

What Words?  
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How many choirs to preach to?  
How many phrases to call out the unjust?  
How many deaths and  
wars in the name of values?  
How many travesties?

How do we polish the gold in the Golden Rule,  
so shiny we can see our mirrored image?  
In the teaching of faiths:  
*Justice, justice shall you pursue.* — Deuteronomy (16:20)  
*O you who believe, be upright for God, and  
be bearers of witness and justice.* — Quran (5:8)  
*There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free,  
nor is there male or female,  
for you are all one in Christ Jesus* — Galatians (3:28)

What are the magical, awakening words that will align us?  
Who are the *others*?  
Every *other*, born to a mother.

And Yet ... Fear. Hate.  
How, Where? Why is there so much Hate  
that grows and multiplies?  
Multiplies to divide.  
Adds to subtract  
our souls from our  
bodies and minds.

Beyond the lyrics,  
Stand to teach each other well  
in our own hearts;  
family          community          country.

Embrace love as climate change.