

An Analytical Study of "Flight in the Cage"

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Abstract: *Flight in a Cage is a story of a spiritual journey. It is described as an ideal story. The author mentioned very important Sufi points which described in the metaphorical style. In the story, the poems of Sufi poets, sayings and references of elders are presented, such as the great Sufi leader Hazrat Inayat Khan, Hazrat Baba Bulhe Shah, Hazrat Shah Hussain and Hazrat sultan baho.*

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In the novel, a "prisoner Bulbul" mentions how, when she cries in prison, a fairy comes to her and teaches her the word of God, and by reading this word, she becomes herself. Feel free. The fairy tells him that the breath is the light of Allah and as long as we are connected to this light we will be free from the troubles and sufferings of the world.

"Fairy: "Do you know what is breath?" Bulbul remained silent on this question and looked at Fairy without understanding anything. Pari: "Breath is the light of Allah. Never neglect it. Praise your Lord with every breath you take" I

From this passage, we know the purpose of our coming into the world that the purpose of coming into this world is to please God. For which we should always be in remembrance of God.

And others should also invite divine remembrance, just like in the novel, a parrot who was weak in flight and the prince invited him to divine remembrance, by accepting which he gained strength in his flight. This sympathetic tone is mentioned in this passage in the novel.

"Parrot Mian! Don't worry. This universe of God is vast. Allah is the Lord and Sustainer of all. I am the Prince of Persia, my name is Faraz Shah, I have come to this land after a long time because of the special invitation of the king. It is my duty to help the weak and helpless. I cannot see anyone helpless and needy."2

From this quote, we know that Allah has sent man in this world to help people and get close to them by sympathizing with them. According to Moin Nizami

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In the novel, Pari tries to explain to Bulbul the "fact of the cage" that how they are dependent on Allah for everything and that man cannot do anything unless Allah orders him.

"The world is a prison for the believer" 4

It alludes to Bulbul's post-marriage life in which she is tricked into marriage by a crow and in this new home, conspiracies are being hatched against her. This can be well inferred from this quote.

" Hey chamo ! So go see. One day I will dig his grave in the store. It used to fly big on colorful beautiful wings. No more wings or spring of wings. My brother is in my hand. He will do as I say"5

All the blessings that Bulbul got after swearing allegiance were taken away from her after the marriage, which made her sad.

In the third chapter of the story, "The reality of the trial" is mentioned, in which Bulbul talks to Noor Pari with the help of the knife that Noor Pari gave her as a wedding gift. And the whole story. Noor tells Pari. Noor explains to Bulbul that this is a test on her. And in the way of conduct, the seeker is tested. The way she describes the reality of the ordeal. It can be well understood from this quote.

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"On the spiritual path, trials, tribulations, sufferings and difficulties will surely come to the seeker. It is part of the spiritual curriculum and a means of nearness to God. The aim is to give the seeker the right of patience and persistence. And to realize the truth of Allah. For example, it is stated in the Qur'an:

Verily, Allah is with those who persevere"6

In it, there is a lesson for humans to obtain the pleasure of Allah through patience and remembrance of God .According to Moin Nizami:

" Some important points of "Religion and Sufism in Rift Hadiyya" show a glimpse with great elegance and do not let the overall atmosphere of the writing become burdensome. His style of writing is simple, clear and flowing."7

Noor Pari advises him all this so that he remembers Allah more and more. And be patient. Bulbul persevered even when her breath and her sisters-in-law hit her tongue with a hot rod for reciting the Divine Remembrance and even when her husband beat her, but the fruit of this patience paid off after a few days. He found it and was freed from this imprisonment and settled in a shrine.

In the fourth chapter of this novel, Bulbul receives advice from the wise pigeon and is advised to be steadfast. This can be inferred from this quote.

" It should be done without desire for worship or zeikr. Isn't it enough that Allah allows us to do it? Are you in this situation? Don't see that, but see that Allah is present in your life. Allah's presence is 'affirmation'. Which is the negation of non-Allah. Negation and affirmation are special terms in Sufi teachings"8

Actually, Bulbul is helped by Allah through the eagle. After that she came out of this prison because of Noor Pari.

In the fifth chapter of this novel, there is a mention of the "return of the nightingale" and the state of happiness she felt after returning to the garden. She was working in the garden, one day suddenly a bad thing happened to her. But a Babaji in the form of a fakir was sent by Noor Pari to look after Bulbul and she recovered. This can be mentioned from this quote from Noor Pari.

"Allah's grace and His mercy can appear in any form, the seeking of knowledge and the acquisition of knowledge are also obtained by the grace of Allah." 10

From all this, it is known that those who call upon Allah are not left in the abyss, Allah's grace is always upon them. He creates difficulties for man with whispers, but Allah does not leave the feet of a good person. According to Dr. Majid Bidar:

"Religion is the corner of the heart that brings peace to the heart and mind and contentment to the soul" is called spirituality" 11

The sensitivity of the Noor Fairy can be estimated from this.

"Shatan always steps on the path of Allah with man, then evil and satanic forces are mobilized and try to get out." The work of a seeker is that he prays to Allah for his well-being" 12

See another quote:

"All these forces are working in the universe, but the work of the seeker is done consistently by the command of Allah. Don't pay attention to them. Don't dominate yourself by ignoring. The prayer of entanglement in them, is prohibited. Do not retreat from their fear, dread or confusion." 13

In the sixth chapter of this novel, there is a reference to "Talib-i-Haq", how if you pray for the truth, then Allah listens to the cry. Allah sends someone to help man in such a way. Infer this from the poll

"Have you come?" Mulla came from Malik Nuristan. Amir Ahl Tariqat sent me here and said that there is a bulbul in the green garden and he is helping a lot. Bulbul asked: "Amir Ahl Tariqat, did you know about me?"

The answer was received: "How did Amir Ahl Ghadh come to know about me?" The answer was: "The rich are among the people who are worried about the world." 14

See another quote:

"The soul is a drop; when there is annihilation in the ocean, it attains eternal life and becomes the ocean." 15

The concept of the novel suggests that those who live in the way of Allah are never alone and no matter how many miseries befall them, they are never satisfied. Therefore, avoid arrogance and make humility and humility your motto. Follow the right path and invite others to it. When you distribute ease for everyone, then Allah will make your ways easy.

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