

260425-Video Prayer Gathering_Yuka-sensei, Maki-sensei, Masami-sensei

[Maki-sensei]

Everyone, good morning. Thank you very much for joining the Video Prayer Gathering today, April 25th.

Last week truly had many events. Last Sunday, the Lecturers' Training Gathering was held online. Because it was online this time, lecturers from various places throughout Japan participated, and although the program lasted nearly three hours, it was a very, very deep prayer through which we connected with and prayed together with the lecturers all across the country.

Just being able to connect with Goi-sensei's prayer and pray it is something so blessed, and that alone is enough — yet at the same time, when we can synchronize our timing with the many people around the world who continue to pray with the same heart and pray the same prayer together, it is truly an irreplaceable, blissful time, I feel.

On Thursday evening, we held a Dialogue Gathering using prayer cards. This is something we have been creating together with the Byakko Shinko Kai staff for the past two years — wonderful words from Goi-sensei and Masami-sensei are written on the cards, and based on those, we began this attempt as a way to engage in sacred dialogue with the people around us.

We held it after the Lecturers' Training Gathering and also on Thursday evening. When you participate in such gatherings, what comes through deeply is just how much our members — with whom we usually do not have the chance to speak slowly — are deepening their own prayer and deepening their divinity in the places where they have been placed, and how they are living their daily lives. It is a time of conveying words to each other, and the sacred words that everyone speaks resonate with the divinity within us, filling our hearts with happiness and hope. It was such a precious time we were able to share with all of you.

Goi-sensei said, "It is not enough merely to know the truth — what matters is how you put it into practice. That is where the meaning of religion lies." Members of Byakko Shinko Kai have been studying the truth of Goi-sensei and Masami-sensei for many years, so I am sure you all know this fully.

From here on — though I am sure you are all already doing this — I believe we have come to the stage of how we put it into words and manifest it in the places where we are placed, how we manifest it in action, and how we live by adapting the divinity of our own self that we believe in to each and every situation.

Precisely because we have come to this stage, by now learning, through horizontal connections, how people of various ages in various places are living their own divinity, I think we will be able to manifest and live our divinity even more in the place where we ourselves are placed.

The Dialogue Gathering using prayer cards will be held once a month this fiscal year. We started in January and have held it four times so far. May's gathering is scheduled for the 25th, and June's for the 7th. Since June 7th is scheduled, if you are interested, please look at the Byakko Shinko Kai website where the details are posted; we would be glad if you could join.

In this way, Byakko Shinko Kai is currently engaged in various endeavors in many forms. So please take an interest in the various things we are trying to do, and if you are able to join, we hold them online or at the Fuji Sanctuary, so if your schedule allows, we would be glad if you could participate.

Today, basically I will be leading on my own. Yuka-sensei may possibly join at the very end, but even if the three of us cannot host the Video Prayer Gathering together, we are connected as one

in prayer across distance and beyond time and space — and I believe this is true for the members participating in this video gathering as well.

Depending on circumstances, there are members who cannot easily connect to the video, but by setting a time and sending out our prayer, members all over the world will resonate with that prayer and connect through prayer as well, I believe. The prayer we send out has that much power, I believe — so today, together with those who can participate, first let us connect as one heart in prayer. Thank you very much.

Now then, let us first offer the Prayer for World Peace.

《Prayer for World Peace》

[Maki-sensei]

Thank you very much.

Truly, more than when praying alone, we were able to reach a much deeper place all at once, and within that deep prayer, we became one in prayer vibration with the people of prayer around the world — it was such a time of prayer. Thank you all for being here today as well.

Now let us move into the special program. Today, from Goi-sensei's book *Inori Aru Seikatsu* (A Life of Prayer), in the chapter "Ideal and Reality" — the very first chapter — I will read the passage entitled "Trust in Your Heavenly Mission and Do Your Utmost."

