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

Shinji

Society is constantly moved by the power (unmei) of an era.

Changes in society are inevitable; humanity does not have the power to change its flow.

Because people lack this awareness, many are consumed by the changes and weep due to their jittai.

To the Shinja

Today, society is changing its flow on a grand scale through the power (unmei) of an era and is returning to a state of harmony and balance.

The kokoro (effort) to live by the principles is needed to accept these changes and to move with the flow.

The principles bring the kokoro of family members together and they form a strong connection to a family's Kokoro no Michi.

All people (human beings) who live and move with the flow each day, have the correct relationship with family members.

They remain unconsumed by the changes, supported by the love of family members, and they live and have dreams.

Why does Kami give the teachings to human beings?

It is to protect and save them from a jittai lowered through excessive greed and a life of anguish and suffering.

Human beings are an existence that receives unconditional love from their parents, inherit a good jittai, and mature.

But, presently there are many families that are without principles, consumed by the changes; and love does not blossom.

Be the person (human being) who lives by the principles because it is now the time (era) to build a family that fosters harmony.

Summary of the Shinji

Kōei Shinja Sanpaiji is the time to look back on the first half of the year and to become aware of our shortcomings and to correct them. *Kami* tells us that what we must realize at this time this year is the awareness to build a family where the *kokoro* of family members come together based on the principles.

Society continues to change moment by moment. This change is not due to the power of politics, the economy, or other forms of human influence. It is changing through the power of an era's *unmei*.

Just as each day changes from morning, afternoon, to evening or the season changes from spring, summer, autumn, and to winter, the flow of changes in society is also inevitable; and humanity does not have the power to change or stop them.

Thus what is asked of us is to have the *kokoro* to live and adapt to the changes in the environment. It is to live with the flow of the times and to adapt to the transitions in society.

For example, if someone you are talking to becomes belligerent, your response should be one of calm. If you also respond aggressively, discord will occur. This is why many people end up feeling dejected because they do not realize this; and consumed by the changes, they are unable to respond appropriately.

There is no need to fear these changes because despite the diversity of the events that happen, the environment will return to harmony and balance through the power of the times.

To live and move with the flow, we must live a way of life that abides by the principles. Learn the teachings as a family, make them a part of you, and strive to connect and be involved in all things the correct way. The *kokoro* will no longer waver and we live supported by the people around us.

Why does *Kami* successively reveal the teachings to us? It is to save people who are in anguish and suffering because of their excessive greed.

Human beings receive the unconditional love of their parents and learn to live a good way of life. However, there are many families today that fall short of the way families are meant to be. From parent to child, child to grandchild and to the many people around them, there exists a reality where love is no longer given.

Thus as society presently undergoes great change, what must not be forgotten is to be one with the *kokoro* of your family members. Unless we stand on firm footing, we will be swept away by the flow.

Since we are now being asked to create a family that lives in harmony, let us strive to live by the teachings together with our family members. Because when our *kokoro* is supported by our family, we are able to be widely active in society.