

Soon after Pamela's book "*White Bird in a Gilded Cage*" came out, a Sangat member was mentioning the book in his discussion with some friends. He said to them, let's take a hukam. Here is the hukam he took that day, February 20, 2020:

Aasaa:

To some, the Lord has given silks and satins, and to some, beds decorated with cotton ribbons.

Some do not even have a poor patched coat, and some live in thatched huts. ||1||

Do not indulge in envy and bickering, O my mind.

By continually doing good deeds, these are obtained, O my mind. ||1||Pause||

The potter works the same clay, and colors the pots in different ways.

Into some, he sets pearls, while to others, he attaches filth. ||2||

God gave wealth to the miser for him to preserve, but the fool calls it his own.

When the Messenger of Death strikes him with his club, in an instant, everything is settled. ||

The Lord's humble servant is called the most exalted Saint; he obeys the Command of the Lord's Order, and obtains peace.

Whatever is pleasing to the Lord, he accepts as True; he enshrines the Lord's Will within his mind. ||4||

Says Kabeer, listen, O Saints - it is false to call out, "Mine, mine."

Breaking the bird cage, death takes the bird away, and only the torn threads remain.

||5||3||16||