《English translation by Maki-sensei》

[Maki-sensei]

Now then, I will read "Trust in Your Heavenly Mission and Do Your Utmost." If you have the book at home, you may read along, or simply listen quietly and feel the wonderful energy of light, the energy of divinity, that Goi-sensei sends forth through these words.

《Reading from Goi-sensei's book》

***Inori no Aru Seikatsu* (A Life of Prayer) by Masahisa Goi**

From the chapter "Ideal and Reality": "Trust in Your Heavenly Mission and Do Your Utmost"

The fact that each and every human being is born into this earthly world is, in every case, in order to fulfill each one's heavenly mission, extinguishing the karma of past lives while making the will of God into the heavenly mission of each individual.

Therefore, I have reversed the saying "Do your utmost in human effort and await the will of Heaven" to "Trust in your heavenly mission and do your utmost," placing the emphasis on the heavenly mission instead.

In any case, to achieve an ideal, the greatest possible effort is necessary; without effort, ideals cannot be realized. By daily striving, one gradually becomes that very kind of person, and this is not something that can be accomplished overnight.

As I have written before, when pulling a cart up a slope, you first take a clear look at the summit, and then from partway up, you put the summit out of your mind and remove it from your awareness, and step by step you tread firmly on the ground as you climb. Even surprisingly long slopes can be climbed easily this way. But if you walk while constantly worrying about the top of the slope, your legs and hips lose strength, and you suffer greatly.

So having an ideal is of course good, and it is certainly better that the ideal be high and deep. But once you have an ideal, keep it tucked away within your heart, and in each and every moment of your daily life, exert your own greatest strength and proceed along the path toward realizing that ideal.

As an ideal for all humanity, if every nation devotes itself to the heart of love and supplements what others lack for one another, the world will come to an even balance of wealth and power. But nations that have wealth and goods do not readily share them with other countries. They display their power to the world with that wealth and those goods as their backing.

Even if people who try to live by their ideals raise their voices loudly to say, "Such things go against the ideal," the nations of power are not moved in heart by those words. That is the difficulty of bringing ideals into reality. If Japan were to stand in the position of such a power nation, I think it too would do the same kind of things as those power nations.

So, as individuals, we must study how far we can advance along the path of the ideal while penetrating fully into the world of reality. Unless individuals are firmly established, far from being able to move to other countries, we cannot even move our own country.

As I always say, humanity has past lives, and within past lives and within the past of history, we have separated from the heart of God's love and harmony and have struggled with others and with other groups in order to protect our own bodily lives and the bodily lives of our own groups. The karmic thoughts of hatred and disharmony arising from this swirl about this earthly world like a black cloud, and pressed down by these karmic thoughts, the ideals of peace and great harmony are crushed. That has been the state of humanity on earth up to this day.

Knowing this principle, I do not vainly try to cry out. First and foremost, I have begun to put into practice making the power of the great Light of God become one with us, and making the power of extinguishing karmic thoughts become the property of all humanity on earth. That is the Prayer for World Peace.

World peace is the ideal of humanity and the ideal of the individual itself. The collapse of earth's peace through war or natural calamity would be the most dreadful thing both for humanity and for each individual. Therefore, accomplishing world peace becomes the supreme ideal for all humanity on earth.

Humanity must once leap, like infants, into the heart of the gods who gave birth to humanity on earth and must rebuild humanity in response to the heart of the gods. The bridge for that is the Prayer for World Peace. With the Prayer for World Peace, having karma from past lives extinguished within the great Light vibration, and becoming a resonance equal to the great Light vibration, we must once again begin the peace movement of humanity. When we do this, upon the world of reality of each individual, the great ideal will be realized.

In this way, Goi-sensei is speaking of the importance of trusting in our heavenly mission and doing our utmost. And within this, what is heavenly mission? We have descended into this world bearing a single drop of divinity, and that great mission of our own that we originally bear is heavenly mission.

