

Shinji

The kokoro of Shisha Tomomarusai during his lifetime continues to live on today (now).

The kokoro rooted in the teachings was the path of the principles sought by Daishin.

To be grateful, to apply the teachings and show by deed, to self-reflect, to give back—everyone (human beings) who lives each day connected peacefully through these four attributes of the kokoro, will be protected by Kibō no Michi (the path).

The kokoro (life) of Daishin supported the foundations of Chokushi's kokoro (salvation), thus humanity today is saved by the teachings.

It is the time (era) for shinja to know the kokoro that Daishin wanted humanity to have—the spirit of harmony.

The path of the principles that is the source of the teachings is the spirit of harmony: harmony which merges with the three paths.

To the Shinja

Learn the teachings as a family; family members strive repeatedly to create a family that lives by the teachings.

The kokoro (unmei) of family members will deepen in harmony and the jittai will be greatly elevated.

This is the family that evolves guided by its unmei in the hands of Kami.

Seek out the kokoro of Shisha Tomomarusai and live by the teachings.

The kokoro (life) will be protected and saved.

Summary of the Shinji

The soul of *Tomomarusai Sensei*, who built the foundations to salvation as *Shisha* under the direction of *Kami*, is now *Daishin*. This is who we remember every October because his life continues to serve as our role model.

What we must first perceive about *Tomomarusai Sensei* is the *kokoro* with which he fulfilled his responsibility as *Shisha*. *Kami* informs us that this kind of *kokoro* is vibrant and relevant even today. Although we may have never met him, our *kokoro* begins to reflect the same spiritual transcendence when we learn *Kami's* teachings.

What *Tomomarusai Sensei* constantly sought to teach was the *kokoro* that abided by the three paths, which form the fundamental teachings that lead to salvation—*Kami, Hotoke, Hito no Michi*. Thus he continued to resolutely teach this principle throughout his life.

Today, we live in the age of *Shinkon* where *Kibō no Michi* has been opened and will manifest if we abide by the path. However, during the time of *Tomomarusai Sensei* before *Kibō no Michi* was established, he clearly understood that the human *kokoro* will be saved when it shows the attributes to be grateful, to apply the teachings through deed or action, to self-reflect, and to give back. This is why his way of life that kept faith with this *kokoro* should become our role model.

From the beginning, *Tomomarusai Sensei* continued to teach the existence of *Kami* and *Kami's* teachings because he knew and anticipated the arrival of *Tomomaru-hime Sensei*, the Direct Messenger who was the incarnation of the spirit of *Kami* or *Shinkon*. Thanks to his abiding faith, we now live in an age where if we learn the teachings, we will be saved.

Kami speaks of wanting us to know the *kokoro* that *Tomomarusai Sensei* wanted to see from humanity and to know the significance of the spirit of harmony. This is the spirituality that stems from the natural features and cultural climate of Japan. Even in this age of internationalization, there is something about the *kokoro* of Japan that is deep and profound. This spirit signifies the importance of harmony and balance and embodies the fundamental teachings of *Kami*—*Kami, Hotoke, Hito no Michi*.

Thus learn the teachings as a family and create a family that lives by the teachings. The *kokoro* of family members will harmonize and the *jittai* will be raised. It will be a family where the *unmei* of family members become one; a family that will be guided and evolve.

Seek out the *kokoro* of *Tomomarusai Sensei* when he lived as *Shisha* and live by the teachings. When we live with the spirit of harmony and abide by the path, the light (path) manifests, and we are saved without fail.