

Appendix

Reference Material No. 1

A Message from Heaven Concerning the Successor

From Michael the Great
Entered and Spoken through Noriko Tsuchida

At this time, I wish to convey the spiritual message concerning the successor which is initiated by Michael.

You who have read *The Door to Heaven* and *The Witness of the Kingdom of Heaven* are most likely already aware of the fact that Yuko Chino is the only person who has received the patronage and support of the celestial world as the successor. Up to the present it has been publicized that the main spirit residing within her body was Archangel Sariel, but in actual fact, the spirit with whom she is unified is myself—Michael. Concerning the reason that we are altering what has already been made public, there is not space to explain in detail at this time, but suffice it to say that if the truth of the matter had been made public before, it was thought that the GLA and other vested interests may have caused clashes that would have effect the smooth spread of the *Shoho*. At the time it was announced that she was the reincarnation of Archangel Sariel, it was thought that that was sufficient evidence for her to proceed with her

work, but recently among the people who read *The Door to Heaven* and have begun to work for the spread of the *Shoho*, a certain amount of seditious as well as some rebellious activity against the celestial world has begun to appear. This is the reason we have decided to announce the truth of this matter.

I, Michael, swear by my own name that Yuko Chino is the reincarnation of myself. This is the absolute truth, and no one can deny it. Therefore I wish for you all to accept this as fact without prejudice. And next I wish to explain two things about the successor that seem to be easily mistaken.

Just because I am the spirit that is unified with Yuko Chino, it does not follow that I am Yuko Chino. Also it cannot definitely be said that Yuko Chino is me. A unifying spirit gives the person with whom it is unified a high level of consciousness, and it works to make his as good a life as can possibly be had. Thus it is not that two spirits become one, rather that they remain two separate spirits forever.

To explain in more detail, the history of a human's spirit begins just as soon as that person's egg is fertilized. And three months subsequent to the fertilization of the egg, a spirit from the celestial world begins the process of unification with that person, and the newly made spirit begins to absorb consciousness from the spirit to which it is unified from this point in time. The unifying spirit retains its own identity, and the life of the newly born human being with which it is unified can not be said to be the same thing as that of the unifying spirit. Please understand this clearly.

There are many people who begin to believe that they are indeed an angel or a Bodhisattva, or a *Nyorai* as soon as we inform them that they are a reincarnation of one of these entities. A living human being cannot possibly become an angel or a Bodhisattva or a *Nyorai*. It is only after a human being has

died that the works which the individual's soul has achieved during the person's lifetime can gain his entry to the *Nyorai* world, the Bodhisattva world, or the angel world where he will subsequently become a *Nyorai*, a Bodhisattva, or an angel. Thus there is no way that a living human being can possibly get ahold of a reservation for a ticket to heaven during his lifetime. This phenomenon is a very easy trap for one who was born in a high dimension to fall into. Furthermore it is important for those who have been informed by us that they were born as the reincarnation of an angel, a *Nyorai*, or a Bodhisattva to listen to this tape with great care.

One more point that I wish to explain is concerning the concept of the successor. The successor is not a thing like that as generally understood as the GLA-type successor. The true successor is not appointed for the purpose of gaining the respect of the people, but is rather to serve as a base from which all people can work. In other words, if you simply believe all the things that we pass down to you through the successor, and follow our instructions, you are promised the opening of the road to enlightenment. If you take care not to lose a heart of humility, always maintain the naive heart of a child, and always face the light with the *Shoho* as the foundation for your way of life, you will most definitely never be abandoned by justice and love. We just want you to understand clearly and deeply the contents of *The Door to Heaven*, *The Witness of the Kingdom of Heaven*, and the tapes we have sent you, and to abide by the instructions we send to you in future with simplicity of heart, and to follow us. And there is one more thing we must warn you against. You must never follow after those who call themselves the Messiah. If someone wants to be praised and worshiped, wants to be given donations, and wants to be treated like a Messiah, you must realize that they do not have the qualifica-

tions to preach the *Shoho* and that they are nothing but impostors. Just because a person can work miracles and has great psychic powers, it does not follow that he also has a fine character. A person who truly possess the qualifications to teach the *Shoho* and who has a truly fine character is one who has no desire to be praised by others. Such a person despises the worship and donations of his fellow man. Therefore if there are those around you who get boastful and arrogant simply because they have psychic powers or because they can work miracles, you must get away from them as far and quickly as you can. And if you have sufficient spiritual leeway, please go to such persons and advise them to free themselves from such delusions and such state of mind. It is true that there are miracles worked by evil spirits to prove that they are from heaven as well as psychic powers received from evil spirits. The light is always plagued with shadows. And a number of people who are led astray by the shadows is always triple that of those who follow the light. Actually, it is even a larger number than that who are misled. Please perceive clearly and certainly the things we have told you thus far in order to make sure that you do not become one of those who follow the shadows.

There is a difference between understanding and perception. If it were simply a matter of understanding, anybody at all could easily understand the *Shoho*. But when it comes to perception, that is something of a different matter. In order to gain perception, one must possess keen power of judgement and a straight-forward heart. And you must not run off toward the easy way. We of the celestial world are constantly scolding you, and encouraging you, and trying to help you move forward, but there are those who cannot understand that we scold you for a good purpose. Our purpose in reprimanding you is to help you rid yourselves of evil because our constant desire is to some-

how make it possible for each and every one of you to come and join us in heaven and to help you gain deeper enlightenment of the way to do so. If we reprimand a person, it is proof that we feel that there is hope for that person and that the hope is great. Compared to the great and deep perception that can be thus gained, a little bit of hurt pride seems like nothing at all. If you concern yourself with pride and appearances, you will never be able to attain true enlightenment on the *Shoho*. The greater the position, the property, or the honor a person has, the sooner they turn away from their study of the *Shoho* the instant they are scolded by the celestial world. What must the *Shoho* have meant to them? The majority of people cannot understand that the very foundation of *Shoho* is to recognize your own faults and to recognize the good in others.

For this very reason, the saying that it is more difficult for a rich man to get into heaven than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle is really true. If you really desire to become free, keep for yourself only enough money to buy the food you need each day and only enough things to sustain and continue life, and give everything else you have to people who do not have enough. This way of thinking has not changed in the least since the days when Jesus lived two thousand years ago. What good can the possession of money that you do not use do to you? You who have great pride, throw that pride away right now. If you do that, your level of perception will immediately grow deeper and deeper. You who have property, position, or honor, leave those things behind and go out to help those who are in trouble. If you do so, you will become a person who is qualified to teach the *Shoho*. I sincerely hope and pray that through *The Door to Heaven*, *The Witness of the Kingdom of Heaven*, and the tapes we have sent you, you will attain deep enlightenment, and that you will be able to come up to heaven. This may

seem rather brief, but here I end the message concerning my successor.

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(This is a transcription of a tape of a spiritual message made by Great King Michael and spoken through Noriko Tsuchida.)