What does it mean for us to fulfill our heavenly mission? It means truly living our divinity, manifesting the divinity within ourselves, connecting with the divinity of those around us, and even

though there are differences of appearance, of language, and of ways of thinking, seeing them as merely various forms of expression of divinity — and not being bound by them. Without being caught up in those differences of expression, we connect with and become one with the resonance of divinity that lies at the very root. There lies the reason we were born into this world. Goi-sensei writes that we are now climbing toward the summit of a mountain, and when I let my thoughts wander to "What kind of mountain am I climbing?" — what is my summit? It is to perfect my own divinity.

By perfecting my own divinity, I can connect with the divinity of many people. The people outside ourselves are mirrors of ourselves, so what we draw out of those outside ones is the energy that we ourselves are connected to right now coming out to the outside. So because the outside is showing it to us, the more we ourselves rise up to greater heights, truly the people around us, and humanity as well — everyone — will rise up to that level too.

That is precisely why it is not about correcting people, or fixing people, or admonishing people. Rather, it is about looking within oneself, perfecting oneself, and elevating oneself. There — exactly there — lies the shortcut to the realization of world peace. That is what I felt when I read this passage.

Here, once again, please take about a minute, and once again listening to this Dharma talk of Goi-sensei, please consider — what indeed is my own heavenly mission? What is my heavenly mission? — for what purpose are we born and living? Goi-sensei has given us many hints. But when you look at yourself within the world you are now placed in, please take a little time to reflect, "What is my own heavenly mission?"

Because, as Goi-sensei says, climbing the mountain knowing one's heavenly mission and climbing it without knowing it are different ways of climbing. If we climb without knowing our heavenly mission, we go astray. But if we climb knowing our heavenly mission, even when there are gravel paths, or great boulders, or perhaps as Goi-sensei writes here, when erroneous thoughts from past lives down to the present come to us as various challenges within ourselves —

those challenges are not coming to obstruct our path. Rather, by overcoming those challenges, we can draw nearer to our heavenly mission. We come to receive the strength, energy, learning, and growth that draw us nearer to our heavenly mission. Facing those challenges (the disappearing forms) understanding this, versus facing them without understanding, makes for a different way of facing them, I believe.

So please, now, quietly — I will give you one minute — please consider quietly, for what purpose we are now being given life in this world.

《One minute of silent meditation》

What kind of heavenly mission are you living? "What is my heavenly mission?" — putting it into words may be quite difficult. But even if you cannot put it into words, believing that you have a heavenly mission, that you are living for that heavenly mission, that you are being given life for it — first let that feeling settle deeply within you.

Then, by truly living your daily life and slowly, slowly putting it into words within yourself, that becomes a strength and a hope that allows you to live toward it until you finish your life, until the very last moment. So for those of you who could not put it into clear words just now, please slowly put it into words within yourselves.

And the heavenly mission of those connected to Byakko Shinko Kai, as Goi-sensei tells us, is for our nations and for our peoples to supplement what others lack for one another, and devoting

themselves to the heart of love, to live in peace. That is the true path that we — humanity — should walk, he tells us.

In doing this, there are various disappearing forms. But by praying the Prayer for World Peace, the path connecting us to our heavenly mission opens up, and the heavenly mission of humanity can also be fulfilled. What is that? It is to create a peaceful world together with you all.

Masami-sensei's words, "a world without borders." That means borders disappearing from within the heart. Looking at the differences in appearance and the differences in thinking and ideology, it is not about which is right. To remove borders means to transcend those differences in appearance, and the fact that we are born from the great Light, the soul, divinity — to connect with that source is what it means to transcend borders, to remove borders, I believe.

Therefore, this prayer "May Peace Prevail on Earth" is, I believe, a prayer through which everyone can become one in order to create a world without borders.

From now, with all of you, with "living one's heavenly mission" as the central axis, I would like to pray for the countries of the world. That heavenly mission is to manifest one's own divinity, to fulfill the heavenly mission of all humanity, to manifest divinity together, to create a peaceful world together, and to remove borders. Even with our differences, we transcend those differences and become one with the divinity of humanity. Holding this firmly in our hearts, let us pray for the countries of the world. Now then, may we have the slides please.

