

## Masaaki-sama's Message

### No. 11

#### **“What is more important for us than Johrei!”**

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Okay guys, let's be frank and super honest.

As followers of Meishu-sama, the only thing we really want to know is this: What did Meishu-sama say or do regarding Johrei? Right?

I mean if you don't know what Meishu-sama said or did regarding Johrei, how do you know you are on the right path? You may be doing or believing in something that is completely against the will of Meishu-sama.

On April 19, 1954, at the age of 71, Meishu-sama collapsed from the symptoms of a brain hemorrhage. Ten months later, on February 10, 1955, he passed away.

But during these ten months, his last ten months on earth, Meishu-sama said so many things about Johrei.

Unfortunately, most of the things he said during these ten months were not published in the Church publication since Meishu-sama was suffering from the stroke. They were not left as what we usually know as the Teachings of Meishu-sama or the Sacred Word of Meishu-sama.

However, the close assistants to Meishu-sama who lived with him during this time wrote them down, and we have those records.

April 19, 1954, one day after the Easter Sunday of that year, Meishu-sama received the purification of the brain hemorrhage.

Nine days later, on April 28, one of Meishu-sama's assistants recorded the following: “Meishu-sama practices Johrei every day.” But “he does not raise his hand; he does it through sonen.” I repeat: “Meishu-sama practices Johrei every day.” But “he does not raise his hand; he does it through sonen.”

Let me say that even though his right arm and leg were affected by the stroke, his left arm and leg were not—that is, if he wanted, he could have raised his left hand to do the Johrei. But Meishu-sama chose not to do so. Instead, he decided to do Johrei through sonen,

without raising his hand.

On the same day, April 28, Meishu-sama said the following to his assistants: “From now on, I will do everything with words and sonen.”

Meishu-sama was saying that he was going to do everything with words and sonen, so when he practiced Johrei, he didn’t raise his hand but did it through sonen.

We might want to think that to do everything through words and sonen was something for Meishu-sama only, that since Meishu-sama was special, only he could do everything through words and sonen.

But Meishu-sama went on to say that even his wife, Nidai-sama, had to do everything through words and sonen. Meishu-sama said that when she receives a purification, she just needs to apologize, or rather, she just needs to repent and the purification will be healed. Meishu-sama emphasized that she just needs to repent and does not need to do anything else, meaning, she doesn’t need to receive Johrei for the purification to be healed. She just needs to repent. That’s what Meishu-sama said.

So “to do everything with words and sonen” is not something limited to Meishu-sama. By telling us that Nidai-sama, his wife, also had to do it that way, Meishu-sama, essentially, was telling us that everyone else, not just himself, also needed to do everything with words and sonen.

On May 13, about a month after the stroke, it is recorded that Meishu-sama said, “I have discovered a new Johrei through sonen.” Let me repeat: Meishu-sama said, “I have discovered a new Johrei through sonen.”

He actually said these words. This is a fact. At least two of his close assistants wrote these words down. You have to consider the gravity of this statement by Meishu-sama. He said he discovered a new Johrei through sonen.

On June 2, it is recorded that Meishu-sama said the following: “God told me not to practice Johrei on myself. God told me that when the time comes, He will do what is best for me, so don’t do Johrei.”

The next day, on June 3, Meishu-sama in the morning told his assistants the following: “In the middle of the night, I ended up doing self-Johrei even though God forbade me to do it. Because of that, I wasn’t able to sleep.”

What an episode this is! Meishu-sama acted against the will of God, and for that, God

in a way punished Meishu-sama and did not allow him to rest at night.

On top of all these records, I am quite sure you already know this, but after receiving the brain hemorrhage, Meishu-sama said to his assistants repeatedly that we have entered the world of sonen, that Johrei is not so important anymore, that sonen comes first and that we need to pray in our hearts, rather than raise the hand of Johrei.

If Meishu-sama was saying all these things, why didn't the Church accept and inherit this will of Meishu-sama? Why has the Church ignored his will and continued to practice the Johrei of raising one's hand for such a long time? How have we been justifying the Johrei of raising the hand?

One justification was this. About eight months after the purification, on December 11, 1954, it is recorded that Meishu-sama told his secretary to consider three points when thinking about the personnel of the Church.

One: those whose Johrei is exceptional. Two: those who guide many new members to the Church. Three: those whose devotion to God is strong, meaning, those who support the Church through material means.

