

260328-Video Prayer Gathering_Masami-sensei, Yuka-sensei, Maki-sensei, Rika-sensei

[All three]

Good morning, everyone.

[Rika-sensei]

Today is Saturday, March 28th. Thank you for joining the Video Prayer Gathering.

Today, Yuka-sensei has been guiding younger members at the HSK training camp since this morning. We are now in the spring break season, and prayer gatherings are spreading to various places, with younger people gradually increasing in number.

Also, in this calm spring season, we are truly enjoying the joy of expanding the circle of prayer, including this Video Prayer Gathering.

[Maki-sensei]

I recently attended to someone who passed away. She had walked a very difficult path in life, and what she told me was: 'It was only after getting sick that I found friends I could truly speak to from the heart,' and 'It was only after getting sick that I began to be blessed with good relationships.' Her former husband temporarily came back to support her, and she said, 'I wish we could have gotten along like this before I got sick, but because of the illness, I was able to appreciate his goodness once again,' and 'I was able to have the experience of reconnecting and being supported.' She told me, about four days before she passed away, 'My life, in these final moments, is like a summation of all the suffering up until now, and I am re-recognizing the meaning of various things in many ways. I am gaining so much learning. Actually, this is a time overflowing with bliss.'

As I have told you many times, if we keep our awareness fixed on the physical body, the various fading away phenomena that occur in this world become things we want to look away from, or things that cause us suffering.

And we sometimes think, 'Why is something like this happening to me?' or when people around us and even I myself look at it, 'Why does this person have to go through such hardship alone?' 'Why do so many misfortunes keep happening to this person?'

We do not know when the time of graduation from that learning will come — neither I nor the person themselves knows — but the time will surely come when one receives the meaning of the fading away that one has sincerely faced.

When we live believing in this, we come to understand that even in the process until the fading away completely disappears, there are lessons, realizations, and treasures that can be received.

In her case, that time was the last one or two months. But there may be people who think, 'Why does she have to suffer so much in those final two months?' However, those two months may have been a time of being reborn anew.

We may not know when that time will come, but I believe we are entitled to hold great hope in the fact that there is always something to receive.

It is difficult right now. But when things are difficult, there is no need to force yourself to be positive. When you are struggling, it is okay to be helped by people who can assist you, by fellow seekers who believe in your potential, by companions connected through the understanding that 'we are divine.' They are beings with whom you can speak about Universal Truth, and it is okay to let them help you.

However, what must never be forgotten in the process of being helped is: 'We are originally spirits from God, and we are beings who will surely be led to salvation. The process of prayer to reach that point, the process of self-refinement, is the fading away, and it is not something that harms us — there is always something to receive from it.'

The time will surely come when you receive the significance of the fading away phenomena you have experienced. So I believe it is important to keep praying: 'We are originally divine. All of humanity is divine. May Peace Prevail on Earth. I am being protected.'

If we continue to do so, the time will surely come when we live within Universal Truth. By continuing to give thanks to the Guardian Deities and Spirits through the present suffering, we will surely arrive there. It is a world filled with every kind of realization, a world where one can live in a state of mind filled solely with gratitude.

My encounter with the woman I spoke of earlier made me feel and see such things, and it was a truly precious time for me as well. I wanted to share this with all of you today.

Among all of you, there may be those who are suffering right now, those who are going through difficult times. At such times, let us help one another and support each other.

In that process, you may think, 'Why is this happening only to me?' or 'Why do I have to go through something like this?'

But surely, your Guardian Spirits and Guardian Deities are providing you with a very precious opportunity to realize that you are originally a divine being. Through this suffering, you are being shown the opportunity to turn your eyes toward the infinity within yourself — infinite love, gratitude, Universal Truth, and life. Even if you cannot see it now, please keep the understanding that this is what is being shown to you through the fading away, and please live your daily life while cherishing prayer.

《Maki-sensei's English Translation》

[Rika-sensei]

Thank you very much. Well then, let us begin with prayer. Thank you.

《Prayer for the World Peace Touitsu》

Thank you very much.

[Maki-sensei]

Thank you very much. Now, let us proceed to today's special program.

In the special program two weeks ago, we talked about stillness and silence as a theme, comparing our existence to the ocean. If the

fading away is like the rough waves on the surface of the ocean, then we go deeper, into the depths beyond those turbulent waves.

Then, we arrive at a realm of stillness. By connecting deeply to the stillness within ourselves — like diving deep into the ocean — we can surely connect with that place of stillness.

