

# Tenrikyo

newsletter



## America Women's Association Convention

On May 17th, the America Women's Association Convention was held. Participants performed the service, discussed preparations for the 140th anniversary of Oyasama, and enjoyed a lovely tea party. The Young Women's Group held a "Following the Footsteps of Kokan" gathering and prepared sandwich packs for donation to the Downtown Women's Center.

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**June 2025**

# “A Work in Progress” by Bishop Fukaya

## - Pride -

This month, the Young Men’s Association of America Convention will be held. We hope for as many members as possible to participate. Furthermore, we hope that all members will fully embody the true spirit of Arakitoryo (Pioneers) and actively devote themselves to their association activities during this final year of preparation for the Anniversary of Oyasama.

On August 30th and 31st, we will hold a study seminar on the Tenrikyo sacred scriptures, with Doctor Ikuo Higashibaba of Tenri University and Reverend Takahiko Hayashi, head minister of America West Church, serving as lecturers. This session offers an excellent opportunity to deepen our understanding of the teachings and our faith through the study of the original scriptures.

It will also provide valuable insights on building human relationships and navigating our daily lives. It is a rare opportunity to learn from Dr. Higashibaba, and such chances may not come again. As the session will be conducted in English, we strongly encourage as many English speaking members as possible to not miss this valuable opportunity.

Registration is available via the Mission Headquarters website. Please check there for more details. Thank you very much.

Now, let us reflect on the topic of “pride.”

It is fair to say that every person possesses some degree of pride. As long as we are alive (kept alive) we inevitably carry a certain amount of pride as human beings. From that perspective, I believe that pride seems to be something that we need in life.

Wouldn’t you agree that this kind of pride could be considered a “positive pride?”

However, there is also what might be called “negative pride.” In other words, when pride becomes “excessive.” When this happens, does it not become arrogance?

The word “pride” is originally English, but in modern Japanese society, it has become  
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## Coming Up

- \* Spiritual Development Course  
@ Mission HQ 6/15 - 7/12
- \* Oyasato Seminar  
@ Church Headquarters (Tenri) 7/16 - 7/22
- \* Children’s Pilgrimage  
@ Church Headquarters (Tenri) 7/24 - 7/30

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# *May Monthly Service Prayer*

*May 18, 2025*

Before You, God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, who is enshrined in this altar, I, Hiroshi Alexander Fukaya, Bishop of the Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters in America, invoke with reverence.

Dear God the Parent, looking forward to see our joyous life, You created this world and human beings. Over the ages, You have provided us with Your blessings in the world and within our bodies. You continue to protect us with Your unchanging protection and boundless and deep parental love, for which we truly grateful.

With this gratitude always in mind, we express our heartfelt thanks each morning and night, as we devote ourselves to the path of single-heartedly helping others be saved, to make repayment for Your blessings.

As this fine day is our May monthly service, from now, receiving the truth of Jiba, we service performers will spiritedly perform the seated service and teodori service dance.

Looking forward to this day, we Yoboku and followers have gathered here to give thanks for your daily blessings and to pray for Your unchanging parental love. In witnessing our spirited singing, God the Parent, please become spirited as well.

Yesterday, we were grateful for the successful conclusion of our Women's Association convention. As they progress toward Oyasama's 140th Anniversary, I ask that You continue to guide their members to engage in their pre-anniversary activities, in a unity of mind.

Also, from last month to today, we have performed Hinokishin Day activities in our communities and we ask that this helps to spread the fragrance of the teachings.

Furthermore, the Student Association will hold their Spring Conference this month from the 24th to the 26th. I pray that this event will encourage these students who will shoulder this path going forward.

In light of the wars, conflicts, and natural disasters that we are shown in the world today, we are determined to seek Your intention, to devote ourselves to single-heartedly help others be saved, and to take proactive steps in missionary and salvation work.

Along with providing tools of the path for the next generation, we pledge to unite the minds of all of in our diocese towards Oyasama's 140th anniversary.

