

April 15, 2024 *Shinja Kokoro no Michi Benkyōkai*

**Humanity cannot live in a world where there are no principles.**

### *Shinji*

*All human beings are born into this world with an unmei to guide society on the correct path.*

*Human beings do not have the power to decide where and in what era they will be born.*

*But they are born in an era and place where they are able to raise the jittai.*

*Human beings make the best of their life when they know the truths about life and give back to society.*

*To the Shinja*

*Kami reveals the principles to society (the world) so that the best can be made of each person's life.*

*The kokoro to raise the jittai begins to grow among people who know how life should be based on the principles.*

*Their kokoro anchors, and they become an existence (a person) who seeks from Kami a life guided by their unmei.*

*As their life is sustained by the teachings, their unmei (their strengths) to guide society on the correct path is brought out.*

*This is the kokoro (the condition) of the human being who protects the family and has hopes and dreams in their life.*

*Do you know why society is in turmoil and is unable to come together?*

*There are too many people who live out a life that is not based on the principles; hence they lower their jittai of their own free will—this is the cause.*

*The world comes together and anchors when people, who live by the principles and raise their jittai, increase.*

### **Summary of the Shinji**

People cannot freely decide when and where they will be born. Everything is decided in the hands of *Kami*. You were chosen absolutely to be born in the time and place where you will be needed. Hence accept this and have the *kokoro* to adapt.

The *unmei* that was given to you by *Kami* at the time of your birth has the strengths to be useful in society. The strengths of this wonderful *unmei* are the abilities to improve the environment and the era. These strengths allow you to be involved with many people, and they shine when you use them for the betterment of society.

The *unmei* of each person is different and unique. There are people who have the ability to create or manufacture goods, the ability to transport people and merchandise, the ability to sell, or the ability to provide gainful employment. No one is greater or lower because of the differences in our *unmei*. Unfortunately, there is a tendency in the world today to perceive differences in people due to position, title or ability.

*Kami* teaches us how life should be based on the principles so that the best is made of each person's existence. People, who know and understand this principle, do not have problems with relationships; they do not let their emotions get the best of them; and if there are problems, they do not hold grudges or avoid others.

Rather, they see this as a good opportunity to raise their *jittai* and to take the initiative to self-reflect. They learn the teachings, *kigan*, strive to be someone who has love in their *kokoro*, and they are able to positively overcome their problems. They are filled with the strength to live, the willingness to help others, and to live each day with many hopes and dreams.

The reason why society is unable to come together is that people are ignorant of the principles and the way they should live, thus their *kokoro* is overcome by greed. What we need to do now is to look to our immediate family and strengthen this relationship because the family is the smallest social unit in society. If the values and the way family members feel and think clash and disagree, how can we expect society to harmonize? This is all the more reason why the teachings should be learned as a family so that the family will deal with one another based on the principles, and for each person to strive and raise their *jittai*.

When we have good family relationships, we begin to talk to our neighbors and friends with compassion and consideration, and we become someone who is liked by everyone. We become a positive influence on one person, then another, which keeps them from going down the wrong path. The outcome is a society where everyone lives in peace.