And by connecting with that place, we shared that we are truly being protected, and that even in the midst of the fading away, even while the fading away is occurring, a quiet, divine self simultaneously exists within us. We took the time together to connect with that stillness.

Today, if last time was about connecting in stillness, today I would like to make it a time to more consciously connect with the divinity within ourselves.

We live our daily lives immersed in various energies, vibrations, and resonances. Using the ocean metaphor, when you are in a boat in the middle of a storm, being tossed about by raging waves, it is difficult to 'reach the realm of stillness' even in prayer. There are times when you think, 'Where is the stillness within me?' and want to reach it but cannot.

In such circumstances, Byakko Shinkou Kai offers various tools and methods that make it possible to break through the darkness and connect with one's divinity, even while surrounded by the fading away, the erroneous thoughts from past lifetimes to the present, karma, and all kinds of energies.

Specifically, these include the IN, breathing exercises, drawing mandalas, and chanting declarations. Each one is a precious method for connecting with the divinity within ourselves, no matter what circumstances we may be in.

Through these practices, no matter how thick the clouds covering the sun may be, if even a small gap opens, light pours through without having to clear away all the thick clouds.

In this way, prayer, the IN, breathing exercises, and reading declarations are methods for creating those small gaps. So today, I

would like to create a program that places emphasis on 'consciously connecting with our own divinity.'

Today, by forming the Divine Spark IN, we will gently open the 'curtain of fading away' — the phenomena appearing and disappearing from past lifetimes to the present — within ourselves. Through this, we will first feel the divinity within us, the warm sun inside of me, and by creating that gap through ourselves, we will deliver the light of divinity to the people around us, to our families, and to the world we are in. That is what we will do today.

First, I would like to begin with a reading of Goi-sensei's poem called 'Hibiki' (Resonance). How did Goi-sensei speak about resonance? And through Goi-sensei's words, we will break through the rough waves and the erroneous karmic thoughts from past lifetimes to the present, and connect with our divinity.

First, let us deepen our intellectual understanding of what 'resonance' is as an energy and what it represents. After that, we will form the IN together to connect with it. I would now like to ask Rika-sensei to read 'Hibiki' for us.

[Rika-sensei]

Thank you very much.

As Maki-sensei explained, truly, at the very time that the fading away is occurring, the work of connecting with our divinity by turning toward the source is simultaneously happening within us.

And by opening a gap in the clouds, connecting with the light of life, and carrying out the Divine Spark IN and prayer with our own will amidst the workings of the fading away, blending the fading away into the light and truly creating something new — I think this is a very important axis for today's program.

I will now read Goi-sensei's 'Hibiki.' Goi-sensei said that we who live in this world are always emitting various vibrations.

What kind of resonance, what kind of vibrations are we always emitting? When we quiet our minds and enter into stillness, we can feel the vibrations we are emitting, and furthermore, we can keep

changing and elevating those vibrations.

This poem says that a person who has come to know prayer, who knows the source of life and lives knowing the true essence, can elevate this 'resonance' as a true and good resonance. Please listen carefully.

This poem has the same title as Goi-sensei's book 'Hibiki.' It is on page 14. I believe it was a passage that Goi-sensei cherished very much, so please take a look at it if you have the chance.

Now, I will begin reading.

《Reading of 'Hibiki'》

Hibiki (Resonance)

Every morning, I leave for the dojo while listening to the bell of a certain Christian church.

The sound of that bell resonates in my heart with a sweet, soft, warm echo that melts the frozen air of winter.

On clear, sunny days, the harmony between the sunlight and the resonance of that bell even evokes images of a heavenly paradise.

This world is made entirely of the respective resonances of all things. Scientists call this 'vibration.' The vibrations of light, the resonance of sound, the resonance of thoughts — the interplay of these various resonances creates the world in which we live.

I wonder, what kind of resonance of thoughts are we emitting every day?

Is it a warm, soft resonance like the bell of a church? Or is it a cold, hard resonance like ice? The resonance of our own words and deeds, emitted unknowingly, affects people to varying degrees, and that influence returns to ourselves. It then becomes our own destiny, and when gathered on a large scale, it naturally determines the destiny of the human world. This is an absolute principle that cannot be faked.

Deception of words or deception of attitude will not do. The resonance of the heart that one truly emits, the resonance of

thoughts that human beings themselves emit, circulates and intersects in this world, sometimes giving rise to war, and sometimes becoming the force that builds peace.