Today, due to time constraints, first, together with you all, we will pray, "May peace prevail on Earth, may peace prevail in Asia." After that, please close your eyes quietly, and while listening to the country names that I share, what we truly want you to pray as your prayer words is "May peace prevail on Earth."

There are country names. Right now there are borders, and each country is independent. But with the prayer of the vibration of "May peace prevail on Earth," please offer the prayer with the feeling that at the root, all countries are connected.

The prayer we pray today with all of you will surely be passed on as energy of prayer to the SOPP that will be held next month. Next month, many people will come to the Fuji Sanctuary from overseas as well. Such people, and the members and guests coming from all over the country, transcend the differences of thinking and the differences of religion they each hold, and connect as one. That is to connect at the root of divinity. We will offer with you all this important prayer as the preparation leading up to that, so please join us. Thank you very much.

《Prayer for the countries of the world by continent》

[Maki-sensei]

Thank you very much.

Now then, with the resonance of the prayer "May peace prevail on Earth," in a state of being directly connected with the gods, I would like to form the Divine Spark IN once together with all of you.

《Divine Spark IN》

[Maki-sensei]

Thank you very much. Your heavenly missions have connected directly with prayer, have connected directly with divinity, and the light of the energy of divinity has been sent out to the world — truly, the dimension of the world has been raised together with your prayers. It was such a time, I believe. May your heavenly missions be fulfilled. Thank you very much.

Now then, finally, the closing. Masami-sensei and Yuka-sensei are here, so let us connect together and proceed to the closing. Please.

[Masami-sensei]

Everyone, good day. Just now I joined Maki-sensei's prayer with all of you, doing my utmost. I believe that this prayer that transcends borders — "May peace prevail on Earth" — is the very word that truly makes the world one, the word given from Heaven, I believe.

All of our members and those who have passed on, all praying "May peace prevail on Earth, may peace prevail on Earth" tens of thousands, hundreds of millions of times... If you were to count the number, your light surrounds this earth so many times that going around the earth would not even be enough.

Just now, when I was quietly absorbed only in prayer, the figures of members lying down and praying through their suffering, praying even though their hands could no longer move, came through to me. And the efforts of those who are sick, trying to form the IN even while lying in bed, also came through. And there were also many of all our members who have continued praying earnestly with their hands forming the IN.

I myself, up to this point, through the teachings of Goi-sensei, have continued praying just that one line — "May peace prevail on Earth" — truly from morning until night, from when I was a small child of about ten-something years old, until reaching 85. Thanks to that, I truly have no illness, and even when I sprain my foot, miraculous things happen — it heals naturally on its own. When I ask the doctors, sometimes they say, "It is truly rare; I have never seen a person like this."

That is because everyone is equal, and as for the body, your own will can heal it. The body that you yourselves have built up — the body given by God — has the power to be healed by your own consciousness, to become ill, to save people, to help people, to do anything.

The number of our members may seem many, but in fact it is small — from the world's perspective, we are one of the very small religions. But every single one of them — "May peace prevail on Earth" — that one phrase comes bursting out at the very beginning as a matter of course.

"May peace prevail on Earth" — together with personal prayers like "May my illness be healed," "May my foot heal quickly," "May I become smarter," "May I have food to eat," they pray the Prayer for World Peace.

There are about 90 percent of people who cannot even pray such prayers. So you are 10 percent of all humanity, who, truly for the peace of all humanity, pray "May peace prevail on Earth," praying this word with all your heart, praying it out loud. This becomes a tremendously great force and reaches all over the world.

The earth is round. So the Prayer for World Peace prayed tens of billions, hundreds of billions of times has gone around the earth tens of billions, hundreds of billions of times, and your energy of "May peace prevail on Earth" prayer envelops it.

