

## 伊邪那岐命と伊邪那美命 “Izanaki-no-mikoto and Izanami-no-mikoto”

### 1. 国土の修理固成 “Molding Island Countries”

Now all the deities consulted together and ordered the two deities, Izanaki-no-mikoto and Izanami-no-mikoto, “Make the sloppy shapeless land into a firm and solid one,” and handed them a heavenly jeweled spear. So the two deities stood on the Heavenly Floating Bridge, looking down upon the sea, and plunged the spear into the sea, then began to stir, churning and churning the brine. When they pulled up the spear, the brine from its pointed end trickled down onto the sea below. The drips heaped up and hardened into an island called Onogoro-jima.