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Live by the principles and elevate your *jittai*.

Shinji

What should human beings live and rely on to live out a life of no regrets? Your life will not achieve fulfillment by leaving everything to chance.

To the Shinja

When you know the principles of life and live sustained by the teachings, all human beings will attain kaiun when their life comes to an end.

But in actuality, many human beings rely on knowledge and information as being absolute and live a life devoid of principles.

They strive seeking to fulfill desires that will not bear fruit.

They worry and suffer unable to produce results.

This is the condition of a life without hopes and dreams, as people go off the path of their own free will.

Human beings live out their life guided by their unmei-jittai.

The unmei creates the strengths of all people and all things to live out their life span; the jittai is the form that affects the unmei.

The more the jittai is corrected, the strengths of the unmei are drawn out and your life is elevated.

When human beings gain awareness from the teachings and raise their jittai, they achieve a life where hopes and dreams are fulfilled.

Summary of the Shinji

Everyone born into this world hopes to live a life of happiness. In addition, we are born with an *unme*i that is needed in society and allows us to attain happiness. Despite this, we don't know what to rely on and how to live out a life without regrets.

Kami has clearly stated that a life of happiness cannot be created when everything is left to chance and lived willynilly—our life withers away. Everyone has a role to play in this life; and we are able to fulfill the responsibilities we inherited only if our endeavors are on target.

To be on target, learn *Kami's* teachings, the principles, and make them the guidelines that support your life. They will affect how you interpret people and situations, how you feel about them; and the way you live becomes one with your *unmei*, which leads to *kaiun*.

But in today's reality, information and knowledge are seen as absolute, and people rely on experience and accepted norms as their guidelines. As a result, their views are no longer based on common sense and the natural way of things. Countless people strive seeking to achieve that which is beyond their *unmei*, place, and capacity. If we try to achieve and go beyond our *unmei*, the outcome is troubles and suffering and not the hoped for success.

Human beings live out their lives guided by their *unmei-jittai*. The *unmei* given by *Kami* is the strength to contribute to society. But the extent to which we can contribute our strengths is greatly affected by the *jittai* inherited from our parents and ancestors for better or for worse.

Hence, first strive to correct your *jittai*. Allow the good elements to grow, live by the teachings and correct the negative elements. This is how our *unmei's* strengths are drawn out and our life greatly improves.

Kami's teachings, the *Shinji*, show us how to achieve this. The more the teachings are repeatedly read, we gain an awareness about many things. Put this awareness into practice along with your *kigan* and they become a part of you; and the way you live your life will change.

The negative elements of our *jittai* are suppressed and the good elements are honed, and we live out a life of hopes and dreams. Our aspirations—our given strengths that are our greatest contribution to society lead to a life of fulfillment.