If we are constantly emitting thoughts of anger, jealousy, and cruelty, it is not only ourselves and the person directly involved who are hurt and wounded — it means that the harmonious waves of this human world are disrupted and damaged to that extent.

If such thoughts arise, one must connect with the resonance that precedes those thoughts — that is, the vibration of light itself (God). This is called prayer. In other words, prayer is when a human being sets aside various thoughts for the moment and simply continues to think of what precedes those thoughts — the absolute light of the universe, God. There are no arguments or theories there. Only the intuition that precedes thought. It is the heart of an infant, just as it is. Simply focusing the mind. Simply praying. 'God, please let me be one with You.' At that moment, the true light of the universe shines upon this earthly world directly and purely through that person. This is called the true, the good resonance.

[Rika-sensei]

Thank you very much. Now, let us form the IN together with everyone.

As we discussed earlier, 'the thoughts we normally emit' — in a sense, they are resonances that appear as the fading away. It is not about denying them, but rather, they naturally appear and naturally fade away.

Right in the midst of that, in the gaps within it, we will connect with the resonance of our inner divinity through this IN — 'God, please let me be one with You,' 'God, thank you' — connecting with ourselves as we are completely enveloped within the heart of the Universal God. With this feeling, we will now form the IN seven times.

As we did last time, we will insert a brief pause after each IN. We will include moments of quiet time.

During that time, please feel how your own resonance gradually transforms into the light of the universe, and please form the IN while taking quiet time.

《Divine Spark IN 7 times in a row》

Thank you, everyone. We formed a wonderful IN together.

《Masami-sensei Talk》

[Masami-sensei]

Hello, everyone. I am very happy to be able to meet you all like this through the screen. Thanks to all of you, I am also extremely well. I am now 84 years old.

I have a slight fracture in my hip joint, but I keep walking every day, walking for two to three hours.

By living that way — without fearing my own condition, walking, sleeping, studying, reading books, and serving others according to my own senses — your forming the IN and praying has finally lifted Japan up, and the time has come at last for Japan to become a country that takes the initiative for World Peace.

That is because each and every one of you prays carefully every day, forms the IN, and circulates Goi-sensei's teachings like blood from your head to the tips of your toes. The wonderful divine blood of all of you improves yourselves and improves the Earth.

The time has come to broadcast to the world the greatness of your existence. Everyone, truly, thank you for your hard work over such a long time.

Like you, I have broken my legs here and there, but thanks to walking and walking and walking and purifying, Japan is truly respected by the world, and the number of people saying, 'Japan is wonderful. I definitely want to visit Japan,' is increasing.

Where I live now, there are a great many foreigners. Many people from abroad come to visit Japan, and I see many of them walking around, wanting to sightsee. Looking at such a scene, I feel that the day Goi-sensei prophesied — the day when Japan takes the initiative

for the world — has finally arrived.

Rather, the truth is that the Japanese people are wonderfully divine. There are divine people in other countries too — perhaps a fraction — but the humanity of Japan, almost every person, truly manifests divinity in their hearts in their daily lives.

That is because there are hundreds of thousands of people (including those in the other world) who directly knew Goi-sensei and his teachings. Through their prayers, purification, and the IN, Japan has finally, as I have clearly stated, reached the time to take the initiative. It is a country that is respected by the world.

That is the result of each and every one of you, each and every member, gathering at home, while walking, when gathering with many people, and when visiting the Fuji Sanctuary — praying and forming the IN earnestly, rain or shine, wind or snow.

Since that result has been manifested before my very eyes, I have gained even more confidence. I cannot just sit around — I want to continue to fulfill my mission to the very end, and walk around spreading the word that every person in Japan is divine, a Shinjin.

My friends in various countries, as well as Hiroo-sensei's friends — all of whom work at the top levels in their respective countries — all praise Japan.

They all know the greatness of Goi-sensei's IN. Whether they themselves form the IN or not does not matter. 'Knowing' means that eventually they too will connect to it. And this year, a new first step has begun.

This is entirely thanks to all the members, all of you who have continued to pray for World Peace, each and every one of you, and each and every one of you who have continued to form the IN — those who are elderly, those who are ill, those lying in hospital beds — and also the young grandchildren who are newly emerging. All these people are united in building Japan.

Therefore, I myself will no longer push my body so hard, and together with all of you, I intend to spend this coming year gently.

And as we watch the world, the time will come when many people feel a world of peace.

When that time comes, please take pride in what you have accomplished. Because we prayed, because we formed the IN, because we continued to form the IN and pray, whether sleeping or waking, at every moment — that is why such a situation manifests before our eyes.

