

October 29, 2023 *Daishin Tanjō Kinensai* (Commemoration of the Birth of *Daishin*)

The Truth That *Daishin* Hoped for and Desired

Shinji

Shisha Tomomarusai is now Daishin—the kokoro is desired to look with veneration on the path of salvation lived by him.

This is the kokoro that elevates the life (the path) of the shinja.

As you become positive and honest with yourself, your kokoro will absorb the teachings.

To the *Shinja*

Shisha Tomomarusai is the great mentor and benefactor who has influenced and been involved in your life.

Chokushi and Shisha Tomomarusai—the encounter between them was also a bond of love and affection.

Your relationship with Daishin is one of compassion and benevolence. This tie to the spiritual world still exists today.

The Shinji Kyōkai that Kami has revealed to the world is one with the memory of Shisha Tomomarusai.

He built the foundations of Shinji Kyōkai, connected Chokushi's kokoro of salvation to Kami so that all people may manifest Kibō no Michi, and continued to teach the three paths of Kami, Hotoke, Hito no Michi.

It is important that shinja see and know this path of salvation and its great achievements.

The more you know this, the kokoro of the shinja becomes one with Chokushi and Shisha Tomomarusai's kokoro (love) of salvation.

Love for the church gradually grows, deepens and you will increasingly understand the truths in the teachings.

As you gain understanding, the life of the shinja is saved and protected by Kibō no Michi, enveloped in the hands of Kami.

Summary of the *Shinji*

Kami designated *Tomomarusai Sensei* as the Messenger and *Shinji Kyōkai* opened its doors to salvation for the first time. More than 70 years has passed since then, but *Kami* encourages us not to forget this very important history of salvation. When our reverence and gratitude for *Daishin's* existence deepen, we become positive, honest with ourselves, and our will to live by the teachings grows strong. This is when we become someone who is loving and generous, and we begin to lead a life of *kaiun*.

Having built the foundations of *Shinji Kyōkai* that is deeply connected to the life of each person, *Tomomarusai Sensei*, who first revealed the existence of *Kami* and taught *Kami's* teachings to us, is our great benefactor and teacher. This is an immutable truth that will never change with the passing of time.

Tomomarusai Sensei was also the first to recognize *Tomomaru-hime Sensei* as the being who carried the soul of *Kami*, and his great task was to guide her to become *Chokushi*. The relationship between *Chokushi* and *Daishin* was a deep bond of love and affection. *Daishin* guided *Chokushi* with warmth and love so that her true identity was revealed at the proper time. In turn, *Chokushi* was deeply grateful for the truth that was eventually revealed. These were deep, everlasting ties that came together as one.

Likewise, the tie between each *shinja* and *Kami* is a connection of compassion and benevolence. The morning and evening *kigan* as you say the name of *Kami* and *Daishin* and ask for salvation are the ties to the spiritual world. Although you may have never met *Chokushi* and *Tomomarusai Sensei* in person, your soul always connects with them through your *kigan*.

Tomomarusai Sensei continued to demonstrate *Kami's* greatness while teaching *Kami's* principles so that *Kibō no Michi*, the means to humanity's eternal salvation, will be manifested through *Chokushi's unmei*. His achievements and his life of salvation must never be forgotten.

The more we learn and become aware of *Chokushi* and *Daishin's kokoro* to spread salvation, our *kokoro* can become one with their deep love and salvation for humanity. This is when our love for the church blossoms, deepens, and our conviction to live by the teachings grows stronger. And our unflagging effort to live by the teachings is achieved as we are steadily guided to *kaiun* through *Kibō no Michi*.