

Lekh 25 HUKUM -(divine will, law, command)

Behind a ‘command’ there is a ‘commander’ or the power that issues the ‘command’. This is why, to understand the ‘command’, it is essential to have some information or knowledge about the ‘commander’.

In Gurbani this Divine Power ‘Commander’ or ‘Infinite Being’ has been described as follows:-

The One Eternal Being, The True Naam, The Creator, Without Fear, Without Enmity, Immortal, Free from Birth and Death, Self Created, The Fountain of Grace. 1M1

- 1.1 *I ask the Saints, what is my Lord and Master like?
I offer my heart, to one who brings me news of Him.
Give me news of my Dear God; where does the Enticer live?
He is the Giver of peace to life and limb; God is totally permeating all places,
interspaces and countries.
He is liberated from bondage, joined to each and every heart. I cannot say
what the Lord is like.
Gazing upon His wondrous play, O Nanak, my mind is fascinated. I humbly
ask, what is my Lord and Master like? 1237M5*
- 1.2 *You are the River, All-knowing and All-seeing. I am just a fish—how can I
find Your limit?
Wherever I look, You are there. Outside of You, I would burst and die. 1
I do not know of the fisherman, and I do not know of the net.
But when the pain comes, then I call upon You. 1 Pause
You are present everywhere. I had thought that You were far away. Whatever
I do, I do in Your Presence.
You see all my actions, and yet I deny them. I have not worked for You, or
Your Name. 2. 25M4*

- 2.1 *Whatever You give me, that is what I eat. There is no other door—unto which door
should I go?
Nanak offers this one prayer: this body and soul are totally Yours. 3|
He Himself is near, and He Himself is far away; He Himself is in-between.
He Himself beholds, and He Himself listens. By His Creative Power, He created
the world.
Whatever pleases Him, O Nanak—that Command is acceptable.25M4*
- 2.2 *Fire is contained in all firewood, and butter is contained in all milk.
God’s Light is contained in the high and the low; the Lord is in the hearts of all
beings. 1. |
Saints, He is pervading and permeating each and every heart.
The Perfect Lord is completely permeating everyone, everywhere; He is diffused in
the water and the land. 1. Pause
Nanak sings the Praises of the Lord, the treasure of excellence; the True Guru has
dispelled his doubt.
The Lord is pervading everywhere, permeating all, and yet, He is unattached from
all.617M5*
- 2.3 *The Dear Lord abides in each and every heart; the Saints proclaim this as true.
Says Nanak, meditate and vibrate upon Him, and you shall cross over the
terrifying world-ocean. 1426M9*
- 2.4 *Fareed, the Creator is in the Creation, and the Creation abides in God. Whom can
we call bad? There is none without Him. 1381M5*
- 2.5 *First, Allah created the Light; then, by His Creative Power, He made all mortal
beings.
From the One Light, the entire universe welled up. So who is good, and who is
bad? 1.
O people, O Siblings of Destiny, do not wander deluded by doubt.
The Creation is in the Creator, and the Creator is in the Creation, totally
pervading and permeating all places. 1. Pause.
The clay is the same, but the Fashioner has fashioned it in various ways.
There is nothing wrong with the pot of clay — there is nothing wrong with the
Potter. 2
The One True Lord abides in all; by His making, everything is made.
Whoever realizes the Hukam of His Command, knows the One Lord. He alone is
said to be the Lord’s slave. 3. 1349-1350Bh. Kabir*

3.1 *The Lord Allah is Unseen; He cannot be seen. The Guru has blessed me with this sweet molasses.*

Says Kabeer, my anxiety and fear have been taken away; I see the Immaculate Lord pervading everywhere.1349-1350Bh. Kabir

3.2 *Here and hereafter, God is forever my Help and Support.*

He is the Enticer of my mind, the Beloved of my soul. What Glorious Praises of His can I sing and chant? 1. Pause .

He plays with me, He fondles and caresses me. Forever and ever, He blesses me with bliss.

