

## **Chapter 1** What It Is To Be Human

#### What the World Revolves Around

#### The Great Structure of Life

What is important in an ever-changing world? Is it politics, the economy, education, culture, science or technology? The flow of time and events occur within a very large structure. *Kami* has given us the following *Shinji* about how the world is structured:

### Shinji

This world revolves around unmei and jittai.

Politics, the economy, education, humanity's efforts, experience as well as the power and existence of this world are all in the hands of Kami.

They fall within unmei and jittai.

# *Unmei* Is the Potential That Allows Each Person to Contribute to Society.

*Kami* states that this world revolves around *unmei* and *jittai*. What exactly is *unmei* and *jittai*?

Our understanding of *unmei* varies from person to person. For example, it is often associated with ideas such as "good" or "bad" luck or perhaps an inescapable fate; thus something to be feared. Others may believe *unmei* can be achieved through one's own efforts or that it simply does not exist at all. In spite of the varying beliefs people may have regarding *unmei*, many nonetheless feel or believe there is an intangible force at work in this world. *Unmei* cannot be seen yet it exists and is essential to this world. *Unmei* is a positive