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### *Shinji*

*The world is now beginning to be aware of the existence (the truth) of an invisible power (unmei).*

*It is a mysterious power (unmei) that is the source of humanity's knowledge and life.*

*If you understand the principles in the teachings Kami reveals, you will live a life where your kokoro will not be consumed by the changes occurring in society.*

*The changes that occur in a world that cannot be controlled by humanity have happened time and again within an era.*

*The era continues to flow as harmony and change happen repeatedly.*

*Humanity can neither suppress nor change this mysterious power (unmei).*

*This (truth) is what you must realize while you live (have life) now (today).*

*To the Shinja*

*It is the time (era) to gain understanding of the teachings and to create a family with the kokoro that is one with the principles.*

*The kokoro (unmei) of family members will gradually come together and harmonize.*

*The person (human beings) who accepts the changes and goes with this flow will harmonize with this mysterious power (unmei).*

*Do you see life's truths and its principles?*

*Life cannot be controlled through knowledge, effort, and experience.*

*The world (society) that is unable to make the best of its natural lifespan today does not see life's truths.*

*Humanity does not perceive the great movement of an era's changes.*

*Be the person (human beings) who attains happiness and prosperity in the time (age) of harmony that will eventually arrive.*

*Society will be greatly divided into light and darkness in the coming year (this year).*

*The light will be reflected in the kokoro of people who have achieved harmony.*

*The darkness will be seen in people who remain unaware of life's truths and waste away their unmei.*

### ▪**Feel the Invisible Power of the Unmei.**

Kami teaches us what each of us must pay attention to this year. It is important to be strongly conscious of the existence of the *unmei* and its mysterious power as we live our lives.

The *unmei* is the power or strength given to each of us that is needed by society. If we are able to live our lives according to our *unmei*, we will always be useful to many people and experience meaning and purpose in life.

When we draw out the *unmei* we were born with and make the best of it, we remain unconsumed by the changes in our environment. Each day of our life is fulfilling when we make the best of our strengths. In contrast, when we live a way of life that is beyond our *unmei* or our parameters, problems will arise.

Presently, we are inundated with information; and many people are unable to perceive what provides support and what is correct. But, what truly supports our life is our own *unmei*.

This truth is not limited to just human beings, but to all forms of life. Thus when the *unmei* of people and all life forms become one and harmonize, a great power is set in motion.

The existence of the *unmei* has remained unnoticed until now, but human beings are now being forced to perceive it. They are beginning to sense its mysteriousness within the fierce changes occurring throughout the world.

### ▪**If you understand the principles, your kokoro will not be overwhelmed.**

The reality of society today is that it is unable to provide clear answers to the events that are occurring, why they are occurring, and how to deal with them. Society struggles to cope using the knowledge that has existed until now. Although it believes that the knowledge it relies on is the utmost best, there are many instances when this knowledge does not provide solutions because many of the events that are occurring are beyond all expectations. As a result, society falls into confusion and doubt.

Thus what we must grasp is to perceive the importance of living according to the principles given in *Kami's* teachings. If we are able to live a way of life that is one with our own unique *unmei*, we will not be consumed or led astray by the many changes that are taking place. We gain the flexibility to adapt, to make the best of any environment that we may face, and to live our lives.

### ▪**Harmony and change repeat and flow.**

The countless changes that happen in the world cannot be controlled by the power of human beings. Many changes

have repeatedly occurred from time immemorial.

Humanity has been plagued by many epidemics throughout history and the coronavirus is no exception. Despite the bombast that mankind has triumphed over these epidemics, in reality, the only recourse left to human beings is to simply cope with the reality that faces them.

The economy is an ongoing series of ups and downs—at times buoyant, at times depressed. These kinds of changes have happened many times within the undulating swells of an era. But, what always follows in the wake of these changes is harmony. Events happen, subside—and this process is repeated.

▪**The *unmei* cannot be changed.**

Change is dependent on the *unmei* of the times. Humanity can neither suppress nor change the mysterious power of the *unmei*. However, although the *unmei* cannot be changed, when different individual *unmei* come together, society harmonizes.

*Kami* has repeatedly stated that the *unmei* is “a mysterious power.” Events and situations occur and subside caused by an *unmei* and *jittai* that cannot be seen.

The *kokoro* must strive to live a way of life that corresponds to one’s *unmei* while we try to correct our *jittai* that has both positive and negative traits. When we strive to do this, no matter what kind of environment we find ourselves in, we are able to make the best of our strengths. As long as we live in a society that revolves around the *unmei-jittai*, we must be aware of this.

▪**Build a family where the *kokoro* of family members come together based on the principles.**

When we learn the teachings from *Kami*, we gain understanding about how this world works and how we should live in it. Thus learn the teachings together with your family members because they are the people who are the closest to you, and allow the *kokoro* of each person to come together to create a harmonious family.

*Kami* has called out to us repeatedly about doing this because to attain *kaiun*, a harmonious family is essential. When the teachings become a part of family members, the *jittai* that they have inherited becomes easier to correct. The way you perceive people and situations, the way you think, and the way you live elevate; and when the home becomes a place where the *kokoro* finds peace and comfort, the *kokoro* of the family comes together, harmonizes and that family is greatly protected by *Shinkon*.

Presently, we live in the age of *Shinkon*—an age where *Kibō no Michi* manifests, an age where we must allow it to manifest. When we live by the teachings and the light (path) manifests, we will always be able to live according to our *unmei*.

▪***Unmei* and harmony are important to the person who moves with the flow.**

Based on the workings of this world, if we are able to build a harmonious family, our family members will be accepting of the successive changes that are happening in society today; they will support one another and overcome any changes they may face. They will become one with the strengths of their *unmei* and live a life of meaning and purpose.

The more we harmonize with many different *unmei*, we are protected by its mysterious power and are able to live in happiness. We find paradise in our life today. Unfortunately, many people are unable to do so because they are too egoistic and live in disharmony.

▪**Truth remains unseen in the world today.**

The *unmei-jittai* of people, things, the environment, and the era comes together, mutually supports, enhances, and at times clashes and revolves—this is the truth about life. Humanity’s knowledge, endeavor, and experience does not control life. Regardless of how much authority or economic might we may have, it makes no difference. Unable to control the human lifespan, the modern era does not understand the truth about life—that it revolves around the *unmei-jittai*; thus there is confusion and suffering.

The world continues to undergo changes driven by the power of an era’s *unmei* that is beyond the power of human beings. And this will continue. However, if we live by the teachings, and always maintain a calm *kokoro*, we will remain unconsumed by these changes and go with the flow to achieve harmony. We will attain happiness and prosperity without exception.

▪**The world will be divided into light and darkness.**

*Kami* has clearly stated that society will be divided into light and darkness this coming year. Against the backdrop of changes that propel us toward harmony, there will be a clear division between those who move with the flow and those who do not.

For those who are able to maintain harmony in all things, their *unmei* will come alive, they will be trusted by those around them, their tomorrows will be bright, and the future will open up. In contrast, there will be no bright future for those who are unable to harmonize, who are strongly egoistic and are unable to make the best of their *unmei*. Therefore, let us strive to walk the correct path in a year where it has been foretold that the *kokoro* of humanity will be clearly separated into light and darkness.