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Shinji

The world (era) now (today) is greatly changing its flow and returning to the way it should be (the truth).

Humanity, which will experience the power (unmei) of an era, will live a life of hopes and dreams when it becomes aware of the truth, the principles as it moves with the flow (changes).

To the Shinja

How is your effort (understanding) to create a family where its members learn the teachings and abide by the principles?

This belief (conviction) guides you to a life that is one with your unmei.

Society was not created by humanity.

Society exists today simply because it has been guided by the natural flow of an era's unmei.

The changes in this era are occurring now (today).

The person (humanity) who correctly perceives this truth and the direction it is moving, will experience the power (unmei) of an era and live a life of kaiun.

Shinja will be taught what they must do now; therefore, open your kokoro to Kami (Shinkon) and practice what you have learned.

Learn the teachings Kami has revealed to the world (society) through Shisha, then perceive the kokoro that you must have now, and do not fail to have the kokoro (conviction) to walk the correct path.

The shinja, who walks the correct path no matter how great the changes of an era, is in the hands of Kami; the strengths of their unmei will be drawn out and there will be no regrets in the encounters they will have.

The kokoro of the person (humanity) who lives today, is lost within their life; and they create and deepen their troubles of their own accord.

There are very few principles to be learned from the knowledge and experience gained from the history consolidated by humanity.

The reality (the truth) is that unable to cope with the changes of an era, people are consumed by them and suffer; this has occurred because they do not see the principles of life and their mystery.

The changes in society will continue.

To adapt to these changes and to live a life without regrets, strive to be the shinja who learns the teachings, gains awareness from the principles, and deepens their understanding.

Summary of the Shinji

▪The era is greatly changing its flow.

With the start of the new year, *Kami* has given us guidance on what is needed now based on the way the world is moving. If we live by the *Shinji*, we will live our days peacefully as we move with the flow of an era.

The flow of the world is presently undergoing great change. We are moving from a society of chaos and confusion to one of stability. Because the changes that are taking place are so powerful, they will occur through phenomena with the intensity to move the world.

It is the power of the *unmei* that is creating this flow. Unlike the *unmei* of human beings and things, the *unmei* of an era is extremely powerful. Thus it is important to adapt the way we live to the changes that are being created.

▪Gain awareness from the truth, the principles.

All of us are living under the influence of an era's *unmei*. Thus it is important to perceive society's movements and adjust the way we live. This is what allows us to live each day with hopes and dreams. They provide the drive that brings out our strengths and the volition to be useful in society.

For this to happen, we need to look at the truth and compare the principles and the principles of the path against the reality that exists in society today. By doing so, we begin to understand why the reality we see exists whether it is for good or bad. We also become aware of how we should live within this environment. If we live and move with the flow, we thrive and live out days free of worry and doubt.

▪Create a family that lives with the principles.

Kami asks each of us whether we have learned the teachings as a family and whether they are reflected in our family's daily life. *Kami* has repeatedly asked this question. The reason why is because it is a key factor to achieving happiness; and there are many who have not achieved this. Thus repeated effort is needed.

Family members should be in touch with the teachings and when each member knows their place and responsibility

in the family, they make the best of their strengths and live a life that is one with their *unmei*. They experience meaning and purpose, and their life is enjoyable because their way of life is in sync with their place and who they are.

▪**When people accept the *unmei* of an era, they thrive.**

Society was not created by the power of human endeavor such as politics and economics. The present exists due to the power of an era's *unmei*. This fact is very relevant because a great many changes that are happening today are taking place to correct the direction society has taken until now.

Thus it is important to be aware of this reality, this truth and to accurately understand the direction in which we are moving. The only way to achieve this is to learn from *Kami*. When we are in touch with the *Shinji* that foresees and reveals all, we are able to perceive society in its correct form, we come together with the *unmei* of the times, and we remain unaffected by the direction society flows. Our *kokoro* remains anchored, we harmonize with everyone and everything and walk the path to *kaiun*.

▪**Learn the teachings and walk the correct path.**

It is deeply gratifying to be able to learn about the self-awareness we should have during these fast and furious times from the *Shinji* that *Kami* reveals to us through *Shisha*. If we are consumed by the flood of information and knowledge, we will be swept away by the changes that are occurring every moment. Therefore, open yourself up and sincerely learn *Kami's* teachings, and make them the mainstay of your *kokoro*.

There are many encounters in the life of a human being. We meet people and encounter things as well as the unexpected realities in life. The direction our *kokoro* moves during such times greatly determines whether we will walk the correct or the wrong path.

Thus make the teachings a part of you because it is important that you make the right decisions and take the right actions as needed. When you meet people, when you are forced to make a choice, when you need to avoid friction and confrontation, let the teachings be the standard by which you take action or make your decisions. Because if you do not, you will be consumed by the reality that surrounds you. *Kami* encourages us to have the conviction to walk the correct path.

▪**When we walk the correct path, we make the best of our encounters.**

The person whose *kokoro* is supported by the teachings and who walks the correct path, is able to have the right relationship with everyone. They make full use of their strengths and build relationships where there are no regrets. Feelings of hate, resentment and blame disappear and happy, amiable relationships grow.

Kami is teaching us this because the great majority of people living today lack the awareness to cherish their encounters. If they do not like what they see and hear, they criticize, deny, and contradict. Ties do not deepen with this kind of mindset, and this is what causes and intensifies problems.

▪**There are very few principles in history.**

Humanity has left behind a long and cumulative history. Within this history, there is a reality created by natural events and many events born out of mankind's greed. More often than not, the events that are remembered are the latter. *Kami* clearly states that there are very few principles to be found in the knowledge and experience of human history.

The power of an era's *unmei* is constantly moving in the direction of harmony. Unfortunately, many people are ignorant of this reality and cling to the old way of thinking and doing things. Thus they are consumed by the changes and as a result, they suffer because they do not perceive the principles and how life works.

The principles of this world are mysterious and miraculous. Just as the seasons are naturally cyclical, we are guided by the natural strengths of our *unmei* as we live our life. Deceit and guile do not work. If human beings live according to their *unmei*, their strengths are put to good use naturally and they live a fulfilling life. However, if they give in to their greed, ignore their *unmei*, and go beyond the parameters they were born with, troubles and hardships follow.

▪**Be the *shinja* who gains awareness and deepens their understanding.**

Society will continue to change as it heads toward stability; and fluctuating conditions will continue. This is why we must continue to learn the teachings so that as we live within this flow, there will be no regrets. The awareness that we gain from the teachings as our understanding grows must become the mainstay of our *kokoro* to live.

The flow of this era will not stop. Its *unmei* is constantly moving to return society to a state of harmony that should be. This is why we must rid ourselves of entrenched values, inflexible ways of thinking, and strive to change how we feel about people, things, and situations so that we may become the human being who lives the right way as taught by *Kami*.