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# Soke's Remarks

Text: Michael Daishiro Nakajima

A vertical scroll with the Japanese characters '神氣' (Shinkiki) written in calligraphy. The scroll is positioned to the left of the man in the foreground.

**T**his time I wanted to write something personal.

When I was born, Japan was in the middle of World War II. After losing the naval battle of the Midway Islands in June 1942, Japan's position became more and more critical. Nevertheless, the government-controlled newspapers really only reported the successes of the army. They were all "great victories" ("Daishori"). When I was born in November 1943, my grandmother wanted to give me this name. But since Daishori was not suitable as a name, Daishiro became my name. This has nothing to do with the "Great Victory," but meant "man with great noble determination." At first, my goal was quite secular. Even in high school, I thought of joining the "best university" in Japan, Tokyo University. But another spiritual wave gradually cast its "shadow" upon my goal as a result of my baptism during middle school. I began to read many biographies of saints. Within me, worldly and spiritual ambitions were in constant competition with each other. At the end of high school I opted for the spiritual side. At university, I began to study philosophy, and later I decided to enter the priesthood. Of course, sporting activities did not conflict with this orientation. During the first year of the university I joined the athletics club. One day, a somewhat older fellow-student heard my first name - usually we used our last names - and he also heard that I wanted to become a priest. He said to me a little contemptuously, "Your great determination is to be a priest!" I was silent, but I knew in my heart that he did not understand the matter. For me, a priest was not a cult professional who carried out religious actions externally, but someone who touches the fundamental reason of our reality, which we call God, and communicates to man. What would be a bigger goal than understanding God: to become a great entrepreneur, the Prime Minister, UN Secretary-General, or a famous scientist? After all, I wanted to receive the Nobel Peace Prize as a student. But all this was too small for me.

With today's attitude and today's word-usage, I would say that the Creator is greater than Creation, and that the very foundation of our reality is much more decisive than the visible transitory world. The latter does not lose its value, but only to see it and to act upon it without "feedback" on the original reason, is in my opinion, is deciding to jump too short.

With the help of Budo, I read a lot of books about Japanese history. Among the Samurai, there have also been many who have attained great spiritual depths, and who have sought peace for the people, even when they have "failed" on the outward side. Can one bet on this "depth" and put his life on the line? I think so. This is, in my opinion, the most precious thing we can and should aim towards. If I always emphasize the "content," then that is ultimately meant. Compared to this, the pursuit of technical perfection, honor, graduation, and secular success is only a smile, even though I do not despise it particularly at a young age.



But in order to experience this depth and realize it in itself, one must undertake great efforts. The right sense of "training" has to be discovered in itself between cramping asceticism and comfortable-lazy-living on this level. When I look back on my life, I wandered and wandered between these extremes. But for a long time, as with our Western society, I tended to stay on the comfortable second side and missed the zeal of my younger years. As Ignatius of Loyola said, you are to "rely completely on God, as if you were nothing, and give all of your effort, as if God did not exist." It is basics, you do not give the appropriate effort and hope for a great success or even a great appreciation, which in any case is secondary. Especially when doing Budo, we moan and complain too much because of little things. We have many excuses: it is too hot or too cold; the way to the teacher is too far; others - sometimes even their own pupils - make much faster progress; etc. But "enlightenment" is usually beyond the conscious, but intense - not to say hard - training that goes beyond one's own little ego.

## Remarks

### Seminar Management

The seminar plan for 2018 will soon be ready. I have to move the course in Mt. Pleasant to 2019. The exact date is still open.

### Bokuto Order

The next Bokuto order suspense is the end of September. Send your order to me.

# Promotions

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May 18 – August 31 2017

## Aikido

10. Kyu	Arnold, Tobias	Weiler	4. Kyu	Sargin, Okan	Wi-Sonnenberg
10. Kyu	Arnold, Sandra	Weiler	4. Kyu	Unger, Edward	Schkeuditz
10. Kyu	Kater, Lucie	Weiler	4. Kyu	Unger, Matthias	Schkeuditz
10. Kyu	Pia, Shion	Weiler	4. Kyu	Zebandt, Sandra	Weiler
10. Kyu	Popal, Sarah	Wi-Sonnenberg	3. Kyu	Maier, Stephanie	Ulm-Schmid
10. Kyu	Popal, M.Osman	Wi-Sonnenberg	3. Kyu	Tschirner, Frank	SG KIT
10. Kyu	Bittner, Moritz	Wi-Sonnenberg	3. Kyu	Diedrich, Burkhardt	Schkeuditz
9. Kyu	Hagspiel, Elias	Weiler	3. Kyu	Wielgus, Slawomir	Wi-Sonnenberg
9. Kyu	Imgrund, Laurence	Weiler	2. Kyu	Heuser, Dag	Lahnstein
8. Kyu	Wielgus, Stella	Wi-Sonnenberg	1. Kyu	Berger, Anna-Antonia	Dresden
8. Kyu	Nissen, Tim	Wi-Sonnenberg	1. Kyu	Regh, Volker	Euskirchen
8. Kyu	Scherhorn, Moritz	Wi-Sonnenberg	1. Kyu	Jacobs, Jazinta	Euskirchen
8. Kyu	Krenzer, Janik	Wi-Sonnenberg	1. Dan	Müller, Ralf-Peter	Edingen
5. Kyu	Göldner, Ferdinand	Ulm-Jablonski	1. Dan	Rauscher, Matthias	HD Umlauf
5. Kyu	Hammann, Christopher	Ulm-Jablonski	1. Dan	Schluff, Steffen	Edingen
5. Kyu	Juretko, Markus	Ulm-Jablonski	1. Dan	Haas, Daniel	München
5. Kyu	Vomhof, Thomas	Ulm-Jablonski	1. Dan	Shenson, Alexander	Maribor
5. Kyu	Bodenmüller, Hiltrud	Weiler	2. Dan	Schroeder, Jochen	Karlsruhe
5. Kyu	Konnerth, Sven	Pforzheim	3. Dan	Theobald, Helmut	Oberkessach
5. Kyu	Rühl, Lea	Leopoldshafen-JG			
5. Kyu	Schneider, René-Thorsten	Leopoldshafen-JG			
5. Kyu	Kipke, Eugen	Wi-Sonnenberg			

