

# Anata Na Okzaki Samurai



You are Samurai! Never before has such a declaration taken on such incredible importance: to you, your family, your country, and your God. Each of you can remember what the world was like 10 years ago. If you are a bit older you can remember quite a different world 25 years ago. If you are as old as I, you can remember back some 60+ years to what seems now to be almost surreal. When I was in Junior High and High School, the biggest problems the teachers faced were students chewing gum, not raising their hands in class, or running in the hall. In the public school today, even in remote rural areas, students openly curse their teachers in class, punch them out, have sex in the parking area, bring guns, knives, and drugs to school, etc. I witnessed these all on a regular basis in the public schools over 40 years ago. The situation has only gotten worse with mass shootings in schools and churches. Movies and TV in the past seldom showed anything more than a kiss, or a shoot out where the good guys always won. Today pornography, graphic sex, and extreme violence are standard fare and increase every year. Fifty years ago lying and cheating were despised among the general population, while today anything goes, even in the Halls of Congress. We have murdered over 60 million babies in America while there are families begging to adopt. The Nazis murdered 7 million Jews. I could go on but I would like to share a perception of Alexander Solzenitsyn:

*"The strength or weakness of a society depends more on the level of its spiritual life than on its level of industrialization. Neither a market economy nor even general abundance constitutes the crowning achievement of human life. If a nation's spiritual energies have been exhausted, it will not be saved from collapse by the most perfect government structure or by any industrial development. A tree with a rotten core cannot stand."*

As inheritors of the Okazaki samurai tradition, you are being called up to be a beacon of truth and light in this time. Reread the Code of Bushido or the Esoteric Principles. These standards are backed by the Bible. We are all called to be warriors for Christ. We must as Saint Paul says *"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."* Ephesians 6:11-12.

All of this evil is coming to a head, and very soon! You will each be called upon to be strong in body, mind, and spirit through your faith. Prof. Estes told me long ago that I would be up against powerful forces of evil, but that I must stand strong & courageous with my faith in God. The light will overcome the darkness, and the light is in each of you through Jesus Christ. Stand firm! *"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light."* Albert Schwietzer (1875-1965): Medical Missionary.

Master Okazaki carried the flame, passing it on to Prof. Bud Estes, who has passed it on to us!

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