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The truth remains unseen in the world today.

Shinji

The source that creates the flow of society is the unmei of an era.

The era undergoes constant change and its flow changes so that all things may harmonize.

The person (existence) who understands that flow, lives through the era according to their unmei and leaves behind good elements in their Kokoro no Michi.

This is where you will find evolution and growth.

To the Shinja

Understand well the principles about life's truths, and live and let the teachings sustain your kokoro (life).

The society that humanity has created today has very few truths—principles.

People, who go against the changes and are unable to harmonize, cannot see the kokoro (principle) that is one with the times.

The more you accept the truth of an era's flow and live and abide by the path with a positive kokoro, that flow will envelop the human kokoro with compassion and guide it so that it will not be consumed by it.

All people (human beings) who have experienced the Kami of truth are positive, warm, and their gratitude continues to deepen as they cherish their encounters with others.

It is this mindset that makes the best of the power (unmei) of an era and leaves behind good elements in the Kokoro no Michi of the family.

Summary of the Shinji

The movement of this world cannot be influenced by the powers of humanity. The flow of society is created by the *unmei* of an era. *Kami* teaches us that this flow continues to change so that all things may harmonize. When this flow moves away from the direction it must follow due to the impact of greed and avarice, the power that returns the flow to harmony and balance arises.

The person who is able to move with the flow of an era and uses their *kokoro* to harmonize, will try to contribute to society in ways that they are able to, and their existence shines. They leave behind good elements in their life.

In contrast, there are people who live a way of life in perpetual winter even in summer because they are unable to understand and move with this flow. And there are many who live a way of life that goes against this flow.

We are able to make the best of our strengths, to evolve and grow because we move with the flow. To evolve and grow means we are changing for the better in the right direction.

This world revolves around the *unmei-jittai*. This is how the world works. Thus the truth is that endeavor alone will not help you. Since we know this principle, let's try to live a way of life that abides by *Kami*, *Hotoke*, *Hito no Michi*. When we do, we make the best of the strengths that were given to us, and we live a life that grows and evolves.

Kami has pointed out that society today has very few principles. The mistaken belief that if we make the best of knowledge, everything is possible, goes against the changes in society and makes it difficult to harmonize with the environment.

All human beings, all things, and the environment have an *unmei*. But it is the *unmei* of an era that is extremely powerful. Therefore, do not go against the natural changes, adapt, and strive to harmonize. By doing so, your *unmei* and all other *unmei* come together, and move with the flow rather than be consumed by it; and you will be guided to an outcome that is for the best.

Kami informs us that the world today cannot see life's truths. To gain the ability to perceive them, *Kami's* teachings must become a part of ourselves.

When we succeed at this, everything becomes brighter, warmer; we are able to perceive people and situations with gratitude; and our ties to many people deepen. Thus even though the era undergoes changes, we are able to move with the flow and leave behind good elements in our lives.