

Shinji

Human beings live for a finite period of time (era), their kokoro (life) protected through their unmei in the hands of Kami.

This is the condition (truth) of life.

It was the same for Shisha Tomomarusai.

The power (unmei) of salvation was given to him and he established the foundations of Shinji Kyōkai in the hands of Kami.

This achievement is sacred and great.

Shinja must not forget this truth.

The more this truth takes root, people will look to Shisha Tomomarusai as a shining example of life and seek his strength (unmei).

The kokoro (conviction) to abide by the path will increasingly blossom in the kokoro (life) of the shinja.

Today, in the age of Shinkon, Daishin watches and protects the kokoro of the shinja.

When you kigan, understand well the significance (principle) of saying the name of Daishin and deepen your reverence (gratitude).

To the Shinja

Believe in the strength of your unmei, learn the teachings and ask Kami (Shinkon, Daishin) for a life that is one with your unmei.

The wisdom of the principles will be reflected in your kokoro (insight) and your understanding of the path of principles will increasingly deepen.

To live by the principles hones the kokoro (unmei) of a person (human beings) and they live a life that experiences meaning and purpose.

Summary of the Shinji

Life is finite. But, although it is finite, each of us is protected by our *unmei* to be useful in the world, an *unmei* that was given to us from *Kami*. If we make the best of our *unmei* and live a life without regrets, our *Kokoro no Michi* that continues eternally is elevated.

Tomomarusai Sensei, who walked the path of *Shisha*, was given the power of salvation from *Kami* and went on to establish the foundations of *Shinji Kyōkai*. We must never forget the greatness of this achievement.

The more our gratitude for *Tomomarusai Sensei's* existence deepens, we will begin to look to the way he lived his life as a shining example and we'll begin to seek his powers as *Daishin* as we abide by the teachings and strive to hone our *unmei*.

In the era of *Shinkon* today, the spirit of *Tomomarusai Sensei* as *Daishin* watches over and protects the *kokoro* of each person. Thus when you *kigan*, do not unthinkingly say the name of *Daishin*. Understand the significance of why *Daishin's* name is said and have reverence.

The *unmei* that has been given to each of us will always guide us to be useful in society. Believe in the strengths hidden within your *unmei*, ask for a life that is one with your *unmei*, and strive to practice the teachings. Learn the teachings to elevate yourself. If you do this, the principles that *Kami* teaches us will be deeply reflected in your *kokoro* and your conviction to live according to common sense and the natural way of things will grow stronger.

Living is not a difficult thing to do when the teachings become a part of you. When there are rules, it's only natural to follow them. There is no need to feel discontent. If you dislike congestion and crowding, don't go to congested, crowded places. If you are asked to wait, then simply wait.

When we live a way of life that abides by the principles of the path and common sense, there is no uncertainty and discontent. Our *jittai* is suppressed and our *unmei* emerges. Our inherent goodness and strengths allow us to be of use to others and we're able to live a life of meaning and purpose.

If *Tomomarusai Sensei* is our role model on how to live, the way we think will be based on reason and we will never feel as if we've reached a dead end. We will live out our lives in the right way together with the conviction to live by the teachings.