Within those prayers, the happiness of one's own family, the happiness of one's husband, the happiness of one's children, and one's own happiness are also included. But even feelings for those personal prayers — the prayer "May peace prevail on Earth" comes out first, and after it finishes, you pray for yourselves. I know all of this.

As for each one's conviction, "May peace prevail on Earth." When something is hard, "May peace prevail on Earth." Rather than "I'm sorry," it is "May peace prevail on Earth" that comes out — that is what you all are like.

Among the few dozen people connected throughout the world — in America, France, Germany, in various countries — only a countable, small number of people, but those people in each country, too, continue praying together "May peace prevail on Earth" in the language of their country. The resonance of those people all reaches here, the Fuji Sanctuary, and that energy that arrives is then sent out continually to each country of the world, to people throughout the world.

So everyone, it is wrong to think "I am praying only for my own happiness." The opening words "May peace prevail on Earth" — the very first words are "for all humanity." You are praying for each country of the world, for the people of all humanity. That is what is precious.

So it is not that you yourself are praying. The prayer taught by Goi-sensei, this one line — "May peace prevail on Earth" — is truly imprinted upon your soul. So when you go to pray, "May peace prevail on Earth" comes out first.

That prayer of "May peace prevail on Earth" truly reaches into the hearts of all humanity. So without fail, the world will become one, and all of humanity will all become peaceful. I believe the time has already come.

This prayer that you have continued to pray for so very long, and this prayer that even those advanced in age still continue to pray, and those now in the divine world watching us from Heaven, "May peace prevail on Earth" — entering into Goi-sensei's great host, into the divinity, sending light to us — all becoming entirely one, we are greatly transforming this earth, and all of humanity is about to become one.

Becoming one in this way, there will be no war, no suffering, no sadness, no pain, and everyone, equal, will be given only happiness from God. The ones who have continued to give that have been each and every one of you members. The souls of each and every one of those who exist now and are praying are saving many of humanity.

"I am poor," "I am just lying sick in bed" — even while thinking such things, "May peace prevail on Earth" comes out. Even if it does not come out in words, that thought reaches us. Because it has become a habit for you, even when you cannot pray, even when you do not give voice, even when you do nothing for us, the prayer "May peace prevail on Earth" comes out from within you. You yourselves built it up, and have continued to send it out to the world. It is thanks to each and every one of our members.

Truly, each and every one of our members is a precious person. You were named by Goi-sensei, and through your connection with Goi-sensei you became members. Please carry pride, and from now on as well, give your energy for all of humanity, make the world one, and a world will come where there is no war, no suffering, no flooding, where everyone has food to eat, and where everyone is wealthy, happy, fulfilled, and lives peacefully.

Why? Because you have continued to pray. Each and every one of our members, the long 30 years, 40 years (50, 60, 70 years), through any time, has continued to send out the prayer "May peace prevail on Earth." That countless light of prayer is all accumulated upon this earth. It has not disappeared.

Please, everyone, have confidence. You have accomplished something wonderful. Truly precious — among the tens of billions of all humanity, just a few — not even 100 million, not even tens of millions. There may be about 100,000. The energy of such people is, with tremendous force, becoming the driving force to remove borders.

I am truly happy. I have been blessed with such wonderful members, and everyone is praying. And my own name is included among them. Thanks to that, I am living energetically like this and have come to be able to give back for all of humanity.

Truly, members, you have worked so hard up to this point — thank you. For offering up prayers truly for the sake of humanity, thank you. Goi-sensei is rejoicing from the bottom of his heart. Goi-sensei is now clapping his hands and cheering you on. Can you see it? Can you feel it?

Please, everyone, with peace of mind, for as long as we have life, let us continue praying the Prayer for World Peace together. Your precious existence, your precious prayer, your precious light is truly given to the world, given and given and given to people throughout the world — for how many decades have you continued to give? That light all reaches me. It also reaches into this space, into the trees, the mountains, the rivers — all of it. It is not just human beings.