Meishu-sama was saying that we have to take these three points into consideration when thinking about running the organization.

For a long time, these three points were considered the last words, the last will of Meishu-sama, as Meishu-sama passed away just two months after he made this remark.

Our thinking was this: "Even though Meishu-sama said that Johrei is not so important anymore, even though Meishu-sama said that now we have to do everything with words and sonen, even though Meishu-sama said that we have entered the world of sonen, even though Meishu-sama said that we need to pray in our hearts rather than raise our hand, even though Meishu-sama said that he discovered a new Johrei through sonen, since Meishu-sama is saying that we have to treasure those whose Johrei is exceptional, it is okay to continue doing the Johrei of raising the hand! We can continue what we have been doing until today!"

Well, is this thinking really correct?

Let me introduce to you another record from Meishu-sama's assistants.

On December 11, on the same day that he announced the three points I just mentioned, it is recorded that Meishu-sama ministered Johrei to one of the members. He performed

this Johrei for about a minute. After the Johrei, Meishu-sama said, “Next time, it won’t take even a minute to Johrei a thousand people.”

That is, the light and power of Johrei would be so strong that only less than a minute was needed to Johrei a thousand people.

If we only need less than a minute to Johrei a thousand people, how long do you think is needed for one person? I did the math on my calculator—you only need six hundredths of a second. Six hundredths of a second. Well, Meishu-sama is saying “less than a minute” for a thousand people, so less than six hundredths of a second is needed to Johrei one person.

It’s such a short time, isn’t it? Can you even raise your hand? You raise your hand, and after six hundredths of a second, you have to put it down.

And everyone, Meishu-sama said this 68 years ago, 68 years ago.

Since June 15, 1931, hasn’t God’s light gotten stronger and stronger and stronger?

If so, at the very least, at the very least, it is safe to say that the time of Johrei will not get longer. It should definitely be getting much, much shorter.

But how would you feel if you receive Johrei for just a few seconds in your church? Wouldn’t you think, “Why is the Johrei so short?”

To feel like that in itself is the very proof that we are going against the direction that Meishu-sama was heading.

Haven’t we been saying things like, “Oh, you need to do Johrei longer,” “Let’s do Johrei for hours and hours,” “Let’s raise our hand of Johrei anytime, anywhere,” “If purification is strong, Johrei from a number of people is needed”?

Haven’t we been saying things like this?

How mistaken we have been!

Wake up and realize that your Johrei has been completely against what Meishu-sama actually wanted.

Wake up and realize how we have completely disrespected and overlooked the power and light of God.

The truth of the matter is this: Already 68 years have passed since Meishu-sama said he needed less than a minute to Johrei a thousand people. 68 years have passed since we needed just six hundredths of a second to Johrei a person. How long do you think is needed

to Johrei a person now, today, after 68 years? It would be such a short time, too short, that we can't even raise our hand.

When we consider all this, the will of Meishu-sama for us today is all too clear: the time of practicing Johrei through raising the hand is already gone. It is long gone. And now, we live in the world of sonen where we need to do everything through words and sonen with a repentant heart, just as Meishu-sama said 68 years ago. We live in the world where we need to practice the new Johrei through sonen that Meishu-sama discovered 68 years ago.

Meishu-sama said that we need to pray in our hearts instead of raising our hand of Johrei. Meishu-sama said that we have to do everything with words and sonen. Meishu-sama said that we need to repent. Meishu-sama said that we have entered the world of sonen. Meishu-sama said that he discovered a new Johrei through sonen. And he said all this 68 years ago! How long have we been ignoring the will of Meishu-sama? It is unforgivable!

On February 4, 1955, six days before his ascension, on the day of the Beginning of Spring Service, Meishu-sama said that once he recovered from the stroke and was able to speak more, he was going to say something that would be totally unexpected and surprising for us and asked us to look forward to it.

Before telling us what it was, he passed away. Before telling us what he really wanted to tell us—something that was totally unexpected and surprising for us—he passed away.

Don't you want to know what Meishu-sama wanted to tell us?

Don't you want to know what "the new Johrei through sonen" was?

Everyone, you can know it. You can know what Meishu-sama wanted to say but couldn't. You can know what the new Johrei through sonen is.

Listen to what Kyoshu-sama is saying.

The truth of Meishu-sama, the truth of Johrei—this is what Kyoshu-sama is teaching us right now.