

May 15, 2021 *Shinja Kokoro no Michi Benkyōkai*

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

### *Shinji*

*The power that supports society is the unmei.*

*As the unmei is the power that Kami has placed in all things, harmony and balance are created in a society where this power comes together and is enhanced.*

*However, human beings, having forgotten and disregarded the kokoro to live in the spiritual world, live in a materialistic world.*

*To the Shinja*

*The power (unmei) that supports society is honed and drawn out in a family that lives in harmony—be aware of this truth.*

*The more the teachings are learned as a family, the kokoro (unmei) of a person (human beings) anchors and the kokoro (jittai) to go off the path is corrected.*

*The jittai that is fostered in a family will separate life into light and darkness in the future.*

*Today there are many people in the world who walk the path of wrongdoing.*

*That is why they are unable to make the best of their unmei's strengths and are lost.*

*The era is being corrected in the hands of Kami with the power (unmei) of the times to maintain a constant state of harmony and balance.*

*Society will greatly change in order to return the present era, where the path has been neglected, to the correct path.*

*An era will begin where people who learn the principles from the teachings and deepen their understanding will guide the world.*

*The teachings will fully enrich the human kokoro (life) and people who seek peace will come together.*

### **Summary of the Shinji**

The power of the *unmei* moves this world. The *unmei* is the power or strength to be useful in this world that was given by *Kami* to an era, the land, people, things, and all of creation.

Everything moves peacefully, and a society in harmony evolves when the best is made of this power. But the reality today is that there is no harmony because our *unmei* does not come together and therefore, is not enhanced.

For the strengths of the *unmei* to come together, it is important to have the *kokoro* to respect one another. Since human beings lack the belief to cherish the spiritual world, they live in a materialistic world and no longer have the ability to know the worth of things, thus this strength does not emerge.

Therefore, allow your *kokoro* to empathize with your family members, who are the closest to you, based on the teachings. The family is society's smallest social unit; and it is your life's foundation of support because the *unmei* is honed and drawn out within a family that lives in harmony.

The more the teachings are learned as a family and become a part of that family, the *kokoro* of each person anchors. When our emotions are anchored, our *kokoro* does not go off the path.

The way we interpret and see things, the way we feel, think, and even the way we live is learned in the family. This is important because life is not just about success or failure, but about whether your future is lived in light or darkness. This is why it is vital that the teachings become a part of each family member.

*Kami* has pointed out that there are many people today who live in doing wrong. Wrongdoing is to live a way of life that is not correct, a way of life that goes against the *unmei* that was given to us. Thus unable to make the best of their *unmei*'s strengths they were born with, many people lose their way in life.

Presently, many things are being corrected by the power of an era's *unmei* in order to achieve harmony and balance. Water that is murky and muddy will gradually become crystal clear. But due to strong human greed, the water is repeatedly made muddy.

*Kami* is trying to make great changes in society in order to return this world to the correct path. People, who are ethical and conscientious, will gradually go on to guide the world around them.

The teachings give our *kokoro* a sense of fulfillment. When the teachings become a part of us, we no longer blame, criticize, or argue with others, but strive to use our strengths to be useful and live to give back. The fulfilled *kokoro* of each person will come together to create peace.