Dear God the Parent, please accept our sincerity so that, even one day sooner, the hearts of all people will be purified and that this world will be transformed into one in which all people mutually help one another. In unison with the whole congregation, I humbly pray that You bless us so.

## May Monthly Service Sermon

### by Rev. Satoru Onishi

#### *~The Mind Alone~*

**W**e have just completed the May monthly service of the Mission Headquarters in America, united in mind and in high spirits, together with the Bishop and Mrs. Fukaya as the core.

I am very delighted for this, and as I was appointed to deliver a sermon, I would like to share with you some of my thoughts for a while. It is my hope you would feel this is a short sermon. May I ask for your kind attention?

For the members of America Women's Association, continuing from yesterday's annual convention, thank you for taking part in today's service. I would also like to congratulate you, from the bottom of my heart, for having successfully completed the convention. I believe that you all dedicated yourselves, in your respective roles, as the foundation of the path not only for America with your ability to giving birth to and rearing children, which is absolutely necessary for the development of the path ever since the founding of Teaching.

I personally think that this ability to give birth to and rearing children is not limited only to women. We are expert in how we hold our mindset, how we align our mind, how we use our minds and how we dedicate our minds. We do this in a genuine manner,

not by formality. When it is obvious that someone did something for you, we can easily express our thankfulness to that person. However, when things are done behind the scenes or the parental heart that is hidden in the act are difficult to recognize, we often take it for granted and let it slip by.

I think this goes well with men. I also think the Guiding Principles of Arakitoryo, Pioneers of the Path, is not limited to the Young Men's Association members. Let's replace the word Arakitoryo with Women's Association members.

“We, Women's Association members, shall dedicate ourselves spiritedly to single-hearted salvation and be the vanguard for world salvation.”

Is there anything you feel odd? What is salvation work for Women's Association members? What is being vanguard for world salvation? I think the path of American and Canada is a fruit of the effort made together with one's significant other. I don't think this cannot be achieved only by one side.

“We, Women's Association members, shall sow seeds of sincerity at Jiba so that we may receive the blessings of the Parent.”

Instead of only during Hinokishin Corps time, I would like us to do hinokishin whenever we return to Jiba and sow the seeds of sincerity.

“We, Women's Association members,



Rev. Satoru Onishi, head minister of  
California Church

shall keep the Divine Model in mind at all times and live with a mind that will bring joy to Oyasama.”

Whenever things occur, think of what would Oyasama do? How would Oyasama think? What would Oyasama say? Let us go through our daily lives with such interpretations based on faith. What do you think?

Next, I would like to talk about the virtue of giving birth to and rearing children. I think we can interpret in a different way.

That is to give birth to and rearing the successors of the path. Giving birth to successors of the path can also be said to search and discover one. In my opinion, virtue can be something we have learned from the teachings.

I would like to stress that these are all my own opinions. Whether you agree with me or not is all up to you.

What I want to say here is to share how we

align our minds, how we use our minds, and how we dedicate ourselves. Let us, Yoboku and followers in our diocese, advance together, in unity of mind, toward the 140th Anniversary of Oyasama. You may all know that the pre-anniversary activity period this time is for each of us to set individual goals and dedicate our effort until January 26, the day of the 140th Anniversary.

Things that should be accomplished in your respective roles vary extensively.

The day of origin of Oyasama anniversaries is Oyasama’s withdrawal from physical life, on the Lunar calendar date, January 26, 1887, to urge the spiritual growth of the children. It was done out of parental love for children of the path. Further, we are taught that the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching is also out of parental love for children.

God the Parent created human beings and the world to see humans lead the Joyous Life by respecting and helping one another and for God to share in that joy. As the means to achieve Joyous Life, the service was taught and the truth of the Sazuke is bestowed. The consistent will of God the Parent and Oyasama is to save everyone in the world ever since the founding of Teaching and until the day of the construction of the Joyous Life world is accomplished.