He cherishes me, like the father and the mother love their child. 1.

I cannot survive without Him, even for an instant; I shall never forget Him. Says Nanak, joining the Society of the Saints, I am enraptured, lovingly attuned to my Lord. 1213/1214M5

It is clear from the Gurbani quotations above that the ‘Hukamee’ or the Commander is the Infinite Being ‘Himself’. He is ‘The One’, ‘The Truth’, Omnipotent, and Perfect in Everything’.

When He created this ‘huge drama performance’ through His joyous ‘WORD’, at the same time He also introduced permanent and unerring channel of laws or the Eternal Divine Law ‘The Command or Will’ to operate the arena of this drama performance.

These divine, permanent, unerring, all pervading ‘rules’ or the unwritten laws are referred to in Gurbani as ‘Hukam’, ‘Decree’, ‘Will’, ‘Eternal’.

The rules made by man always keep changing because some form of mistake or shortcoming keeps surfacing and their amendments have to be made. But the True Hukam or Command of the Primal Lord came into being only once and this Divine Hukam or Command is so perfect and infallible that the need to change or amend it has never arisen.

In each and every particle of the creation, this Divine Hukam is

inlaid (or written within its blue print) and ever since the beginning of the ages it has been operating constantly and secretly without ever being noticed or seen.

4.1 *In the beginning of the ages it was the Truth, during the ages it has been the*

Truth, now it is the Truth, and says Nanak it will remain the Truth.1M1

This Divine Truth is not written in any language or law books because these books or languages are destructible.

This HUKUM is

without letters,
without language,
without country,
all pervading,
constant,
infallible,
eternal,
secret,
inlaid (written within ones being)
beyond the intellect
unfathomable.

As an analogy, according to the ‘hukam’ or law present within the seed of a plant, different types of plants take root from each and every seed. They grow, flourish and fruit but their branches, leaves, fruits, sizes and age varies.

In plants and living beings in other forms of life, the intellect and the power to think is limited. That is why they cannot use their wisdom or cunning and hence cannot interfere with the ‘in built hukum’ or law. For this reason, they spontaneously and unconsciously accept and cultivate the in built or pre-written divine hukum or law’ and innocently continue to abide by the will of their own pre-written hukam or law. In this way they are moving towards their centre, the ‘Primal Lord’,

completing their life's journey. Their natural evolution (towards the higher form of life) is automatically taking place.

This indeed is their in-built blue-print, or code, of 'intimate religious discipline'. There is no need for any external religion or discipline to ensure their involvement and neither is there a need for 'preaching'. These life forms are unconsciously and innocently cultivating the divine, secret, unerring, intimate discipline of 'living by the will'.

These life forms are not Hindus, they are not Muslims, nor are they Christians or Jews. They are just cultivating the intimate discipline the creator has blessed into their 'character'.

But the story of man is somewhat different.
The Primal Lord has fashioned man in His image.

5.1 O man, you are the Divine Light, go recognise your roots.441

The Primal Lord has blessed man with an unfathomable profound intellect and the power of critical faculty. The Lord has also created for man's use and entertainment, a world with myriad of colours, picturesque and bewitching 'maya' (of worldliness). But man instead of recognising his 'source' the Infinite Lord and His 'in laid law', has so engrossed himself in researching 'maya' or the material world and enjoying its miracles with his sharp intellect, that he has completely forgotten his 'Primal Lord and His hukum or law.

Instead of moving according to the 'in-laid law' man is making wrong and unjustified use of his sharp intelligence and the 'mental freedom'. For this reason man suffers the consequences of (the law of karma) 'I receive the fruits of my own actions'. (Unaware of this) he puts the blame for his self inflicted pain and torment, on God or others.

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In doing so man is cheating himself and is being carried away towards hell. In this way human beings have forgotten their creator. They are unaware, unmindful, ignorant of the blissful 'in-laid' law and turned their back to it. Under the grip of 'egotism' they perform actions and 'suffer blows in separation' (from the Infinite Lord).

