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*Jer.6,13-14: "From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit. They dress the wound of my people as though it was not serious. "Peace, peace", they say, when there is no peace."*

*Lk.6,44-45: "Each tree is recognised by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn-bushes, or grapes from briars. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart;"*

If I ask too much about right and wrong, about what is God's will and what is not, I may well realise that the way I'm on and the gains I covet are in many ways at war with that principle. That does not make for peace! What does, however, is when I can follow the principle of lust and desire within as freely as possible. And so I'm very glad, indeed much reassured, that I'm told by the wise and those in the know that this idea of peace – to covet as and how we will – is actually spot on.

But then there is the matter of the fruit. Does the peace-formula of 'You shall do as you covet' really make for peace? And is not the alternative another kind of peace? One that desires right, one that desires God's will?