Even though we are following this teaching, considering the current state of the world as well as the state of our path, we are yet premature. Then are we not able to live a life overflowing with joy, by respecting and

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helping one another, until the construction of the Joyous Life world is accomplished?

In the Instruction Four, we are taught,

*...if we remain focused on working for the salvation of others, our minds will gradually become purified without us even realizing it and will allow us to be filled with joy and brightness.*

We are also taught,

*Yearning for Jiba and bringing ourselves into complete accord with God the Parent's intention will surely lead us to the day when we gain a convincing insight.*

When are we able to attain convincing insight that are promised to us?

There may be many who were able to attain convincing insight. What do you think?

Is there anyone who is yet to attain such convincing insight?

There may be those who were fully convinced but had forgotten quite quickly. I personally have been able to see the convincing insight. No matter how many times I come across such moments, I am filled with gratitude. There are moments that I say "I see!" "I'm so thankful." "This is just wonderful!" Have you had similar moments?

Whatever you see or hear, or however challenging a situation may seem to be, by saying, "this is wonderful!" or "I'm



thankful," we can take a step forward to seek what can be seen as wonderful or what can be thankful for.

Also, I am convinced of the existence of God and that Oyasama is indeed everliving. In addition to expressing my gratitude, I feel God the Parent and Oyasama close even when I pray for difficult requests. Am I the only one like that? I feel that I always pray for difficult requests.

Earlier, I mentioned that "When it is obvious that someone did something for you, we can easily express our thankfulness to that person. However, when things are done behind the scenes or the parental heart that is hidden in the act are difficult to recognize, we often take it for granted and let it slip by." I think this is not always applicable to positive things.

We all know the teachings of the Eight Dusts of the Mind: Miserliness, Covetousness, Hatred, Self-Love, Grudge Bearing, Anger, Greed, and Arrogance. We are also God dislikes falsehood and flattery.

When we re-visit the Eight Dusts of the

Mind, the origin of these eight dusts is caring only for oneself. The path we hope and the path we should advance is the path of mutual respect and mutual help. The opposite is caring only for yourself, being self-centered.

However, we do care about ourselves. Even though we follow these teachings, we sometimes unconsciously care about ourselves. It is natural we behave that way. There may be someone who had never been selfish. But what I feel thankful is that when we administer the Sazuke, we are pure in mind. When we pray earnestly to God the Parent and Oyasama to help the person you are praying for, our minds are pure. When we perform the prayer service, we are pure in mind.

Therefore, I think we can say that by increasing the number of and the length of salvation work as much as we can, we can purify our minds. As a result, we would be able to connect ourselves to God the Parent and Oyasama to purify our minds. Then as

the Instruction Four teaches, “if we remain focused on working for the salvation of others, our minds will gradually purified without us even realizing it and will allow us to be filled with joy and brightness.” I think we will be able to get to this.

