

No Religion is an Island (p. 359)

No religion is an island;
There is no monopoly on holiness.

*We are companions of all who revere God.
We rejoice when the divine name is praised.*

No religion is an island;
We share the kinship of humanity,
the capacity for compassion.

*God's spirit rests upon all, Jew or Gentile,
Man or woman, in consonance with their deeds.*

The creation of one Adam promotes peace.
No one can claim: My ancestry is nobler than yours.

*There is no monopoly on holiness;
There is no truth without humility.*

We are diverse in our devotion and commitment.
We must unite in working now for the sovereignty of God.

*God is near to all who call upon Him in truth.
There can be disagreement without disrespect.*

Let us help one another overcome hardness of heart,
opening minds to the challenges of faith.

*Should we hope for each other's failure?
Or should we pray for each other's welfare?*

Let mutual concern replace remnants of mutual contempt,
As we share the precarious position of being human.

Have we not all one Creator? Are we not all God's children?

Let us not be guided by ignorance or disdain.
Let lives of holiness illumine all our paths.

*The hand of God is extended to all who seek Him.
Let our deeds reflect that we share the image of God.*

Let those who revere the Eternal speak one to another,
leading everyone to acknowledge the splendor of God.