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### *Shinji*

*Perceive the principles in the Shinji and gain the understanding (the kokoro) to see society correctly.*

*Today society has been greatly changed by the unmei (the power) of an era.*

*Shinja should live by the teachings and realize this is a time to live your life (your kokoro) sustained by the principles.*

*Unable to perceive that these are the changes of an era, many people live relying on knowledge and effort.*

*Their hardships, suffering, and doubts deepen because they are consumed by these changes.*

*The changes of an era appear in nature.*

*Humanity will change the systems in society in sync with these changes.*

*When this happens, the kokoro of many people will be swept away by the era's unmei and wither.*

*To the Shinja*

*Human beings are in the hands of Kami; their life (their kokoro) is protected through their unmei.*

*People, whose family members learn the teachings and create a family that lives by the principles, will mutually elevate their jittai and live a life guided and protected by their unmei.*

*The kokoro of the person, who is protected by their unmei, anchors, and accepts the era's unmei (power) and increasingly leaves behind a good jittai in their Kokoro no Michi; thus, that family (house) will flourish.*

*The local community, protected by its unmei, will increasingly develop.*

*When this happens, the jittai of the community will anchor, and it will no longer be overwhelmed by natural disasters.*

*Do not go against an era's unmei (power)—all that has been experienced will become an awareness that sustains your life.*

*This is the human being who is guided and protected by their unmei in Kami's hands.*

*Do not look to the systems in society but perceive the changes of an era and strive to be the shinja who moves with the flow and lives out their life.*

*This is not difficult for people (the person) who gain understanding from the teachings and are able to elevate their jittai.*

*Cherish this era of Shinkon—an era when Shinkon (Kami) reveals the principles to society through Shisha.*

*Do not treat the Shinji lightly.*

*An era will begin when people, who are able to perceive the principles in the Shinji, will guide society on the correct path.*

### *Summary of the Shinji*

- **See Society Correctly Through the Principles**

The year 2023 marks the 37<sup>th</sup> year since Seibi (November 15, 1987) when Chokushi's true unmei as the incarnation of Ōyamanezunomikoto was revealed to the world. In this Kigansai Shinji, Kami informs each of us what is important this year as well as the guiding principles on how we should live.

Kami says, "Perceive the principles in the Shinji and gain the understanding (the kokoro) to see society correctly." The past few years have been described as a time of great social changes caused by the unmei of an era. Due to the onset of these many unusual phenomena, the attitudes and the way a vast majority of people think have undergone a remarkable transformation. Society's transformation continues as if to correct the way people feel and think.

Human beings who come into this world in Kami's hands, who are unable to see the changes in society and who continue to live with old attitudes and an unchanged mindset will be unable to flow with the times. This is why we need to make the effort to see society through the teachings.

- **Live Your Life Sustained by the Principles**

Society is undergoing fierce changes and what we are all being asked to do is to have the conviction to live our lives sustained by the principles. This is because when we live our lives by the principles and the natural way things should be, we are not consumed by these changes.

But there are many people, oblivious to the ongoing changes of the era, who continue to rely solely on knowledge and believe that effort is the end all. This results in an impasse, and they lose their way.

All the *Shinji* are principles. It is vital that these principles become an unshakeable basis to the way we think, so that we will see the conditions that exist in society today and be able to anticipate society's future movements.

- **The Changes of an Era Appear in Nature**

When we think about the changes of an era, we tend to look to political and economic trends. But this does not allow us to correctly understand an era's flow. *Kami* has revealed that “*The changes of an era appear in nature.*”

The only thing that we can do when it comes to coping with political or economic changes is to reform society's systems and regulations. Unfortunately, this will not change the world.

We are forced to make structural changes because of the changes in nature and the transitions in society. If we do not know this, we tend to focus on the latest event and feel distracted and disturbed. To prevent this, we need to learn the teachings and make them a part of ourselves.

- **Human Beings Are Protected by Their *Unmei***

How should each person live? *Kami* has told us what we must do. Make these truths that *Kami* has given us a part of ourselves.

We must first truly understand the truth that “*Human beings are in the hands of Kami; their life (their kokoro) is protected through their unmei.*” The *unmei* is what has been given to each of us by *Kami*. It is uniquely our own and differs from other people; and they are the strengths to be useful in society.

The family brings out the strengths of the *unmei*. Hence if the teachings are learned by family members, and they apply them in their daily lives, the *jittai* inherited by that family is corrected. The way family members perceive other people and situations, the way they think and live are elevated, and the latent abilities of each person are drawn out.

- **The Person Who Lives Their Life Guided by Their *Unmei***

If we live a way of life that is based on the *unmei* that *Kami* gave us, our *kokoro* anchors and the way we live our life becomes one with an era's *unmei*, which allows us to live a good life without fail. We can make use of our strengths and abilities, experience meaning and purpose in our life, and live out a life without regrets.

As a result, our *jittai* is elevated and our family flourishes. When a family flourishes, family members get along, children respect their parents, and everyone is greatly useful in society.

People, who are from this kind of family, are a good influence on the people around them and the environment changes for the better. The *jittai* of the community anchors and it is not overwhelmed by disasters and other calamities.

This becomes possible if we do not go against an era's *unmei* and move with the flow as we live our life. Everything that is experienced becomes spiritual sustenance. Thus, *Kami* teaches, “*This is the human being who lives guided and protected by their unmei in Kami's hands.*”

- **Move with the Flow as You Live Your Life**

As we listen to the news that is about “a government's policy...” or “a company's response” many of us may feel an overwhelming sense of helplessness. But we should keep in mind the *Shinji*, “...*perceive the changes of an era and strive to be the shinja who moves with the flow and lives out their life.*”

For instance, there are many fads and ideas in society that are here today and gone tomorrow. Yet the *kokoro* of many people are drawn to them. But as time passes, their worth and meaning completely change. Therefore, it is better not to blindly accept things that are not constant.

What is important is to understand the history or the origin of events and the way things should be through the teachings and to strive to cultivate an ability to perceive society's movements. When we can judge whether someone or something is correct or off the mark based on the principles, we are able to live and move with the flow.

- ***Shinkon (Kami) Reveals the Principles Through Shisha***

The word and the *Shinji* of *Kami* that foresee the future exist at *Shinji Kyōkai*. If we abide by the *Shinji* and live our lives, all of us will live out days that are one with our *unmei*. We will live useful and fulfilling lives.

Thus, let us be thankful that we live in “*an era when Shinkon reveals the principles to society through Shisha.*” Never treat the *Shinji* lightly. Make it a rule to read the *Shinji* every day. If we do this, we will gain the ability to see people and events correctly.

- **Learn to Perceive the Principles and Live Correctly in Society**

*Kami* has revealed that “An era will begin when people, who are able to perceive the principles in the *Shinji*, will guide society on the correct path.” They will guide people on the correct path because they know the truth and the way things should be.

To guide people on the correct path simply means to live by the teachings as our *kokoro* comes together with *Shinkon*. When this happens, we are always positive and our strength influences those around us.

It begins with the people who are the closest to us—our family, then the workplace, followed by our neighborhood and community. The way we live spreads like fragrance; and the people around us are gradually guided on the correct path.