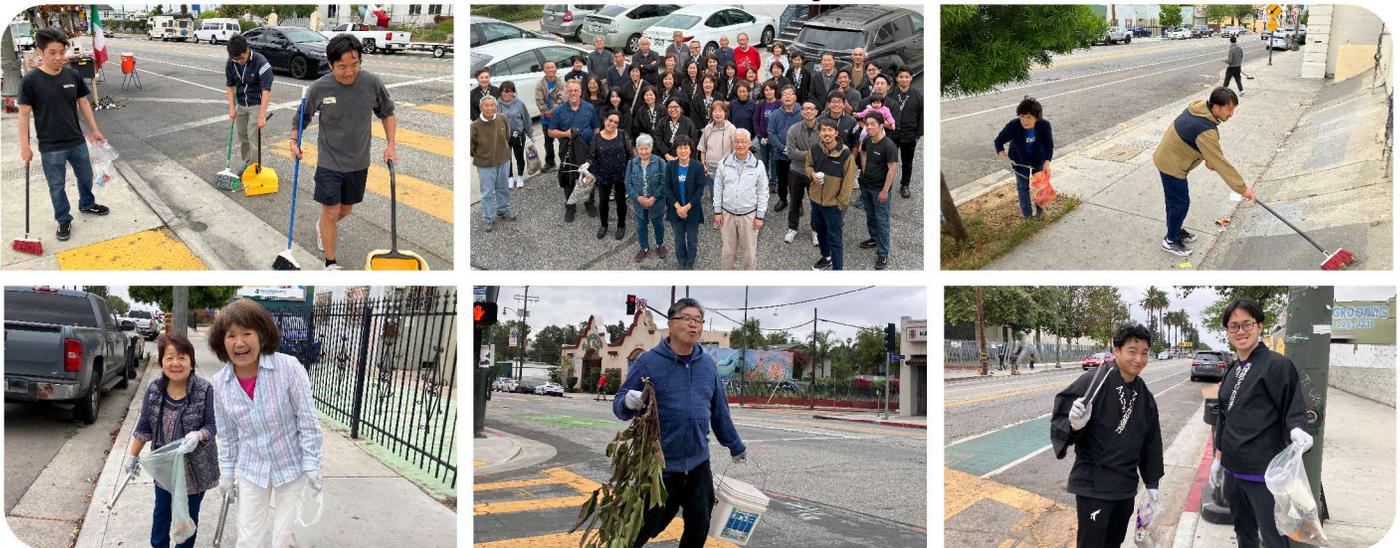
This path is the path to purify the mind, the path to dedicating our minds. It is the path of being spirited in mind and it is the path to replace the mind. God will accept our mind and will show us the blessings according to our minds. Making the anniversary of Oyasama as a milestone for our spiritual maturity, for the remaining 8 months, let us dedicate ourselves in performing the service and administering the Sazuke that are to purify our minds. Let us exert our effort for this joyfully, energetically, and spiritedly.

Growing spiritually can only be accomplished through the service to our parents, service, and the Sazuke.

Thank you so much for your kind attention.

*(translation by K. Fumioka)*

**Hinokishin Day**



## Annual Women's Association Convention



## Tenrikyo Students Association Spring Conference



**1) JUNE MONTHLY SERVICE (6/15)**

Officiant: Bishop

Assistants: Marlon Okazaki, Zen Yukimoto

Director: Kuniaki Hasegawa

Attendants: Hamilton Niwa, Jonathan Nomachi

Offerings Officiant: Robert Shimizu

Sermon: Kyoko Watanabe (J)

**2) CHURCH & FELLOWSHIP AFFAIRS**

- California Church: Church Head Minister Appointment, Request for Special Service  
Divine Sanction (Scheduled): July 26, 2025 Successor: Taichi Tony Onishi  
Enshrinement Service: August 31, 2025
- Illinois Church: Church Head Minister Appointment, Request for Special Service  
Divine Sanction (Scheduled): July 26, 2025 Successor: Hiroaki Takagaki  
Enshrinement Service: October 4, 2025

**3) PASSING AWAY FOR REBIRTH**

On April 26 at 1:00 AM, Rev. Sachiko Nakatsuchi, head minister of the Central Coast Church, passed away for rebirth at the age of 97. The transfer of spirit ceremony was conducted on April 28 at 4:00 PM. The funeral service will be conducted on June 22 at 1:00 PM, at North America Church. We would like to acknowledge and appreciate her many years of service and dedication.

**4) 85TH AMERICA SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE (SHUYOKAI)**

The 85th Spiritual Development Course at the Mission Headquarters will be held from June 15 (Sun) to July 12 (Sat). This year, we will only be holding the English class.

**5) TENRIKYO LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (TLI) APPLICATION**

We would like to communicate a few major updates to the TLI application for the Japanese Language Department in 2026.

Eligibility:

1. Those who completed formal education for a minimum of 12 years.
2. Those who have passed N5 in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (or equivalent).

When applying for the Japanese Language Department, Japanese ability of N5 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency (or equivalent) is required when submitting the application.