And living a life 'Engrossed and enmeshed in false deeds and attachment all perish'(133).

Man goes 'out of tune' from the 'Will' of the hukum or its 'flow' and lives according to his own will under the influence of his egotism and his intelligence. In this way the following line from Gurbani-

6.1 He who leads his life according to his own will, will suffer blows of separation (from Waheguru).602

aptly applies to or befits us.

Man is regarded as the master of all the life forms because it is only in this life form that man can quickly and spontaneously meet his 'creator' the Infinite Lord and save himself from the painful cycle of 'births and deaths'.

This subject has been elaborated upon in Gurbani as follows-

6.2 Kabeer, it is so difficult to obtain this human body; it does not just come over and over again.

It is like the ripe fruit on the tree; when it falls to the ground, it cannot be re-attached to the branch. 1366 Bh. Kabir

6.3 FAFFA: After wandering and wandering for so long, you have come; In this Dark Age of Kali Yuga, you have obtained this human body, so very difficult to obtain.

This opportunity shall not come into your hands again.

So chant the Naam, the Name of the Lord, and the noose of Death shall be cut away.

You shall not have to come and go in reincarnation over and over again, if you chant and meditate on the One and Only Lord.

O Primal Lord, The Creator

Do accept Nanak, the meek. 258M5

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- 7.1 *This human body has been given to you.
This is your chance to meet the Lord of the Universe.
Doing all else will bring no benefit
Join the Saadh Sangat, the Company of the Holy; vibrate and meditate on the
Jewel of the Naam. 12M5*
- 7.2 *1.From the 8,400,000 forms of life, the human life is the supreme form.
2.The eyes see, the ears hear, the mouth speaks words with (true) love.
3.Work with hands, and with the feet go to satsangs to meet fellow
satsangees.
4.Indulge in righteous deeds and share the fruits of these earnings with love.
5.The life of those gursikhs is blessed who themselves read Gurbani
with understanding and relate this to others.
6.They make their brothers happy. Washing their feet with water they drink
the same water deeming it to be Amrit.
7.Do not give up the habit of falling at ones feet for in Kaljug this (act of
humility) is the true path.
8.Such a gurmukh saves himself and also saves others. Var Bh. Gurdas 1/3*
- 7.3 *This human body is so difficult to obtain; it is only obtained by great good fortune.
Those who do not meditate on the Naam, the Name of the Lord, are murderers of
the soul. 1.
Those who forget the Lord might just as well die.
Without the Naam, of what use are their lives? IPause.
Eating, drinking, playing, laughing and showing off—
Of what use are the ostentatious displays of the dead? 2 .
Those who do not listen to the Praises of the Lord of supreme bliss,
Are worse off than beasts, birds or creeping creatures. 3 .
Says Nanak, the GurMantra has been implanted within me; 188*
- 7.4 *1. Oangkaar transforming into forms created air, water and fire.
2. Then spreading earth and sky He threw two flames of sun and moon in between
them.
3. Further creating the four sources of life, He created 8,400,000 types of species
and their derivatives
4.In each species further are born myriad's of creatures.
5. Among them all, the human birth is the rare one in which one should liberate
himself by surrendering before the Guru.*

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6. One must go to holy congregations where the consciousness should be merged in the word of the Guru and cultivating only a loving devotion one should undertake to follow the path shown by the Guru.
The man by becoming altruist becomes beloved of the Guru.BHGur 4/1

