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SHORT TEACHING FROM VARIOUS MATERIAL

-Hardships are requests from Kami for us to be aware of Kami and Kami's blessings, and to turn our hearts toward Kami.


-Faith is not understood in the mind, but in the heart.

-Listening to others who need to express themselves makes Divine Parent happy. It is the action to repay Divine Parent for so many blessings.

A PARENT'S PRAYER

I am praying for the well being of my wife and our first baby. Our baby's due date is March 11, 2013. I plan to be in Japan in March to be with Seiko for the birth. I hope I will arrive at the appropriate time. I am excited and concerned at the same time, but at this moment all I can do is pray for them. It is important for me to pray daily for the two of them.

We are expecting to receive notification after March from the National Visa Center on the next step for processing the permanent visa for my wife. She cannot enter the U.S. during the processing period of her visa, so I must visit Japan to see my wife. I last saw her in the middle of August and couldn't tell she was pregnant from her appearance. Sadly, I have yet to see her as a pregnant woman. I wonder if we had been together all these past months, I would feel more like a father. I would see her happiness of being a mother-to-be and her difficulties as a pregnant woman. I feel deprived of experiencing the entire maternity period. But I can pray for their well being daily.

I sometimes ask myself, "What is she experiencing? How is she and the baby doing?" But then I tell myself, "I cannot do anything anyway. I can only pray for my wife and our baby instead of worrying." I try to pray as a father, but I always feel my prayers are not enough. I think I need to obtain the "heart of the parent"  to pray for them more single heartedly.

I believe the prayers by the parents must be consistent and continuous. The parents must never stop praying for their children. As we continue to pray as parents without giving up, we will notice the condition



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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

2 th	9:00a.m.	Sunday Service & Board of Directors' Meeting
9 th	9:00a.m.	Monthly Service for the Founder, and Successive Spiritual Leaders
16 th	9:00a.m.	Sunday Service
23 rd	9:00a.m.	Monthly Service for Divine Parent and Mitma Spirits & Family Sunday Year End Celebration Potluck Party
30 th	9:00a.m.	End of the Year Appreciation Service & Year End Church Clean up
31 st	10:00a.m.	Mochi Making for 2013 New Year's Day Service (Mon.)

of our prayers changing. We should have a specific request and want a specific blessing. While praying everyday with a urgent request, I ask myself why is this happening to me. Sometimes my prayers go the wrong way which may be caused by having feelings of negativity, such as anger, sadness or disappointment. Then I realize I am complaining and not praying. I try to pray harder and stay calm, trusting and believing in Kami-sama. I am able to realize the many blessings I am already receiving. I begin to feel appreciation although nothing is changed. I realize Kami's unconditional love for each of us and apologize for misunderstanding Kami-sama's heart. I continue to pray for blessings while appreciating and apologizing to Kami-sama.

Parents also continue to pray not only during specific periods but also for the entire life of their children. Their prayers include appreciation, apology and request for the children's past, present, and future. I hope to have the heart of a parent so I can continuously pray for both my family as well as for others. By developing a parental heart, I will pray for anyone who needs help, with a single heart and never give up praying for the person. I can be saved by having parental prayers because I can stay positive through praying.

Praying is important in understanding the relationship between Kami-sama and us. Kami-sama is our Divine Parent. Kami-sama wants to take care of us. I believe we can pray for anyone who needs help with parental love, whether it is a young person or an older person. I shall pray for them wholeheartedly with trust in Kami-sama and a positive heart.



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TEACHING FROM KONKOKYO "KYOTEN"

I became forty-one in 1871, the year before my unlucky year. I went to the Hiromae and expressed my anxiety. Konko-Sama said, "Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama is the parent kami of all people. Why would He let His precious children suffer? Think of yourself as a parent of your own children, then try to understand. Relying on Kami-Sama regularly is the same as being friends with Kami-Sama. He will even listen to your unacceptable requests. He will turn major misfortunes into minor ones and sweep them away."

Since there are austerities in any faith, I asked what kind of austerities I should undergo to agree with the heart of Kami. He imparted, "In this world, there are austerities of fire and water, and people who practice various taboos. But in my Faith, you need not practice such austerities. Instead of donning a white robe and going on a pilgrimage, think of your everyday work as practicing religious austerities. Then receive divine blessings."