- For those who have not passed N5, applicants will be given study materials from the Japanese Language Department in May of the application year, in order to prepare for skill certification test, to be taken by the end of August. Depending on the results of this skill certification test, should TLI certify that the applicant's proficiency is equivalent to that of N5, the application will be accepted, and accommodations should be made so that the application process itself will not be hindered.

Regarding application distribution:

- As of April 25, downloadable application forms are available on the TLI website.

Website: [https://kaigai.tenrikyo.or.jp/tli/top/?page\\_id=1021](https://kaigai.tenrikyo.or.jp/tli/top/?page_id=1021)

- The website also contains details regarding the study requirements for the skill certification test, which can be found below.

Website: [https://kaigai.tenrikyo.or.jp/tli/top/?page\\_id=1079](https://kaigai.tenrikyo.or.jp/tli/top/?page_id=1079)

**6) AMERICA ICHIRETSU-KAI SCHOLARSHIP**

We are now accepting applications for the 2025 America Ichiretsukai Scholarship. Children of church, fellowship, and mission center heads who have been accepted to attend college are eligible. Application forms are available at the Mission Headquarters. The application deadline is June 30 (Mon). New recipients will be announced on the August monthly service day. Those wishing to continue to receive scholarship in the second, third, or fourth year will not have to resubmit applications; however, if students plan to take time off from school or transfer to another school, they must report it to the Mission Headquarters by August 31.

**7) LAY MINISTER PREPARATORY COURSE / HEAD MINISTER QUALIFICATION COURSE**

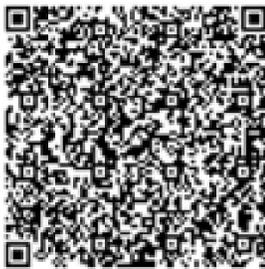
Please contact the Mission Headquarters by the end of July if you are interested in attending the Lay Minister Preparatory Course (beginning from August 27), or by the end of August if you are interested in attending the Head Minister Qualification Course (beginning from September 27). Each course needs at least 5 applicants in order to hold an English class. If this requirement is not met, then students will be provided simultaneous interpretation or “pull-out instruction.”

**8) REPORT FOR RETURNEES OF THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF OYASAMA**

The Mission Headquarters has created a 140th Anniversary of Oyasama Returnees Report. If you are planning to return, please submit this form by October 1. You may also access this report via Google Form by using the following QR Code.

**9) REGARDING BESSEKI LECTURES DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND APRIL, 2026**

As the amount of expected Besseki Lecture attendees is anticipated to greatly increase during these months before and after the 140th Anniversary of Oyasama, the days when live lectures are offered will be determined in advance. You may view this schedule by visiting the Church Headquarters homepage, as well as via the Overseas Department homepage. The QR Codes for both pages can be found below:



Church HQ Calendar



Overseas Department Calendar

**MISSIONARY COMMITTEE**

\* Starting from July of 2025, we would like to begin monthly service duty at the Mission Headquarters for church, fellowship, and mission center heads. A duty calendar will be sent out at a later date.

**NURTURING & EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

\* We held a joint orientation over Zoom on May 18, (Sun) at 4PM (PDT), for students & parents/guardians of OS students from the mainland US and Hawaii.

\* This year, 13 students participated in the TSA Spring Conference.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

\* We have incorporated an ongoing section in the Ichiretsu/Newsletter to highlight everyone's efforts and activities leading up to the 140th anniversary of Oyasama so that we can share our events & ideas with all of our congregation members. Therefore, we would like to request churches, fellowships, districts, and individuals to submit your activity reports & pictures to us (Kawakami: kamishuyo@hotmail.com or Hayashi: takhayashi@gmail.com).

\* The Mission HQ Homepage has been updated with new content, including monthly service sermons, "SoulFire" reflection videos, and "Stories Inspired by Oyasama." Please visit our homepage to view these videos, and let those around you know as well. Also, the domain name has been changed from Tenrikyo.com to TenrikyoAmericaCanada.org .