- 8.1 *Serving the Guru, devotional worship is practised.
Then, this human body is obtained.
Even the gods long for this human body.
So vibrate that human body, and think of serving the Lord. 1.
Vibrate, and meditate on the Lord of the Universe, and never forget Him.
This is the blessed opportunity of this human incarnation. 1159Bh. Kabir*
- 8.2 *Wandering and roaming through 8.4 million incarnations, you have now been
given this human life, which is so difficult to obtain.1.
You fool! You are attached and clinging to such trivial pleasures!
The Ambrosial Nectar abides with you, but you are engrossed in sin and
corruption. 1017*
- 8.3 *I obtained this precious human life as a reward for my past actions, but without
discriminating wisdom, it is wasted in vain.
Tell me, without devotional worship of the Lord, of what use are mansions and
thrones like those of King Indra? 1017*
- 8.4 *Through 8.4 million incarnations you have wandered, to obtain this rare and
precious human life.
O Nanak, remember the Naam, the Name of the Lord; the day of departure is
drawing near! 50M5*

L25.7.English

When a child is conceived in the mother's womb, then according to the 'in-laid law', for nine months the child receives nourishment in the womb in the most astonishing and miraculous way. The mother has no knowledge about this secret and miraculous system of nourishment and neither does her intelligence play any part. The child too is unaware about his nourishment.

Dangling upside down in such 'uncomfortable surroundings' in the intense heat of the womb, to conceive, to grow, to flourish, to be protected, to receive nourishment is the most bewildering, wondrous, divine happening in which neither the mother's nor the child's intelligence plays any part. This entire miracle was 'in-laid' within one sperm in the seminal fluid which

Quietly-silently

Secretly

Unknowingly

Spontaneously

is the astonishing wonder of some hidden power or the secret operation of the 'hukum' or law towards which we have no time and find no necessity

to pay attention

to think about it
to value it

to be awe struck by it

to give thanks

to be in a state of wonder

When a child is born the mother keeps thinking of schemes (ways and means) to bring up the child, thinks of his comfort, his education etc. She showers love that is filled with blessings and well wishes and she keeps sacrificing everything in adoration of the child.

In this way from the time of conception of the child to the period even after birth there is attachment of the ‘mother’s love for the child in her heart. That too is the

reflection

manifestation

demonstration

symbol

of the divine love of the Infinite Lord for the newly born child in the form of His ‘law’. But the mother is unaware of this ‘in-laid law’ of ‘Divine Love’ and as such she regards the child as her ‘own’ and gets trapped in ‘attachment’.

In other words according to this ‘in-laid law’ all the arrangements needed are taken care of in advance for his well being and upbringing.

There are numerous organs in our body, organs like the brain, eyes, ears, nose, tongue, lungs, heart, liver, bones, skin, arteries/veins etc.

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They are all interconnected and inter-dependent and in total co-operation (with each other) silently operate day and night, while awake, while sleeping, unconsciously, without wavering, automatically and spontaneously according to the flow of some incomprehensible, perfect, divine, ‘hukam or law’ of which we are ignorant, uninformed and indifferent.

Another example is the rose flower within whose seed lies the blue print of its existence’s

Life current
Plant

The type of plant
The branches
The leaves

The thorns
The flowers
The petals
The fruit

The seed

The form of the flower
The colour of the flower

The smell of the flower
The youth of the flower

The beauty of the flower
The tenderness of the flower

The mind bewitching pull
The bloom
The flourishment

for which the perfect divine ‘hukum or law’ is secretly in-laid or in-built and invisibly and silently it is operating.

There is no need for any external intellectual highbrow intervention or assistance for the manifestation or flow of this ‘hukum or law’.

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In other words each and every 'life-form' in this creation takes birth, blooms and flourishes with the assistance and 'flow' of the Infinite Lord's permanent, infallible, omniscient, boundless 'hukam or law' and unconsciously these life forms 'accept' and internalise the 'in-laid' hukam.

This is their 'in-laid', 'personal' discipline, religion or deliverance for which there is no need to understand, to learn or practice and neither can this 'dharam or religion' (submitting to the will of the in-laid law) can be imposed upon them from the outside.

