

Shinji

Feel the teachings with the kokoro (emotions) of Shisha Tomomaru-hime.

The anxieties that lead shinja astray disappear as their kokoro is enveloped by Shinkon.

The things that people (human beings) should do now (today) will be reflected clearly in their kokoro.

What fills the kokoro is gratitude to the people they meet and the thought to give back.

Accepted in the kokoro of many people, the person (human being) who is trusted can be seen.

To the Shinja

Knowing the kokoro that Shisha Tomomaru-hime wanted you to have, how is your effort to bring yourself closer to that kokoro?

The more your understanding of the principles deepens as you learn the teachings, human beings begin to live a life that is one with their unmei.

Encounters increasingly deepen, individual unmei comes together and is enhanced, and it becomes a life of giving back.

In the age of Shinkon, all shinja must inform Kami (Chokushi) that they manifest Kibō no Michi and live in a harmonious family.

Take to heart Chokushi's desire (feelings) that you strive to be the shinja who lives by the teachings.

This is the condition (life) of the shinja who attains kaiun.

Summary of the Shinji

The main subject of November, the month of *Chokushi Tanjō Kinen* is *Chokushi*. It is the month to try and live up to the hopes of *Chokushi*, the hopes of *Shinkon*.

Kami teaches us to think about the *kokoro* of *Chokushi* as we learn the teachings because when we do, something wonderful occurs. All our insecurities disappear as we are enveloped in the power of *Shinkon*. We are freed of our misconceptions and misconstrued ideas.

We begin to see the path that we should take. "I'm going to strive and not give up." "I'll just be honest and apologize." "I'm going to change the way I live." "I'm going to wait until the time is right."

Moreover, we begin to feel gratitude for the different people that we meet and thoughts of giving back grow stronger. From this *kokoro* of gratitude, we begin to practice the teachings, to self-reflect, and give back—all aspects of the *kokoro* that allow *Kibō no Michi* to manifest.

When this becomes the norm, everyone is accepted, trusted, and their existence will shine in this society where all live in mutual support. When we think about the hopes of *Chokushi* as we learn the *Shinji*, this awareness and understanding often grows.

As we self-reflect, *Kami* asks each of us if we are striving to live a way of life that *Chokushi* hoped we would. *Kami* clearly states that if we strive to live by the teachings, we will naturally begin to live a life that is one with our *unmei*.

If the way we think is based on common sense, we will live a way of life that does not exceed our parameters and who we are. Our many encounters deepen, our individual *unmei* comes together, is enhanced, and we live each day and give back. Our days are filled with meaning and purpose.

Kami is asking us to show the spirit of *Chokushi*, how happy we are to live in a harmonious family as we manifest *Kibō no Michi* based on the teachings during this age of *Shinkon*. The age of *Shinkon* is a time when *kaiun* is attainable, when *Kibō no Michi* can be manifested, and a life without regrets can be lived.

This is why we must not forget to live with a *kokoro* of harmony that abides by *Kami*, *Hotoke*, *Hito no Michi*, where *Kibō no Michi* can be manifested. Thus live up to the hopes of *Chokushi* and have the strong *kokoro* to strive and live by the teachings because this is what leads to *kaiun*.