bring out the kokoro to cherish encounters with people.

Confidence will naturally spring forth in your life and you will have the courage to interact with society.

Your many encounters will create many experiences, and the strength of your unmei will become useful in society.

Many people (human beings) who live now (today) do not know the truth about society and live relying only on effort.

This is the jittai of people who live in distress and confusion.

If you live your life supported by the teachings, all people (human beings) will be in Kami's hands and have many encounters and live a life of meaning and purpose.

Summary of the Shinji

All of us want to live a life without regrets. To achieve this, we must cherish our encounters with many people because it's through these encounters that we gain untold insights and our *jittai* is honed. We know longer become choosy about the people whom we associate with and we live a life of many joys. The more our ties to people deepen, we make the best of our inherent goodness and strengths, and each day is filled with meaning and purpose.

However, today our ties to people, especially our relationship with our families has tended to fall short. Thus many people, unable to grasp the meaning of what it is to live, are unable to make the best of their many ties in society and subsequently, lose their way in life.

As a *shinja*, you must walk the right path based on the *Shinji* and not be swept away by this trend. Understand the meaning of life correctly. Our *kokoro* gains latitude the more we learn the teachings, and we begin to cherish our ties to people.

When our *kokoro* gains latitude, there is no bias or discrimination. We're able to live a way of life that fits who we are and our place in society. We naturally gain the confidence to live and have the courage to actively interact with society.

The many encounters we have with others become the source of many experiences as well as the joy of being useful in society through our strengths. Although not all our encounters are pleasant, when the teachings become a part of us, all the ties we gain become a positive experience.

Countless people in society today live relying solely on effort. They're obsessed with material goods and outward appearances. But what they should be concerned about is the *unmei* they've been given. Each of us has been given strengths to be useful to others. Thus all should try to make the best of their *unmei*.

Since they don't know this, they suffer and lose their way in life. From *Kami's* standpoint, it is a miserable situation.

Once you learn *Kami's* teachings, they should become the mainstay in your life. When you live by the principles, all your encounters are in *Kami's* hands and they become good ties that give meaning and purpose in life. Life is sacred. If you live by the teachings, your days will be enjoyable and you'll be able to live with a sense of acceptance.