For the sake of the world and its people, if you are able to live a happy and harmonious life and able to pursue your work with gratitude, these will be your blessings. This is how to agree with the heart of Kami-Sama."

[Konkokyo Kyoten Gorikai II: Fukushima, Gihe'e #8, Page 27, Konkokyo Honbu 1987]



2013 JANUARY SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

1	9am	New Year's Day Service (Tue)
6	9am	Sunday Service – Shintokai Meeting
13	9am	Monthly Service for the Founder and Successive Spiritual Heads – One for the Goyo (Shide making)
20	9am	Sunday Service – One for the Goyo (Cleaning)
27	9am	Monthly Service for Divine Parent and Mitma Spirits
1/25–1/27 Joint Missionary Women's Society Seminar (KMH, KCNA, Japan)		



TEACHING OF REV. MASAYUKI KODAMA (1903-1974)

FOUNDING MINISTER OF KONKO MISSION OF HONOLULU

Oya Gami-sama's (Divine Parent's) love and benevolence are expressed in His desire for us to receive all of His blessings and become able to create believers like Ikigami Konko Daijin (the Founder). Without His love and benevolence, man will merely exist and neither life nor bodies will be begun, nor will food, clothing, or dwelling be made merely by man thinking or working, neither will advancement in education result merely by man thinking about it.

This is fundamental; we must understand this. If we do not understand this, it is as if we are refusing God's blessings and hence our happiness will gradually diminish.

In return for the love and benevolence of Oya Gami-sama (Divine Parent) we feel that we want to help save God. In order to help God we,

1. Devotedly pray for blessings;
2. Attend church with devotion and pray for blessings;
3. Consider our occupation as aids to God; work without regard to hard or easy jobs, like or dislikes, convenience or inconvenience, and whether the remunerations is plenty or little.
4. Do service for our church (Konkokyo).

We must not accept Oya Gami-sama's love and benevolence as good things and be dependent on it but must live a life of creating, of producing.

1. Creating good character.
2. Creating good body.
3. Creating good things (money).

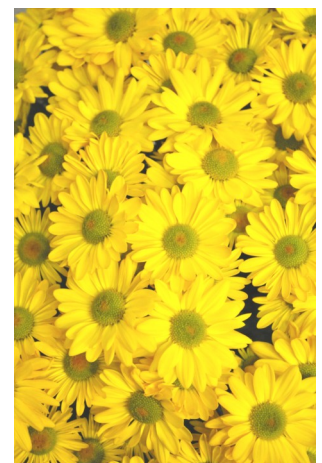
With this life of creating we will live a life of mutual dependence with God (*Aiyo Kakeyo no Seikatsu*).

Merely recognizing Oya Gami-sama's love and being grateful and being dependent upon it, is not a true religious life.

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Translated by Mr. Norman Kobayashi

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**WE ARE ALL BELOVED CHILDREN
ALLOWED TO LIVE IN THE DIVINE VIRTUE**

YEAR END CELEBRATION POTLUCK PARTY

Date: Sunday, December 23, 2012

Time: After Monthly Service (Approximately 10:30 a.m.)

Let's enjoy games and food to celebrate the Year ending!

**END OF YEAR APPRECIATION SERVICE
AND YEAR END CHURCH CLEANUP**

Date: Sunday, December 30, 2012

Time: Service starts at 9:00 a.m.

Let us thank Divine Parent for the year 2012 as we have received many blessings through attending the service and cleaning the church.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

Date: Tuesday, January 1, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Let us have new years resolution and prayer for our well being for the year 2013 having appreciative and reformed heart.

Konkokyo Declaration

As humans, who are all allowed to live by the Great Universe,

We accept and respect all lives as being precious,

And pledge to manifest an ideal world where

Kami and people,

People and people, and people and all things

Live together through an Interdependent (*Aiyo kakeyo*) relationship.

The Movement for the Mutual Fulfillment of Kami and Me

I will seek and receive Mediation

I will realize the blessings of Kami

I will live a joyful life of appreciation

I will be one with Kami

I will pray for, help, and guide others

To actualize the Way of Kami and people

