HYMN TO KĀLĪ KARPŪRĀDI-STOTRA

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PREFACE

This celebrated Kaula Stotra, which is now translated from the Sanskrit for the first time, is attributed to Mahākāla Himself. The Text used is that of the edition published at Calcutta in 1899 by the Sanskrit Press Depository, with a commentary in Sanskrit by the late Mahāmahopādhyāya Kṛṣḥṇanātha Nyāya-pañcānana, who was both very learned in Tantra-S'āstra and faithful to his Dharma. He thus refused the offer of a good Government Post made to him personally by a former Lieutenant-Governor on the ground that he would not accept money for imparting knowledge.

Some variants in reading are supplied by this commentator. I am indebted to him for the Notes, or substance of the notes, marked K. B. To these I have added others. both in English and Sanskrit explaining matters and allusions familiar doubtless to those for whom the original was designed, but not so to the English or even ordinary Indian reader. I have also referred to the edition of the Stotra published by Ganesa-Candra-Ghosa at Calcutta in 1891. with a translation in Bengali by Gurunatha Vidvanidhi, and commentary by Durgarama-Siddhantavagisa Bhattacarva. I publish for the first time Vimalananda-Svami's Commentary to which I again refer later. When in this Introduction or in the Commentary I have not mentioned these two works my authorities are the Tantras or Tantrik works which I cite. or the information I have gathered from those whom I have consulted.

One of the chief features of this Stotra is that it gives the mantroddhara of the Dakshina-Kālikā. It not only gives us the Dhyāna, Yantra, Sādhana and Svarūpa-varnanā of the Mahādevī, but it also contains the chief Mantras of Dakṣiṇa-kālikā. The adjective "Tava manu-samuddharaṇajanu" qualifying "idam stotram" in S'loka 21 expressly states this fact.

Among the various Mantras of Dakṣiṇā Kālikā the greatest is the "Vidyā-rājñī" consisting of 22 syllables (Dvāvimsākṣarī). This mantra gives the fullest and the truest symbol of the Svarūpa of Her. This mantra is contained in the first five S'lokas.

The first	: S'loka	contains	Krīm, Krīm, Krīm	(3 ak)	şarı	zs)
2nd	٠,,	,,	Hūṁ, Hūṁ	(2	,,)
3rd	"	"	Hrīm, Hrīm	(2	,,)
4th	,,	1)	Dakşine Kalike	(6	,,)
5th	,,))	Krīm, Krīm, Krīm	, Hūm,	Hu	m,
			Hrīm, Hrīm, Svah	a (9 ak	şarı	zs)

So the first five S'lokas give us altogether 22 akşaras i.e. the full Vidyarajñi.

In Vimalānanda-Svāmī's *Tīkā* of the 5th S'loka in the revised Sanskrit text he has proved by quotations from the 9th patala of S'āktānanda-tarangiņī that this 22-syllabled *mantra* is the full and true representation of the Svarūpa of the Mahādevī. See the quotation which begins with

The words "Svarupam" (5th sl.) and "Sakalam" (6th sl.) point to this Vidyarajns. After the full Vidya-rajns has

[&]quot;Krim-kāro mastakam devi Krim-kāras ca lalātakam" and ends with

[&]quot;Sva-sabdena pada-dvandvam ha-karena nakham tatha"

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been given in the first five S'lokas, the 6th S'loka gives the various other Mantras of less importance and significance—ranging from one syllabled to nine-syllabled, 15-syllabled, 21-syllabled and so forth.

This Mantroddhara has been made following the authority of Kalika-sruti, Niruttara-Tantra and other Tantras. Many commentators, however, have apparently in the view of Vimalananda failed to consult the above authorities, and have thus fallen into errors and have given a different Mantroddhara. Some take the 1st S'loka to give a onesyllabled mantra, the 2nd sloka as also the 3rd, two twosyllabled mantras, the 5th a nine-syllabled one and so on: a view which it is contended is opposite to such passages as "atha hainam brahmarandhre brahma-svarūpinīm apnoti brhad-bhanu-jayam uccaret" in the 1st Sūkta of Kālikopanisad; or passages in Niruttara-Tantra (Ch. II) beginning with "Atha vaksye Kulesani Daksina-kalika-manum" and ending with "Sarvamantra-mayī vidyā sṛṣti-sthityanta-karinī." The Svamī further refers me to the end of the Kalikopanisad where dealing with the various Mantras of the Daksina-Kalika it is said "Atha sarvam vidyam prathamam ekam dvayam va travam va namatravaputitam va krtva japet." The great Tantrik Purnananda Giri explaining the passage says "Sarvam vidyam-iti purvoktadvavimsatyaksaryah prathama bijam vā bīja-dvayam vā etc. (vide S'yāmā-rahasyam, Rasikamohan's edition, p. 36.)