**FUTURE PATH**

\* We are hosting a seminar on the Tenrikyo sacred scriptures during the weekend of August 30-31, 2025 at the Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters in America. The sacred scriptures include the Ofudesaki, Mikagura-Uta, and Osashizu. Additional program information can be found on the Mission Headquarters website via the QR Code.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mission Headquarters via email [Tenrikyoprograms@gmail.com](mailto:Tenrikyoprograms@gmail.com) or by phone at (323) 261-3379.



**Special Guest Speakers**  
**Dr. Ikuo Higashibaba and Rev. Takahiko Hayashi**

**August 30-31, 2025**  
**Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters, Los Angeles**

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Information packet



Online application form  
Due July 1, 2025



\* District Convention:

New York District: June 22, 2025 (Sun)

1 PM @ New York Center

Sacramento District: June 28, 2025 (Sat)

10AM @ Sacramento Church

### **BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION**

\* The BGA Camp will be held from June 20 (Fri) ~ June 22 (Sun).

\* The Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba General Group is planned for July 24~30. Also, the BGA International Hinokishin Corps will be held from July 25~30. Please submit applications as soon as possible.

\* The 2025 BGA Service Convention will be held on August 16 (Sat). The service roster was distributed last month, so for those who did not yet sign up, please do so as soon as possible. Also, following the Mission Headquarters monthly service, we will hold service practice in the Sanctuary and in the BGA Room from 1 PM, so please join us.

\* Please send an email to [moto1884@icloud.com](mailto:moto1884@icloud.com) if there are any new BGA members, newborn or new to the North America congregation.

\* Let's share stories about Oyasama with BGA members! Visit your churches as a family and engage in hinokishin together.

### **TYMANA**

\* The TYMANA Convention was held on June 14 (Sat) from 10:30 AM. The afternoon featured hinokishin activities and the evening participants attended a game at Dodgers Stadium.

\* The 99th TYMA Convention will be held in the Inner Courtyard of Church Headquarters on October 25 (Sat), from 1 PM. TYMANA is offering subsidies for any members that would like to attend. If you are interested, please email TYMANA ([seinenkainorthamerica@gmail.com](mailto:seinenkainorthamerica@gmail.com)).

\* Please send your ideas and suggestions for future activities to this email ([seinenkainorthamerica@gmail.com](mailto:seinenkainorthamerica@gmail.com)).

### **NY CENTER**

\* 6/22 TWA New York District Convention

\* 6/29 Yard Sale



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integrated into the Japanese language. For example, we use expressions like “this person has too much pride,” or “that person has no pride at all.”

“Pride” can mean “honor, self-respect, and self-esteem,” but it is also defined as “a feeling of confidence in one’s own talents, individuality, or achievements, along with the desire to have one’s superiority and abilities properly recognized by others. It also refers to the effort to maintain a dignified attitude in the pursuit of that recognition.” (Revised Edition of the Nihon Kokugo Daijiten Japanese dictionary)

Additionally, it seems to carry the meaning of “kyōji. 矜持” (pride; dignity; self-respect)

Perhaps this “maintaining a dignified attitude” is what can truly be called the human virtue of “pride.”

Ms Hitomi Hatakeyama, who founded the “Nireijuku” cram school, has written that “self-esteem,” “pride,” and “kyōji” all have different meanings. It is a bit long, but here is an excerpt.

- Self-esteem:

It is the feeling of accepting yourself as irreplaceable, embracing both your strengths and weaknesses just as they are. Instead of worrying about what others think, what is more important is “how you feel about yourself.” People with high self-esteem accept both their strengths and weaknesses. They understand and accept their true selves, so they are able to take on challenges without fear of failure. Even if they fail,

they don’t see it negatively, but face it and use it as a growth opportunity.

Additionally, people with high self-esteem can take care of themselves because they accept who they are.

Those who are able to value themselves tend to feel less inferior when compared to others, and are not swayed by people’s opinions, allowing them to interact with others in a more balanced way. People with high self-esteem are often said to be good at communicating.

