

The Great Purification chant (O-HARAE-NO-KOTOBA)

By the command of KAMUROGI and KAMUROMI (the ancestral male and female deities of the Imperial Family) who divinely remain in the TAKAMANOHARA (High Heavenly Plain), YAOYOROZU-NO-KAMITACHI (*8,000,000 deities) were convoked in divine convocations and consulted in divine consultations, and the following heavenly words were mandated, “Our Imperial Grandchild (NINIGI-NO-MIKOTO) is to peacefully govern the Land of Abundant Reed Plains and Rice Fields.” * 【8 million deities is not necessary the count of gods, but eight is used to describe as "countless" or "infinite" in the Japanese language】

But not all deities complied with the mandate. NINIGI-NO-MIKOTO has fiercely defeated and dispelled those deities that did not obey. Consequently, not only the unruly deities, but the rock, grass, and trees that spoke words became silent. The Land has become peaceful. NINIGI-NO-MIKOTO has stood up from his throne in TAKAMANOHARA, pushed his way through the heavenly clouds, and descended to the Land he is to rule, the Great Yamato.

Great Yamato became the capital and center of governance. The Imperial Grandchild constructed a Noble Palace in the central area of the capital. He dug a hole deep into the ground, placed thick pillars, and created CHIGI (ornamental crossbeams on the roof) which soared high towards TAKAMANOHARA. NINIGI-NO-MIKOTO then entered the palace with the divine protection of AMATERASU.

Soon he will witness people committing various sins in the peaceful land. To cleanse those who have sinned, they will conduct the AMATSUKAMI ritual in the same way used by AMATERASU in TAKAMANOHARA. The ritual consists of using essential elements in the purification ceremony. Firstly, cut the roots and tips of trees, then trim them to appropriate lengths, and place them on many tables. In addition, the roots and the tips of the purified hemp are trimmed to proper length, and teared into strips. Finally, recite the sacred and heavenly prayers.

If the heavenly prayers are recited, the heavenly deities would push open the heavenly gate, push very strongly through the overlapping layers of heavenly clouds, and listen. The earthly deities would climb up to the summits of high mountains and the mists of low mountains and listen.

If they thus listen, each and every sin will be gone. It will look like as if the strong wind blows apart the overlapping layers of heavenly clouds, as if the morning wind and evening wind blow away the morning fog and evening fog, as if one pushes out a large ship anchored in a large port into the sea, untying at the prow and untying at the stern, and as if one cuts away the thick trees with a sharp sickle, he will be cleansed from all sins.

There will be no sins left. The exorcised sins will be taken into the sea by a female deity called SEORITSUHIME who dwells in the river which fall steeply from the summits of high mountains and to that of the low mountains.

The sins are then taken and swallowed by a female deity called HAYAAKITSUHIME, who dwells in the tide of many briny currents where no man can approach.

If she thus swallows the sins, a male deity called IBUKIDONUSHI, who dwells at the gate of breeze called IBUKIDO, will blow them away with his breath to the land of the underworld.

If he thus blows them away, a female deity called HAYASASURAHIME, who dwells in the land of the underworld, will take it and seal them in an unknown place.

People will perform the ritual in this way, where all sins will be eliminated and purified from this world. I humbly ask our heavenly deities, earthly deities, and eight million deities to kindly listen and give us divine support for the purification ritual.