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Society has lowered its *jittai* until today.

Shinji

Be aware of the truth as to what human beings are meant to accomplish when they are born.

Because they are unaware of this, there are many who are lost, troubled, and suffer in their life.

To the Shinja

Kami places an unmei in people and all things and creates a world that revolves when this unmei comes together and is made greater.

The strengths of the unmei give people and all things a task and a place in life and guide them toward a society that harmonizes.

However, avarice blinds them to their task and place.

They have increasingly gone against and off the path and destroyed a society where their unmei should come together and made greater.

When all unmei (life) becomes one and each person abides by the path, the world naturally comes together and the unmei of people and all things come alive.

Shinja should be aware of the world today—the reason for the fears about a future that stem from confusion, doubt, and the inability to have hopes and dreams in life.

When the teachings sustain your life, human beings will always live a life guided by their unmei.

*This is how you will perceive the meaning of life—to give back to society and the worth (the condition) of a life where *kaiun* is attained.*

Summary of the *Shinji*

People and all things are an existence that are meant to be useful in society. However, society's awareness about the worth of people and things until now has been weak; and the focus has been about raising profits and gain. Hence this has resulted in lowering the *jittai*. Now is the time for each person to perceive the truth about what their birth and existence was meant to achieve.

The strengths of the *unmei* given to each of us by *Kami* are meant to help us to be useful in the world. And because many people are unaware of their *unmei*'s existence, they do not know the path they are meant to live. As a result, they lose their way, are troubled, and suffer.

All people and things in this world are valuable and needed in society. Hence the world has been designed to function when the *unmei* of all living things becomes one and is made stronger.

In other words, to create a balanced and harmonious society, all people and all things have their respective place and responsibility. However, because human beings are avaricious, they compare themselves to others, are influenced by what others say, and are driven to achieve that which is beyond their capacity to attain. They lose their sense of place and responsibility of their own free will.

It's said that wild predators will not kill prey animals if they are full and sated. In contrast, human beings are never fulfilled and seek excessively to satisfy a never-ending want. It is because of this insatiable greed that human beings go off the path and destroy this ideal structure that is one with the *unmei*.

Therefore, what we can do is to be strongly aware of the need to make the best of our existence. The world will gradually converge when each person abides by the path and their strengths and *unmei* come together. This is when the strengths of all creation come to life.

If you are a *shinja* who knows what the *Shinji* teaches us, you will know the reason why so many people today live in confusion and doubt and are unable to have hopes and dreams. The only way to have the correct hopes and dreams in your life, is to know your given *unmei*'s strengths to be useful and to live with the awareness to use them to give back to society.

If the teachings become the mainstay of our *kokoro* and we strive to give back to society, all of us will always live out a life of meaning and purpose. We will always begin to see the significance of why we were born as human beings. Therefore, let's fully make the best of our strengths, give back to society and attain a life of *kaiun*.