January 15, 2023 *Shinja Kokoro no Michi Benkyōkai* See Society Correctly Through the Principles

Shinji

People neglect the principles and live relying on knowledge; hence they hold strongly to their opinions and beliefs, lower their jittai, and worry and suffer of their own accord.

The effort by shinja to perceive the principles in the Shinji is desired.

The more the human kokoro gains awareness from the principles, it anchors and does not move to go off the path. The best is made of your encounters with people and all of creation and your jittai elevates.

You will begin to perceive what is right and wrong and become an existence (a person) who walks the correct path.

Do you know why the kokoro of people is in turmoil and they are unable to live in an environment of harmony? It is because they live by the experience and knowledge of that era (time) and place when they neglected the principles, thus they are unable to bring out the strengths of their unmei and their low jittai has distorted society. Shinkon (Kami) controls the unmei of an era to return society on the correct path.

It is important that shinja gains the awareness to live by the teachings and remains unconsumed by the changes during this time.

When you abide by the path, the light (a path) manifests.

It is now the era (the time) to live by the teachings and to realize how kaiun is achieved.

Summary of the Shinji

Today many people rely solely on knowledge, and convinced that they are in the right, they live selfishly. Hence, they constantly argue with others, go against common sense or the way things should be, lower their *jittai*, and become the source of their own suffering.

This is even more reason why *Kami* teaches us to perceive the principles from the *Shinji* and to gain the ability to see society correctly.

When we are in touch with the *Shinji*, we begin to see people and situations we had not noticed before. As we gain this awareness, we know how to correct ourselves, and our emotions anchor. When this happens, our *kokoro* does not move off the correct path.

When we appreciate the *kokoro* of others, accept them for who they are, actively do what we can, and live with the *kokoro* to give back, we make the best of our encounters with people and all of creation. We elevate our *jittai*, improve our character, and become generous in the way we think and feel. When our *jittai* improves, our *unmei's* strengths are amply drawn out.

We also begin to see what is right and wrong when it comes to the movements of society. As a result, our judgment calls are true, and we move in the right direction when it comes to what we should do. In other words, we walk the correct path.

The *kokoro* of people today is agitated and troubled. They brandish misdirected ideals they claim are right, they criticize, reject and condemn others with different ideas. The awareness that "we're all in the same boat" is nearly nonexistent, and many refuse to compromise.

This is because there are too many people who rely on makeshift knowledge in their lives. If they continue to live in a way that goes against common sense or the way things should be, they will be unable to bring out their strengths that are useful in society; and their ego and greed begin to interfere. As a result, this distorts the environment.

Kami is controlling the *unmei* of an era to return society on the correct path and is trying to make people aware of this in many different and real ways. Hence as *shinja* who knows the teachings, we must perceive the principles within the *Shinji*, see the world correctly and keep our *kokoro* from being consumed by the changes happening around us.

We must be very grateful that we live in today's era because it is a time— "When you abide by the path, the light (a path) manifests." Therefore, knowing how kaiun works, strive to abide by the path as you live your life.