Thanks to you all, the time Goi-sensei prophesied has finally come for Japan. Japan is a country of peace.

My friends also come from overseas. They say, 'Japan is good. Masami's country is good,' and I am praised.

It was not I who did it. It is thanks to each and every one of you who worked hard, prayed, and formed the IN.

Also, each and every Japanese person, even more so than people of other countries — even without connecting to Goi-sensei — there are many people in Japan who can admirably practice self-control.

Therefore, together with such people, let us finally make the world one. Let us remove the walls of national borders. 'I am from this country, an American, a German, a French person, an Italian, a Korean' — those walls will disappear.

And all of humanity is equal. Why is it equal? Because each and every one holds divinity in their heart. From the moment one is born in a physical body, one is born as a divine baby.

If divinity were to disappear, one would either die before being born, or be born as a weak child who passes away, or become ill and pass away. But here we are, living together with all of you. This is thanks to Goi-sensei's teachings.

And as forerunners of that mission, the members, the followers, and their families — even if they do not pray or form the IN themselves — are broadcasting through vibration to the entire world.

This is an invisible work. You may not be able to feel it, but I feel it very well, and Goi-sensei has said the same.

I am happy to meet you all like this today. The Japan we have built together with all of you — from now on, it is your era. No matter how old you may be, even at 99, please think there is still one more day, and continue to pray.

Please feel the greatness of Japan. Even when you go to the other world, please relax in the hands of Goi-sensei. I will do the same. Let us do our best a little more until that time comes.

Everyone, truly, truly, thank you for such a long time. There may be those spending time with family, those alone, those without relatives, and those who are ill. I am well aware of that.

But even so, you continue to pray and continue to form the IN. I can feel the resonance — the energy of the resonance of the IN that you are forming in your hearts.

Everyone, truly, all the members, thank you very much. Through the power of each and every one of you, I have been revived like this. Even with my legs impaired, I continue to walk, walking all around Japan. This is all thanks to your existence.

From now on, the peace of Japan will truly be realized. And let us remove the walls of national borders of each country.

All of humanity is one. With Japan at the center, forming a circle, in peace — illness will disappear, suffering will disappear, troubles will disappear, and a peaceful world will arrive.

Everyone, congratulations. And I express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you. Thank you for your continued support.

Well then, farewell. Thank you very much.

[Maki-sensei]

Thank you very much.

《Maki-sensei's English Translation》

So, Masami-sensei specially came and joined us, and she truly felt the resonance of your IN. I believe nearly 1,000 people are participating today, and just by forming the IN seven times together with all of you, 7,000 IN resonances have been sent out into the

world in this shared time. As Goi-sensei wrote, we first generate that resonance from within ourselves, and with that resonance, we purify our surroundings, dissolve all karma, and transform it into light. I am truly, truly grateful that we could spend such a wonderful time together with all of you.

Masami-sensei was also very grateful and came to participate so she could say a few words. I believe it is thanks to the wonderful IN of all of you. Thank you again today.

[Rika-sensei]

Yuka-sensei, would you like to say a few words?

[Yuka-sensei]

Yes, thank you.

Between Maki-sensei's talk, Goi-sensei's poem, and Masami-sensei's talk — what I am feeling right now is that what was in Goi-sensei's poem 'Hibiki' — 'the resonance of light itself, the resonance of God' — all of it is converging and reaching me from within.

As Rika-sensei mentioned, right now at the Fuji Sanctuary, young HSK trainees are there for their training, and watching them, I really think about this.

Not through theory or logic, but through the intuition that precedes thought, as it is also written here — the resonance of light itself, which has always been one with God within them, must have been what gave them the determination to 'become HSK trainees.' I can feel this just by being with them.

Maki-sensei's story, too — that person may not have been a member, but because the resonance of light itself continued to exist in the very depths of their being, no matter what hardship they faced, they were able to connect with that light at the very end, when everything else had faded away.

Conversely, no matter what circumstances arise, no matter what thoughts or actions we may have, if the resonance of light itself is always shining in our innermost depths, it would be a waste not to connect with it.

The methods that enable us to connect are found in all of Byakko's teachings, and the baton of those teachings is being passed on to the young people of Byakko Shinkou Kai, the HSK trainees. I am feeling anew today the joy and happiness of that continuation.

That is all from me. Thank you very much.

[Rika-sensei]

Now, we have a few announcements. First, the online Instructor Training Session will be held on April 19th.

