

### *Shinji*

*Let me teach you what is happening in the world today where society is undergoing great changes.*

*What supports the workings of life in this world is the unmei.*

*But having forgotten the existence of Kami, the arrogant belief that knowledge and effort can change the flow of society has lowered the kokoro (unmei-jittai).*

*Today, Kami is changing the flow of the times to bring society back to the correct path from turmoil, suffering, anguish, and confusion.*

*Changes that cannot be overcome by humanity's intelligence, knowledge, experience, and effort will still continue.*

*And society will return to the way it should be.*

### *To the Shinja*

*Learn the teachings as a family, the kokoro to build a family that lives by the principles must not be neglected.*

*The person (human beings) whose kokoro is honed in a harmonious family is able to move with the flow (changes) of society and live.*

*When human beings understand the principles, they will be able to read the changes in society for the first time.*

*The turmoil in their kokoro subsides and its movement to go against the path does not occur.*

*The person (human beings) whose life is led by their unmei will guide society on the correct path.*

*Shinja, whose kokoro (life) is supported by the teachings as they live, will have a life where the Six Elements of Happiness fully bloom.*

*Be the shinja, who abides by the path and safeguards the strength that protects and guides your life to kaiun.*

### **Summary of the *Shinji***

Society is undergoing great changes today. Why is this so? The difficult problem of the coronavirus pandemic and others is just one event among the complex changes that are occurring. In politics, the economy, education, medical science, and other fields, a myriad of changes are taking place. What we need to be conscious of is what *Kami* wants us to become aware of—to know the hopes of *Kami* and *Chokushi*.

But what human beings must first become aware of is that everything in this world revolves around the *unmei-jittai* regardless of how much humanity endeavors. However, humanity has forgotten the existence of a *Kami* who controls all and has come to believe that the flow of society can be changed with knowledge and effort. As a result, they have lowered their *jittai* and have been unable to make the best of their *unmei*.

Society today is in turmoil. And because it depends solely on knowledge, it has lost its way. Thus *Kami* is changing the flow of the times to return the present state of suffering and distress to the correct path.

The problem of the coronavirus is just the beginning. *Kami* foretells that many more changes that are beyond humanity's intelligence, knowledge, experience, and effort will still continue. It is being done to return society to the way it should be.

Thus try to live a way of life that does not waste away your *unmei* bearing in mind that this is what *Kami* desires for you. Strive to learn the teachings with your family members and build a family that lives by the principles. Because it is the harmonious family that hones a person's *unmei*, fosters a human being who will live and be active within the flow of society.

If we move with the flow in this age of great changes, there will be no regrets in our life. When it rains, simply open up your umbrella or take cover and wait out the rain. It's that simple. However, if the *kokoro* of our family has not come together, we will struggle with one another against something as simple as this.

What each of us should aim for is to understand the principles. Learn to think rationally because when we do, we will understand the changes taking place in society and our *kokoro* remains calm, and suffering and anxieties do not occur. This kind of person guides those around them on the correct path.

If our *kokoro* is supported by the teachings, we will always live a life where the Six Elements of Happiness will fully bloom. Our *unmei* comes to life. Thus become the person who lives and abides by the path.