You are truly precious people. Thank you. Everyone, truly thank you. Today, by praying together, I too became happy. From now on too, for a long time — though I will become one who, together with Goi-sensei, watches you all from earth — please, all of you, continue to give your service for the sake of humanity. Today, for spending such a wonderful time together, I express my heartfelt gratitude. Farewell.

《English translation by Yuka-sensei》

[Masami-sensei]

One last thing.

All members who, for so very long, have truly continued to pray the Prayer for World Peace — Goi-sensei is truly rejoicing greatly and is grateful. Please, today, each and every one of you, receive Goi-sensei's words.

Goi-sensei is truly rejoicing. You have done something truly precious, and Goi-sensei, from the divine world, is truly embracing each and every one of you as if holding you in his arms — Goi-sensei is right beside each one of you. That too is one expression of Goi-sensei's gratitude for the strength, the thoughts, the words, and the actions through which you have manifested and devoted yourselves throughout your lives.

How grateful, isn't it. Let us together do our best from now on as well, and continue to pray the Prayer for World Peace. I am deeply grateful for your existence. From now on as well, please take care of the earth. Please take charge of the work of bringing all humanity to peace. Now then, farewell.

From now on, more and more good things will come. Let us together do our best. I look forward to it. Farewell again.

[Maki-sensei]

Masami-sensei, thank you very much. Now then, let us close and conclude today's video prayer.

Lastly, I have an announcement for you all. Earlier I mentioned that Byakko Shinko Kai is engaged in various events and new endeavors, and the event called "The Prayer Method that Makes Me and the World Shine — at the Fuji Sanctuary" — this is not an online event, but an event where you actually gather at Fuji to participate — will be held on Saturday, June 20th.

The first half is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the second half is from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. For those who can attend, please come. Details are written on the Byakko Shinko Kai website under News & Topics, "The Prayer Method that Makes Me and the World Shine — Fuji Sanctuary, June 20."

I was not able to participate the previous time, but reading this, you can truly see that there is the goodness of connecting online and the goodness of praying alone. People who want to pray together gathering like this at the Fuji Sanctuary to pray — how powerful that is. Just by coming

there and praying together, awareness of one's own challenges arises from within, the path one should walk becomes clear, and the image and the way of opening up one's own heavenly mission by oneself descends.

Truly, without relying on anyone, by coming to this place and praying, you remember that you yourself are light. I think this event is such an opportunity. So please, those of you who have time, we would be glad if you could join. Past participants' impressions are also written here, so I think reading them will make you feel "I want to participate." We would be glad if you could join.

Also, next month, May, is SOPP. Truly wonderful people from around the world will come. Religious leaders too — this time the ambassador from the Vatican will offer the Christian prayer, and other equally wonderful people will participate. I would be sorry if I were to mispronounce the names, so please read the details in next month's Byakko magazine. Buddhism, Shinto, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism — wonderful people who can truly connect at the root will come.

And this year, together with religious leaders, we will pray the prayers of the countries of the world — again transcending the walls of religion and transcending the borders of the world to connect as one — it will be a tremendously powerful SOPP.

Right now the staff is working hard on preparations, and along with this we are also recruiting many member volunteers, and many member volunteers have raised their hands and are lending their strength to make this event a success.

It is a SOPP that we will create together with you all, embodying truly for the first time in seven years that "the world is one, there are no differences." It will be a wonderful place where you can experience that the visible surface differences become one when we connect at the root deep within. So please, for May's SOPP, invite your friends and family, and let us all together build the first step of this new sacred path, this borderless path, this path on which borders disappear. Please join us.

And I am moved that we were able to offer such a wonderful prayer aimed toward that, with you all today. The next Video Prayer Gathering will be at the end of June, but in between there is SOPP, and as I just announced, there is also the event at the Fuji Sanctuary, so please, all of you, please carry your prayers in a good way.

Today we ran a little over time, but thank you very much for joining all the way to the end. To all our members, from the bottom, the bottom of my heart, I am grateful, thank you. Please have a wonderful, gentle, peaceful day today. Farewell.

That's all.