

November 15, 2021 *Seibi Kinensai*

The hope of *Chokushi* is the hope of *Kami*.

### *Shinji*

*The kokoro of all people (humanity) who entrust their thoughts and emotions (life) to Kami (Shinkon) will be cheerful and strong.*

*This is the condition of the person (humanity) who deepens their understanding during the age of Shinkon.*

*To the Shinja*

*Learn the teachings with your family members and create a family that abides by the principles.*

*The more this thought deepens, the kokoro (life) becomes one with your unmei and you will be guided to an age filled with many joys.*

*Do you know what is greatly missing in the society (life) that you live in now (today)?*

*Unable to realize the truth about the spiritual world, people live relying solely on effort.*

*Thus love that is the truth does not bloom and the mindset (love) and the kokoro (gratitude) to give back are weak.*

*Do not take lightly your encounters with others (humanity).*

*The more you live in the spiritual world, the ties to people (humanity) become your support.*

*The kokoro to give back your thoughts (gratitude) to family members, relatives, friends, and acquaintances must not be neglected.*

*Human beings do not live alone.*

*They live in support of one another within their many encounters.*

*The kokoro that helps you adhere to the principles of Kami, Hotoke, Hito no Michi is gratitude.*

*Through your encounters, this gratitude fosters love that is the truth.*

*All (human beings) who live their lives at one with their kokoro (unmei) in the hands of Kami (Shinkon) live with love that is the truth.*

### *Summary of the Shinji*

When everything we think and do is based on *Kami's* teachings and we entrust our *kokoro* and life to *Shinkon* through our *kigan*, our emotions remain anchored regardless of what happens. We remain unmoved by the flood of information in society, we are able to live with a positive and strong *kokoro*.

The movement of the *kokoro* is protected in this way in the age of *Shinkon*. It is *Kami's* hope that each of us lives a life where the *kokoro* is anchored.

The most fundamental way to achieve this is to learn the teachings as a family and to create a family that abides by the principles and interacts in the right way. If our family life reflects the teachings, no one will behave selfishly. There will be a sense of gratitude and fulfillment in our lives. This is when the strengths of each family member's *unmei* emerges; and a life filled with joy is lived.

What is greatly missing in modern society today is the mindset to cherish the *kokoro* and to venerate the spiritual world. It is to feel grateful when someone does something for you and to reciprocate in kind. This is the way our *kokoro* naturally moves. However, we live in a time when we tend to gravitate toward the materialistic and neglect the importance of the *kokoro*.

We, human beings, cannot live alone. We experience meaning and purpose in our life through our interactions with other people as we live our lives within a network of support. Thus the ties that we have through our encounters must not be taken lightly. We must not neglect the *kokoro*, treat others with contempt, or cause physical and emotional pain. We must never live that kind of life.

The more we cherish the spiritual world, our ties to the many people we know become our sustenance in life. Thus we must not forget to be grateful and to return the kindness shown to us to our family members, relatives, friends, and acquaintances. A way of life that cherishes the *kokoro* of others will always come back to us positively in our life.

The *kokoro* of gratitude is the basis of the teachings of *Kami, Hotoke, Hito no Michi*. If we cherish the *kokoro* of other people and do not forget to be grateful, the *kokoro* of love and the *kokoro* to give back are fostered. We will live a life that is one with our *unmei*—the ultimate life of many joys.