In this way the 'in-laid hukam or law' for every life form:-

is their aim of life
 is their personal discipline or religion
 is their the perfect divine law
 is their benefit in the life hereafter
 is their innate soul seed

germinates from within
 is interwoven and intertwined
 is all engulfing
 is free from external religions
 is divorced from rights and rituals
 is beyond the grasp of the intellect
 is blessing
 is the grace of the guru
 is indecipherable
 is beyond understanding
 is all encompassing
 is unerring
 is beyond writing
 is not visible
 is not utterable
 is perfect
 is permanent

8,400,000 life forms as they keep moving in the flow of the 'in-laid' divine 'hukam' or law's current, by way of thanks giving to the Creator, are unconsciously engaged in 'incessant simran'. In this way their simran becomes the very nature of their life.

**1. O Lord, the earth contemplates on You and so does the sky.
 The moon and the sun too contemplate on You, O Treasure of Virtue.
 1078M5**

**2. The sources of creation and speech meditate in remembrance; all the Lord's
 humble servants meditate in remembrance. 1079M5**

While passing through these life forms, the living being begets the supreme form of life, the human form, then the Infinite Lord blesses man with very special bounties.

1. His own image.
2. Profound intelligence
3. Discriminating power
4. Developed ego.

But our 'doubt ridden mind' with the profound intellect blessed by the Primal Lord, through his planning, plotting and cunning, goes out of tune and 'turning away his face from the flow of the 'in-laid hukam' lives according to his own will and thus divorces himself from the Divine-Connection. In this way, in the darkness of the 'doubt ridden mind, our discriminating power becomes less or simply gets lost. In the process of pandering to our ego, we allow the ego flourish and become even stronger.

When there is a fault in an electrical wire and the bulb goes off, we have to grope around and face knocks in the darkness. In the same way when the wire of our mind's consciousness that is connected with the in-laid 'command' of the Infinite Lord or the 'life-current' breaks, then the darkness of 'ignorance' spreads over our mind and we get knocked around in the doubt fallacies of egotism and suffer pain

Similarly if we move away from 'light' of the 'sun' into some underground shelter or caves, then divorced from the warmth of the light we have to face difficulties in the darkness.

The 84 hundred thousand forms of lives are leading their lives in harmony with the flow of this 'inlaid command' and reaping the benefit of divine grace and gifts. But the human form of life through the wisdom of its sharp intellect and crooked ways gets itself imprisoned in the pitch dark cell of the doubt ridden fallacy of egotism. Thus it gets out of tune and about-faced with the flow of divine 'command' or 'life current' or Divine Will.

In this way man by coming out of the flow of the Divine Command gets caught in the whirl pool of the 'gravity' of worldliness, thus simply, wasting away his precious life.

Before continuing with this deep and important subject, it is necessary to get direction of the Guru's intention in the light of Gurbani.

To understand the 'Inlaid Divine Command' and the 'flow' of the 'command', the 'Will' or 'consciousness, the advice (from the Gurus) given below can be very helpful.

1. ***O Nanak, it is written that you shall obey the Hukam of His Command, and walk in the Way of His Will. 1***
2. ***Whatever pleases Him (The Infinite Lord), O Nanak—that Command is acceptable. 25***
3. ***Everything happens according to the Lord's Will; what can the poor people do? Attached to self-conceit and duality, they have forgotten their Lord and Master86***
4. ***That which God does is beyond anyone's consciousness; no one can erase the Hukam of His Command.118***
5. ***The Command of the One Lord is pervading throughout; duty to the One Lord is upon the heads of all. 425***
6. ***. Birth and death are subject to the Command of the Lord's Will; through His Will we come and go.472***
7. ***As is the Hukam of Your Command, so do things happen. Those who recognize the Lord's Command never weep.523***

