

Thou Shalt Love Thy neighbour as Thyself by C.G. Weeramantry*

**Enshrined within this prime command
Are teachings, wisdom, guidance, sage
Lifting us from current discord
To a brighter, golden age**

**Our neighbours in that future age
Will not be merely those around
Our home or village, but will be
All those on Earth, our common ground**

**Whate'er we do affects them all
So closely are we intertwined
In all our actions, thoughts and words
We need to keep them all in mind**

**Our common global village then
Will just be planet Earth
And all of us will neighbours be
Whate'er our place of birth**

**If we can reach that age of love
All conflict will be ended
And we shall have the joy of seeing
Our errant ways amended**

**From war to peace from hate to love
From vengeance to forgiveness**

From egoism, pride and greed

Towards a new togetherness

Where all are brothers, sisters, parents

To all others, near and far

And in that common global village

Peace will be our shining star

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