

## 2020-04-18

(1)

Wheels cease spinning,  
Guests kept away,  
To forestall the beginning,  
Of imminent doomsday.

(2)

Spotless wear  
Head to toe  
Selfless care  
Of friend or foe

(3)

Far from dear  
Work on freeze  
Hunger a fear  
More than disease

(4)

Mind conjures peril  
Reasoning on hold  
Foments acts uncivil  
Like amassing manifold

(5)

Sometimes warm, sometimes tight  
Always done on the right  
Mostly short, rarely long  
Habit unhealthy, now very wrong

Answers: lockdown, doctors/healthcare-workers, migrant labourers, panic (buying), handshake

## 2020-04-15

(1)

Good looks gone  
Rings a pair

A must to don  
Everyone everywhere

(2)  
Effortless in spreading  
Among beggar or king  
Alive yet dead  
Fills you with dread

(3)  
In single or a pair  
From friend or nameless  
Gives quite a scare  
Even if harmless

(4)  
No food yet it grows  
Sometimes straight sometimes bent  
All work it slows  
People resent

Lesser it eats  
Faster it grows  
Works and deeds  
It always slows

Long time awaiting  
For doctor or for bread  
Impatience gestating  
Until tail becomes head

(5)  
Toothless sharper  
Wingless flies  
Truthless faster  
Seldom it dies

Answers: mask, corona, sneeze, long queue, WhatsApp rumours

# 2018-10-28

## Of Man's Creation

Do praying rights for women render,  
a religion's foundation any tender?  
What could be the origin I wonder,  
of disfavour based on gender?

Is it the women who menstruate,  
who threaten He who is celibate?  
Or is it those with petty minded hate,  
whose faith is less than adequate?

How can He show discrimination,  
when all alike are His creation?  
So tell me, after due deliberation,  
is not such exclusion, of man's origination?

Is it those who seek to supplicate,  
whose entry renders a temple desecrate?  
Or of those who seek to perpetuate,  
a world where women are subjugate?

Spread not, faster than you blink,  
lies designed to raise a stink,  
and push a situation to the brink.  
Pause instead, to engage and think.

# 2018-09-29

Computer studies in schools  
With mindless theory on mere software tools  
Is designed to create certified fools

Pages and pages of rote lessons  
On topics sure to reach obsolescence  
Far faster than I'd reach adolescence

Why should I learn the symbol for powerpoint 'animate'?  
With no scope to absorb or assimilate  
Or any enjoyment, at any rate

Why mug up mail merging and cell shading  
Differences between interpreting and compiling  
With no logic or depth in understanding

God help me with this topic, it is such a bore  
It keeps me from playing, or do things I adore  
Keeps my brain from growing, question and explore