1. If you submit to the Hukam of the Lord's Command, you shall meet with the Lord, and then egotism will depart from within. 560
2. *All follow these two paths, by the Hukam of the Lord's Command; the world is born, only to die..... By the Hukam of the Lord's Command, he comes, but he does not understand this Hukam; the Lord's Hukam is the Embellisher.688*
3. The Command of the One Lord prevails throughout all the worlds. From the One, all have arisen.223
4. *Whatever happens, is all according to Your Will. One who understands the Hukam of the Lord's Command, is absorbed in the True Lord.193*
5. Your Command is infinite; no one can find its limit. One who meets with the Perfect Guru, walks in the Way of the Lord's Will. 396
6. *Whatever the Lord does, accept that as good; do away with your own cleverness and self-will. 722*
7. By the Hukam of His Command, He created the earth, the true home of Dharma.You give sustenance to all; how wonderful and unique is the Hukam of Your Command! 785
8. *By His Command, He created the creation, the world with its many species of beings. I do not know how great Your Command is, O Unseen and Infinite True Lord. 786*
9. Surrender body, mind, wealth, and everything to the Guru; obey the Order of His Will, and you will find Him. Obey the Hukam of the Guru's Command, and sing the True Word of His Bani.918
10. *By His Command we come, and by His Command we go; by His Command, we merge in absorption..... Wonderful and amazing is His Command; He alone realizes His Command and knows the true way of life of His creatures.940*
11. He created Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, who act according to His Will.948
12. *By the Hukam of His Command, He creates everything; He pervades and permeates all the woods and meadows.948*
13. The Hukam of the True Lord's Command is effective everywhere. The Gurmukh merges in the True Lord.949
14. *O Nanak, one who realizes the Hukam of the Lord's Command, obtains the fruit of Truth. 950*

1. **1.1 By the Hukam of Lord's Command, they move about; by the Lord's Command, they remain still. By His Hukam, they endure pain and pleasure alike.**
 - 1.2 *By His Hukam, they chant the Naam, the Name of the Lord, day and night. O Nanak, he alone does so, who is blessed.*
 - 1.3 By the Hukam of the Lord's Command, they die; by the Hukam of His Command, they live. By His Hukam, they become tiny, and huge.**
 - 1.4 *By His Hukam, they receive pain, happiness and bliss. By His Hukam, they chant the Guru's Mantra, which always works.*
 - 1.5 By His Hukam, coming and going in reincarnation cease, O Nanak, when He links them to His devotional worship. 962**
2. Recognizing the Hukam, the Command of his Lord and Master, what other cleverness is there? 991
3. Whatever the Command of my Lord and Master is, I bow my forehead and accept it. 1000
4. **4.1 One who becomes Gurmukh realizes the Hukam of His command; surrendering to His Command, one merges in the Lord. || 9 ||**
 - 4.2 *By His Command we come, and by His command we merge into Him again. By His Command, the world was formed.*
 - 4.3 By His Command, the heavens, this world and the nether regions were created; by His Command, His Power supports them. || 10 ||**
 - 4.4 *The Hukam of His Command is the mythical bull which supports the burden of the earth on its head. By His Hukam, air, water and fire came into being.*
 - 4.5 By His Hukam, one dwells in the house of matter and energy — Shiva and Shakti. By His Hukam, He plays His plays. || 11 ||**
 - 4.6 *By the Hukam of His command, the sky is spread above. By His Hukam, His creatures dwell in the water, on the land and throughout the three worlds.*
 - 4.7 By His Hukam, we draw our breath and receive our food; by His Hukam, He watches over us, and inspires us to see. || 12 ||**
 - 4.8 *By His Hukam, He created His ten incarnations, and the uncounted and infinite gods and devils.*
 - 4.9 Whoever obeys the Hukam of His Command, is robed with honor in the Court of the Lord; united with the Truth, He merges in the Lord. || 13 ||**
 - 4.10 *By the Hukam of His Command, the thirty-six ages passed. By His Hukam, the Siddhas and seekers contemplate Him. 1037*
5. **He formed the living beings, and He Himself sustains them; the Hukam of His Command controls each and every one. 1042**
6. He Himself acts, and inspires all to act; in His Will, He pervades and permeates all. 1043
7. **True is the Hukam of His Command, and True is the expanse of His universe. No one else can issue any Command. 1045**
8. *He Himself is immaculate, compassionate, the lover of nectar; the Hukam of His Command cannot be erased. 1047*
9. **As slave to the Hukam of the Lord's Command, the mortal acts according to His Hukam. According to His Hukam, he is deprived of his breath. 1054**
10. *Whoever submits to His Command, finds peace; His Command is above the heads of kings and emperors. 1055*

