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Move with the Flow of an Era as You Live Your Life

Shinji

The flow of an era is not controlled by humanity.

The unmei (the power) of an era is changing the environment. Society simply changes in sync with these changes. People, who are unaware of this truth, rely on endeavor without taking into account the time, place, and their position.

This is why, unable to sense the changes of an era, they are consumed by its flow, suffer and lose their way.

People (the person) who live by the Shinji—the principles, become aware of an era's flow.

Hence, they will change the way they think in sync with wherever they are.

This is when endeavor and knowledge come to life.

To the Shinja

Try to see the flow in the changes that have occurred in history.

You will see the truth about how profound the principles are in the Shinji.

What remains is to repeatedly strive to live your life sustained by the Shinji—the principles—without any doubts in your kokoro.

You will experience happiness in the life you live no matter how the era flows and the environment changes.

Today, the flow of an era is rapid, and the changes are great.

Before you look at today's society, strive to be the shinja, who gains awareness from the Shinji—the principles and senses the changes of an era as you live your life.

Summary of the Shinji

Time never stops and it continues to change. Hence, it is important to live and move with the flow of an era. Moving with this flow is not about conforming to whatever is trendy or in vogue. It is to correctly perceive and read the changes of an era as you live your life.

The flow of an era does not stem from politics, the economy, or any form of human ability or strength. The power of an *unmei* moves and the environment naturally changes. Politics, the economy, the way people live their lives are forced to change in sync within these transitions.

Many people, who are unable to sense this truth, believe that human endeavor can accomplish anything. They assert their opinions loudly and aggressively, and act in ways they believe will help achieve their cause or belief. This is what it means to go against the flow of an era. As a result, they suffer and lose their way.

Kami sees all. When we remain in touch with the *Shinji* that guide us, we will perceive that *Kami* is moving a world that has lost its harmony and balance back to a desirable state. When we do, we become flexible and know when it's the time for us to wait or to move forward and meet our responsibilities in sync with the time, place, and position we find ourselves. Hence, our response is right and appropriate. This is when our endeavor and knowledge come to life.

When we look back on history, new discoveries tend to change what we believed were true facts and we really never know what the truth is. However, the principles the *Shinji* teaches us are immutable. No matter how much time passes, they do not change, and they hold their truth at all times and in all situations.

Therefore, let's try to live our lives sustained by the *Shinji*. When we do, no matter how much the environment changes, we remain unconsumed by them. We're able to show our inherent goodness and strengths and experience the joys of life.

The flow is fast, and the changes are fierce in today's world because the *unmei* of an era is moving to bring back a society in turmoil to what it should be.

In our daily lives, an enormous amount of information is communicated in society. Thus, it's important not to be misled by a society driven by information. Read and understand the principles in the *Shinji*, make them a part of yourself and the way you live your life. This is how we're able to move with flow of an era and live out our days in peace and security.