- Pride:

In the sense of feeling proud of oneself, pride is sometimes used synonymously with self-esteem. However, the major difference between self-esteem and pride lies in “whether or not one accepts their true self.”

People with high pride cannot accept their weaknesses. They only focus on their strengths to maintain their confidence. To hide their weaknesses, they may act strong, or they may not be able to rely on others in order to maintain their strong image.

Self-esteem is understanding and accepting yourself as who you are.

Pride is overestimating yourself.

Self-esteem values how you feel about yourself. Pride involves comparing yourself to others and feeling superior.

Self-esteem is accepting your weaknesses.

Pride is only focusing on your strengths and avoiding your weaknesses.

Kyōji: It refers to the feeling of pride in one’s abilities, experiences, and

achievements.

The first character of Kyōji is “矜”, and is read as “hokoru,” meaning “to be proud of your abilities.”

The abilities you possess, the skills you have acquired, and the experience you've built up over the years are the foundation for your confidence that is not easily shaken even when compared to others.

Both pride and kyōji involve having confidence in your own abilities, but the key difference is that kyōji is based on your own experiences, achievements, and what you have cultivated personally. In contrast, pride is based on comparison with others and the evaluations people give of you.

(Source: Yahoo Japan News: “The Differences Between Self-Esteem, Pride, and Kyōji,” 11/26/2023)

Self-esteem is the mindset that allows you to accept yourself as who you are. It's the ability to look at yourself honestly, without “pretending to be something” you're not. When you have this kind of mindset, you can honestly apologize when you've made a mistake, reflect on it, and use it as a lesson to move forward to the next step.

Kyōji is based on past experiences and represents a strong heart of conviction and an inner, unwavering heart. In Japan, there are people called “shokunin” (craftsmen), and it could be said that these individuals embody the spirit of kyōji.

Pride can be compared to “arrogance” of the “Eight Dusts of the mind.” The

teachings around “arrogance” describe it as “to be puffed up with self-importance; to be domineering; to look down on others by abusing our wealth or power; to hold others in contempt by boasting that we are knowledgeable; to pretend to know what we really do not; and to find fault with others.”

I believe that having a high sense of “pride” is similar to possessing the dust of “Arrogance.” This refers to pride in a negative sense. When someone holds this kind of “pride,” they can no longer look at themselves honestly. Even if they understand that they have done something wrong, they find it difficult to apologize, especially to those who are younger or in a lower position.

When you become aware that your mind is in such a state, first of all, you need to try to sincerely apologize to others. Doing so may help you sweep away the “dust” of “arrogance.” Since it may be easier to apologize to someone older or in a higher position, it might be okay to begin there, but ultimately it is essential to be able to apologize to those younger or beneath you in position.

For those of us who are of the Tenrikyo faith, I believe it is more important to have “self-esteem” rather than “pride.” In addition, by deepening our religious experiences, it becomes important that we develop a sense of “kyōji” as Yoboku. We must be careful not to let ourselves be governed by a distorted sense of pride.

*(translation by O. Osawa)*

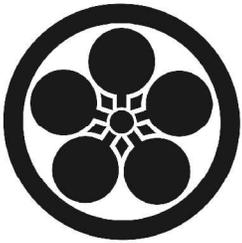
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# TOWARD THE JOYOUS LIFE

**TENRIKYO** came into existence on October 26, 1838, when God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, became revealed through Oyasama, Miki Nakayama, to save all humankind. God the Parent is God of Origin and God of Truth who created this world and has nurtured and protected us ever since.



God the Parent created human beings so that by seeing us lead the Joyous Life, God could share in our joy. Leading the Joyous Life is, therefore, the purpose of our existence. Since God is our Parent, we are all God's children; thus, we should realize that we are all brothers and sisters.

**“With human beings : the body is a thing lent by God, a thing borrowed. The mind alone is yours.”**  
Osashizu : June 1, 1889

**We are taught that we borrow our bodies from God the Parent and only our minds truly belong to us; further, through the proper use of our minds, we will be able to lead the Joyous Life.**