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1. ***Your Command, O God, rules in the four directions; Your Name pervades the four corners of the nether regions as well.1275***
2. ***He writes the inscription of His Hukam on the foreheads of all, without pen or ink. 1280***
3. ***In His Will He creates, and in His Will He destroys thousands in an instant. 1289***

From the views stated above and the line quotations from Gurbani the following points emerge:-

1. The Unity and Omniscience of The Infinite Creator.
2. The creation of this 'huge play-drama.
3. The stream of the 'Hukam' or Command to run this arena of drama.
4. To drift or accept the Will in the flow of the stream of the 'Divine Hukam or Command.
5. The consequences of not following the Will or turning away from the Command.
6. To make out or recognise the 'in-laid or built-in' ' Hukam or Command'.

The first 5 points have been deliberated upon at length. Now there is a need to systematically deliberate deeply upon how to make out (discover), or recognise the Divine Hukam or Command.

The 84 hundred thousand life-forms can never know this Divine Hukam or Command because their intellect is very small or limited. Without their knowledge, driven by the pull of the innate 'in-laid or in-built Hukam or Command within them, they are living their lives according to the Divine Hukam or Command by following and cultivating it.

Only humans can understand or know the intrinsic knowledge of this subtle, hidden Spiritual Hukam or Command because the Infinite Lord has bestowed upon man an extremely sharp intellect. But intellectual knowledge of this Divine Hukam or Command is not enough because this intellectual knowledge is incomplete. It is clouded with worldliness. It can be inaccurate or just the reverse as its mainstay is based upon intellect alone.

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To decipher (make out), discern and recognise the secret of this subtle, innate Divine Hukam or Command, our externally focused intellect is not enough.

This Divine Hukam or Command is indeed written, diffused and infused in the soul within us. It is intermingled, intertwined and all engulfing. It is silently, by itself, secretly and through self motivation, continuously and forever flourishing in each and every particle of the creation.

Our mind's attention and consciousness being directed externally towards the materialistic world is wondering about fruitlessly. That is why this subtle Divine Hukam or Command is beyond the grasp of our intellect.

Only some rare blessed gurmukh, from his innate self, through intuition, can decipher, discover, recognise this subtle 'in-laid eternal essence of the Hukam or Command and abide according to the 'Will' (of this in-laid Command).

- 1 ***The Command of Your Will is very strict; how rare is the Gurmukh who understands. 441***
- 2 ***Your Command is infinite; no one can find its limit. One who meets with the Perfect Guru, walks in the Way of the Lord's Will.396***
- 3 ***Nanak: they alone submit to His Command, O Siblings of Destiny, who are pre-destined to live the Name.1419***
- 4 ***Those Ragas which are not in the Sound-current of the Naad — by these, the Lord's Will cannot be understood.1423***
- 5 ***The Gurmukh obeys the Order of her Husband Lord God; through the Hukam of His Command, she finds peace. In His Will, she serves; in His Will, she worship and adores Him. In His Will, she merges in absorption. His Will is her fast, vow, purity and self-discipline; through it, she obtains the fruits of her mind's desires.1423***
- 6 ***True is the Hukam of Your Command. To the Gurmukh, it is known.144***
- 7 ***Whoever realizes the Hukam of His Command, knows the One Lord. He alone is said to be the Lord's slave.1350***
- 8 ***The Dear Lord created the Temple of the Lord; He adorns it by His Will.1346***

1. ***Some know not how to submit to Waheguru's Will and wander about in the love of another, O brother. 1419***
2. ***He who, by the Grace of the Guru achieves realisation, he finds the door to salvation. 9***

There are many bodies or planets that spin around the sun. Of these, our earth is one such body. According to the Divine Hukam or Command, all these planets under the gravitational pull of the sun, spin around it with the utter subtle precise punctuality of time and from the sun they receive in abundance:-

gravity

heat

light

life current

energy

and many other virtues

continuously and forever.