From the above consideration, it is clear that at the very beginning in the first 5 S'lokas the 22-syllabled Mantra is given and then the others. It may be added here that the fact of Mahākāla's composing the Hymn in 22 S'lokas not more nor less—is also an indication of the correctness of the Svāmī's view, who, in further support of it cites 5 S'lokas dealing with the Mantroddhara from the Krama·stava of the

Dakṣiṇa-Kālikā under the first 5 S'lokas of the Karpūrādi, which will be found in the printed text.

In course of revising his Vyākhyā Vimalānanda-Svāmī has in the first six S'lokas given good grounds to prove that the Stotra not only contains the Mantroddhāra and the Sādhana of S'rī-S'rī-Dakṣina-Kālikā but also in it are given the Mantras and Rahasyapūjā of S'ri-S'rī-Tārā and S'rī-S'rī-Tripura-sundarī.

In addition to the Mantroddhara the following matters are contained in the Stotra.

Dhyana			1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11
Yantra	••••	•••	18
Sādhana	••••	•••	10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
Madya	••••	•••	13
Māmsa		••••	19
Maithuna		••••	10
Phala-s'ruti		••••	21, 22
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The S'lokas 9, 12, 14 contain stuti only.

Slokas 10, 15-18, 20 refer to the Tantrik viracarasadhana. Viracara is for the class of sadhaka who are virabhava and abhisikta. To those who follow pasvacara this ritual is strictly forbidden. The nature of the rahasyapuja is indicated in the text, to which I have added an explanatory commentary in English and Sanskrit.

To the Pasu, sadhana by night is prohibited, for it connotes in Sakta-sadhana, worship with the Pancatattva. The Pasu is still bound by the pasa (bonds) of desire, etc., and he is, therefore, not adhikari, for that which, if undertaken by the unfit, will only make these bonds stronger. For him, on the contrary, there are severe restrictions in this matter, for, as the Saktakrama cited by the commentator says, "Maithunam tatkathalapam tadgosthim parivarjayet."

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(The Pasu should avoid maithuna, conversation on the subject, and the like.) The Pasu should avoid the eight forms of maithuna known as astanga maithuna—viz., smaranam (thinking upon it), kirtanam (talking of it), kelih (play with women). preksanam (looking upon women), guhyabhasanam (talk in private with women), samkalbah (wish or resolve for maithuna), adhyavasayah (determination towards it), as well as krivanispattih (actual accomplishment). The Nitya Tantra, which the commentator cites, says: "Ratrau naiva vajed devim sandhyayam va'barahnake"—"He (the Pasu should never worship the Devi during the latter part of the day or in the evening or at night." To this, from amongst many other authorities, I may add the Svatantra, which says that the Pas'ubhava Sadhaka should do one lakh of japa in day time and that a Vira devoted to his own Ācāra should do one lakh of japa at night;

> Pasubhavarato mantri diva lakṣa-japam caret. Svacaranirato viro ratrau lakṣa-japam caret.

In connection with this verse I must observe that in the notes to verse 20 it is said that the first half of the 20th S'loka is meant for "Pasusadhakas" and that the 2nd half refers to the "purnabhisiktavirasadhaka," as also that the word "param" (afterwards) means and refers to the time when the 'Pasu' having received abhiseka enters viracara and is adhikari for the midnight purascarana. Vimalananda tells me that this is wrong and that the whole S'loka has reference to the vira or divya-sadhaka and that no portion of it refers to the Pasu-sadhaka.

The quotation just made from the Svatantra-Tantra no doubt seems to lend support to the view that the first part of the S'loka refers to the Pas'u, but he informs me and I fully accept the correction that he and other followers of the S'astra knew the passage to bear a meaning which is consonant

with his view, that is, it means this:—Mantri means the virasadhaka; the mantri should perform laksa-japa in the day time following the acara of the pasu (pasu-bhava-ratah). The vira-sadhaka should perform laksa-japa in the night following his own acara (svacara-niratah). The word "svacara" (own acara) points to his interpretation being correct.