If you have not yet applied, there is still time, so please refer to the March issue of Byakko Magazine and submit your application.

Although we cannot gather at the Fuji Sanctuary for this training session, through this online format, we will deepen Goi-sensei's teachings and Masami-sensei's Divine Spark IN even further. As was also in today's poem, we hold the power to greatly change whether it becomes war or builds peace — through this resonance, through prayer. So if you have not yet applied, I strongly encourage you to do so.

[Maki-sensei]

Also, on April 23rd, we will be holding the Prayer Card Dialogue Session, which we usually hold after the Video Prayer Gathering. This time, for those who cannot attend at the usual time, we will be holding it on Thursday evening, April 23rd, from 8:00 PM for one and a half hours.

For details, please apply through the 'News & Topics' section on the Byakko Shinkou Kai website.

We have held this twice in the past, and nearly 100 people participated each time.

By dividing into small Zoom rooms and creating a time to share about the divinity within ourselves through our own words and experiences, each and every person we encounter is truly a divine and precious being. By first understanding this among fellow members, even when we interact with non-members outside, we can truly feel that we are surrounded by divine people. The ability to

see through to the divinity — as Goi-sensei spoke about today, to see beyond the fading away to the divine figure behind it — can be cultivated by polishing our own divinity and becoming aware of the divinity within ourselves. Through dialogue, we discover how to practice this in our daily lives. So if you are able to attend on the evening of April 23rd at 8:00 PM, we very much hope you will join us.

The next Video Prayer Gathering will be on Saturday, April 11th, followed by Saturday, April 25th.

We hope that those who can attend will please join us.

And this year's SOPP will be held on Sunday, May 17th.

For the first time in seven years, we will be able to hold SOPP in person at the Fuji Sanctuary. The organizing committee is working hard to prepare. For the first time in a long while, we will invite religious leaders and share prayers for peace from various religions, sending the energy and resonance of those prayers to every country in the world. We feel tremendous joy in being able to do this physically together with all of you at the Fuji Sanctuary, and in being able to hold such an event at a time when division is increasingly occurring in the world.

So please make time for May 17th, come in person, and pray for peace together with us.

Even if you cannot attend on the day due to various circumstances, please send your prayers from wherever you are at the same time. We feel that the resonance of these prayers will truly spread throughout the world, so please consider it.

[Yuka-sensei]

May I add one more thing?

This year's SOPP, as Maki-sensei mentioned, is truly the first in seven years. We want it to be an SOPP where more people, including first-time visitors or friends you might invite, can easily participate. We have changed the flyer a bit from our traditional, beautiful SOPP flyers to one that makes the general public want to

attend — lowering the barriers a bit, so to speak — with a design that makes people think, 'I want to go.'

That flyer will be available for anyone to download from the website from April 1st onward. So if you are thinking of inviting someone nearby this time, since it has been seven years, please take the opportunity to share this newly designed flyer with various people. That is all.

[Rika-sensei]

The text of 'Hibiki' that we read today — this book that I have is probably out of print. If you would like to read this text of 'Hibiki,' it is on page 30 of the book 'Kokoro wa Itsumo Aozora' (The Heart Is Always a Blue Sky), so please refer to that. That is all.

[Yuka-sensei]

One more addition. Byakko Publications never actually discontinues books, but the stock is currently out. I am sorry about that. Thank you.

[Maki-sensei]

Thank you very much.

Today as well, I am deeply grateful that you took time out of your precious day off to pray and participate.

For us, this time of praying together with all of you, transcending time and space, is a very precious time.

So I am truly grateful for the existence of each and every one of you who participates like this. Today, please feel and cherish the resonance of prayer, the beautiful resonance of divinity that we have filled our surroundings with together, and please carry that with you as you go about your daily lives.

If you feel your heart becoming unsettled, or if you think you are about to face an experience or meet a person that will unsettle your heart, please immediately form the IN, practice breathing exercises, and with your own will, instantly change the vibration of your resonance — like an Othello piece flipping from black to white in an

instant. That power exists within us.

Because, as Masami-sensei told us, we are divinity itself. That is precisely why we can always change. Please do not forget this, and please live your daily lives with the awareness of always emitting that resonance from within yourself. If you do, I truly believe that your surroundings will be transformed immediately — into a daily life overflowing with divine people and divine happenings.

Thank you very much. Well then, everyone, please have a wonderful day today.

[All three]

Thank you very much. Goodbye.

That's all.