## Daitoryu Aiki Jujutsu

5. Kyu	Nakajima, Susanne	Oberkessach
5. Kyu	Salchow, Eva	Dresden
5. Kyu	Kaden, Mario	Dresden
5. Kyu	Owczarek, Kai	Lahnstein
4. Kyu	Oreski, Slavko	Maribor
4. Kyu	Shenson, Alexander	Maribor
4. Kyu	Germann, Reiner	Weikersheim
4. Kyu	Maaß, Lea	Edingen
4. Kyu	Maier, Alexander	Oberkessach
4. Kyu	Becker, Amadeus	Cottbus
4. Kyu	Heim (Rist), Markus	Weiler
4. Kyu	Pfeifer, Christoph	Dresden
4. Kyu	Richter, Winfried	Weiler
4. Kyu	Zebandt, Sandra	Weiler
4. Kyu	Bottke, Raban	Weiler
3. Kyu	Lesser, Martina Pina	Weiler
3. Kyu	Berger, Anna-Antonia	Flensburg
3. Kyu	Wenzel, Thomas	Weiler
3. Kyu	Schmid, Ilias	Ulm-Schmid
2. Kyu	Milosevic, Ladislava	Maribor
2. Kyu	Klamberg, Carin	Oldenswort
2. Kyu	Hardy, Edme Horst	Karlsruhe
2. Kyu	Kowallik, Peter	Dresden

1. Kyu	Erberich, Michael	Berlin Tomosei
1. Kyu	Schuetz, Robert	Düsseldorf
1. Kyu	Jacobs, Jazinta	Euskirchen
1. Dan	Aden, Kristina	München
1. Dan	Dettmer, Ulf	Düsseldorf
1. Dan	Fries, Michael	München
2. Dan	Wolf, Thomas	Düren
Okugi 3. Dan	Theobald, Helmut	Oberkessach
Okugi 3. Dan	Hubl, Bernd	Wiesbaden
Okugi 3. Dan	Downes, Nigel	Großräschen
Okugi 3. Dan	Kowallik, Henry	Dresden
4. Dan	Becker, Matthias	München
Jun-Dairi-Kyoju	Buder, Claudia	Weimar



## Itto-den Shinki Toho

Shoden	Maier, Alexander	Oberkessach
Shoden	Dieterle, Michael	Dimbach / Oberkessach
Shoden	Roessler, Jens	Oberkessach
Shoden	Berger, Anna-Antonia	Kopenhagen
Shoden	Meer, Markus	Simmerberg
Shoden	Lesser, Stefan	Weiler-Simmerberg

## Shinkiryu Aiki Budo

Hosshi	Kasseckert, Jo	Öhringen
Hosshi	Hubl, Bernd	Wiesbaden
Hosshi	Trzaski, Marius	Lahnstein
Hosshi	Brosi, Laura	HD Umlauf
Hosshi	Clausen, Gunnar	Oldenswort
Hosshi	Tödt, Holger	Oldenswort
Hosshi	Kowallik, Gudrun	Dresden

# Seminars

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2017

## Seminars with M. D. Nakajima

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 14. – 15.10.2017        | München, Shinki-Toho                 |
| 11. – 12.11.2017        | Dresden*                             |
| 25. – 26.11.2017        | Ulm                                  |
| 30.12.2017 – 01.01.2018 | Oberkessach, End of the Year Seminar |

\*Due to short-notice, private reasons, the seminars with M. D. Nakajima in Heidelberg, Berlin, and Dresden are unfortunately cancelled. The seminar in Dresden will be held by Duncan Underwood and Helmut Theobald.

## Other Seminars

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| 03.10.2017 | Pforzheim , Aiki-Budo-Jubilee-Seminar 30 Years Aikido in Pforzheim with Danijel Rolli |
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# Arigato gozaimasu

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## Preview of Shinki News No.10

The next edition of Shinki News will be published in December 2017..

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Have a nice autumn and a lot of perseverance while training!  
Shinki News Team!.

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