

### *Shinji*

*The love (kokoro of salvation) of Chokushi that has become one with Shinkon continues to watch over and protect the life of the shinja to this day.*

*The kokoro (conviction) of shinja to accept this truth and to entrust their kokoro to Kami (Shinkon) is desired as they live their life.*

*It is this conviction that fosters love for Shinji Kyōkai and cultivates people (human beings) who walk the correct path and live by the principles.*

*To the Shinja*

*How is your kokoro (devotion) to believe and depend on Kami (Shinkon)?*

*Learn the teachings with sincerity and without bias.*

*Your kokoro will naturally be happy and cheerful and you will gain a sense of pride as a shinja.*

*People (human beings) are filled with confidence when their kokoro is strengthened through their encounter with Kami (Shinkon).*

*Today society is greatly changing its flow to become one with the principles.*

*Shinja, strive to be the person (existence) who lives increasingly by the teachings and guides society on the correct path.*

*The more you strive, the kokoro (life) of the shinja is protected by Kami (Shinkon) and a life that is one with your unmei is lived.*

*The love (unmei) of Chokushi protects the kokoro (life) of the shinja even to this day.*

*Do not forget this truth.*

### *Summary of the Shinji*

*Kami* clearly states that the love of *Chokushi*, which is the hope of *Shinkon*, continues to watch over and protect each person to this day. We must realize this truth and have the strong conviction to entrust our *kokoro* to *Shinkon*.

In order to know and experience the love that *Chokushi* continues to have for us, we must be in touch with the many *Shinji* given to us. The *Shinji* are successively revealed to us with the hope that we will attain happiness, that we will live our life through our *kokoro*. Thus be in touch with the *Shinji* and have the conviction to live by the teachings.

When we feel grateful for the environment that allows us to learn the *Shinji*, the existence of *Shinji Kyōkai* becomes essential and our love for *Shinji Kyōkai* grows. True love for *Shinji Kyōkai* is fostered and the *kokoro* to walk the correct path based on common sense increases.

As you self-reflect, how much does your *kokoro* believe and depend on *Shinkon*? *Kami* asks each of us if we wholeheartedly depend on *Shinkon* and have the dedication to live by the teachings. We should be aware that *Kami* asks us this question because the state of our *kokoro* is inadequate.

Rid yourself of preconceived ideas and bias, learn the teachings with an open heart and strive to practice them. When your thoughts are based on your past experience, they will be pointless and you will end up telling yourself, "it's impossible," "I can't." Put aside your inhibitions and try to practice the teachings with an open mind.

We are emotional beings. There are times when our *kokoro* wavers, but if we honestly depend on *Shinkon*, our *kokoro* brightens, becomes cheerful, and we experience an awareness that the movement of our *kokoro* is protected. Having met *Shinkon*, we experience a life strengthened by *Kami*; and the confidence to live grows.

We live in a time of great change and the flow of an era is changing to create a society that abides by the principles. This is why it's important to be constantly in touch with the teachings so that they become the basis of your judgments, and helps you to become the person who guides others to the correct path. *Kami* has promised us that the more we strive to achieve this, our *kokoro* will be protected and we will live a life that is one with our *unmei*.

*Chokushi's* love continues to protect and guide each of us to this day. Be aware of this truth and entrust your *kokoro* to *Shinkon* and live with confidence. These are the hopes of *Kami* and *Shinkon*.