This magnetic gravity of the sun is the symbol and token of Divine Love. In the same way, the warmth of the sun, its light and life current etc. too is the mark and indication of Divine Grace.

In man by virtue of being the off-spring of the Infinite Lord, and also within each and every particle of creation, the glow, ray or light of Divine Love, Affection and Devotion is present. In reality this whole creation is the illuminated form of Divine Love and Affection

It is this cosmic attraction of Divine Love that every particle of the creation is spontaneously and unconsciously experiencing a Divine Pull through some subtle

unseen,
unseen, unerring 'Divine Gravity' between one another and toward the Infinite Lord. It is through this effect, that the entire creation since time in memorial, is tied up and is streaming past with the flow of the Divine Hukam or Command.

It is this 'love connection' of the Pull of Divine Hukam or Command that is called 'Naam' or Shabad.

1. ***Waheguru has drawn me with such a string, that by breaking it breaks not, and by letting it go, it goes not.*** 827
2. ***Nanak the mortal is ordered to ponder over the Name alone. This thing the True Guru has caused me to understand.*** 72
3. ***Says Nanak, the Name of the Immaculate, Unreachable and Unfathomable Commander is contained every where.*** 569

This spontaneous and continuous flow of Divine Current of Naam or Shabad is what is called Hukam or Command. This Hukam or Command, in the form of an eternal 'life-current', is interwoven and intertwined and flowing through each and every particle of creation, thus developing, maintaining and sustaining the creation in a spontaneous way.

This Divine Hukam-Command is the

chord of love
tremor of love

ritual of love
touch of love

flow of spontaneity
Grace of the Guru

Glance of Grace
blessing

mercy
Shabad

Naam

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In Gurbani, the flow or flourishing of the Divine Hukam has been explained as follows:-

1. By His Command, bodies are created; His Command cannot be described. By His Command, souls come into being; by His Command, glory and greatness are obtained.
By His Command, some are high and some are low; by His Written Command, pain and pleasure are obtained.
Some, by His Command, are blessed and forgiven; others, by His Command, wander aimlessly forever.
Everyone is subject to His Command; no one is beyond His Command.
O Nanak, one who understands His Command, does not speak in ego. 1
2. 1. By His Command we come, and by His command we merge into Him again. 2. By His Command, the world was formed. By His Command, the heavens, this world and the nether regions were created; by His Command, His Power supports them. || 10 ||
3. The Hukam of His Command is the mythical bull which supports the burden of the earth on its head. By His Hukam, air, water and fire came into being.
4. By His Hukam, one dwells in the house of matter and energy — Shiva and Shakti. By His Hukam, He plays His plays. || 11 ||
5. By the Hukam of His command, the sky is spread above. By His Hukam, His creatures dwell in the water, on the land and throughout the three worlds.
6. By His Hukam, we draw our breath and receive our food; by His Hukam, He watches over us, and inspires us to see. || 12 ||
7. By His Hukam, He created His ten incarnations, and the uncounted and infinite gods and devils.
8. Whoever obeys the Hukam of His Command, is robed with honor in the Court of the Lord; united with the Truth, He merges in the Lord. || 13 ||
9. By the Hukam of His Command, the thirty-six ages passed. By His Hukam, the Siddhas and seekers contemplate Him. 1037
3. By the Hukam of His Command, all are created. By His Command, actions are performed.
By His Command, all are subject to death; by His Command, they merge in Truth. 55
4. By Your Command, human beings are fashioned. You Yourself embellish them, and then again destroy them. 73
5. By His Command, He created the creation, the world with its many species of beings. I do not know how great Your Command is, O Unseen and Infinite True Lord. 786

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