In support of his view the Svāmī cites the following Verses which all say the same thing namely that the initiate should be Brahmacārī during day and at night worship according to Kulācāra. Kaulāvalī says:

Naktam-bhojī havişyannam japed vidyam diva sucih. Dvivasah sarvatha vīro brahmacarī bhavet sada. Rātrau sampūjayed devīm kulacara-krameņa tu Dvijanmanām tu sarveṣām dvidhā vidhi-rihocyate.

Again, Kālikopanisad says:

Sambhava-dīkṣāsu ratah sakteṣu va divā brahmacarī rātrau nagnah sadā maithunāsaktamānasah Japa-pūjādiniyamam kuryād iti.

Kaulāvalī again says:

Unmukhyah Kalikayasca viseşah kathyate 'dhuna. Divase brahmacaryena sviyasamkhyajapam caret. Ratrau mamsasavairmatsyairmudrabhir maithunod-

bhavaih.

The reason of the virasadhaka being instructed to adopt the acara of brahmacari in the day-time is the necessity for the concealment of the viracara from the public which Tantra so often insists upon. Siva says that viracara cannot be understood aright by the common people and therefore must be concealed, as closely as a man should conceal his own mother's sin "gopayet matr-jara-vat."

Moreover, the worship of Kali in "pasvacara" is totally forbidden by Siva. The Pasu is precluded by Tantra from the worship of Kali. For example the Niruttara-Tantra says:

Divya-bhavam vīra-bhavam vina Kalīm prapūjayet. Pūjane narakam yati tasya duhkham pade pade. Pasubhava-rato devi yadi Kalīm prapūjayet. Rauravam narakam yati yavad abhūta-samplavam.

(By the worship of Kālī without *Divyabhāva* and *Vīra-bhāva* the worshipper suffers pain at every step and goes to hell. If a man who is of the *Pasubhāva* worships Kālī then he goes to the *Raurava* Hell until the time of final dissolution).

Vimalānanda-S'vāmi says: The worship of Kālī without the use of wine, though seen in many places, is Paurānik and not Tāntrik (i. e. sanctioned by the Tantra.)

Verses 1-8, 11, the first part of verse 20, and 21 (except at midnight) deal with *japa* of the *mantra* of, and *dhyāna* upon, the Devī, which, of course, may be done by the *Pasu*. Verses 9, 12, 13, and 14 are *stuti*, and 22 is the usual *phalasloka*, which states the reward to be gained by the reading of the *Stotra*.

Verses 10, 15-18, and the second portion of verse 20 deal with Latasadhana. The sakti of this sadhana is ordinarily the own wife of the sadhaka, married according to the Vaidik injunctions; the svasakti or adyasakti, as she is technically called in Tantra. One's own wife is \$\overline{A}dya\$-S'akti and \$Sadhana\$ should be done with her aid (\$\overline{A}dya\$-s'aktih svadarah syat tame-vastya sadhayet). With her is practised that saktisadhana, the aim of which is the acquirement of self-control, which, checking the outward-going current, places the sadhaka upon the path of nivytti. Indeed, the Kaulikarcanadipika says, "Without adya s'akti worship is but evil magic". (\$\overline{A}dya\$-saktim vina puja abhicaraya kalpate). It is only the siddha, which term is here used in the special sense of one

who has obtained complete control over his passions, to whom is permitted another sakti (parasakti). So the Pranatosini quotes, "a man shall obtain siddhi with his own s'akti, and afterwards (that is, when he is siddha) he should make japa with parasakti" (Svasaktau siddhim apnuyat parasaktau tada japet). And similarly Niruttara Tantra says, that the sadhaka who is siddha in Kulacara may worship "another" woman. (Siddhamantri kulacare parayoşam prapujayet). In both these cases paras'akti has a double meaning viz., "another" woman that is corporeal woman, or "Supreme" that is the Supreme Woman who in the body is Kundalinī-S'akti. This latter appears to be sense in the quotation which speaks of the siddhamantri. It has been said also, as in the Mahānirvāņa Tantra, that parasakti must (if unmarried) be married either by Vaidika or S'aiva rites, or (if married and the husband is dead) according to the latter rite. Further, that which determines the moral character of an act is the intention with which it is done. As the Kaulavaliya says, when a man's intention is bad then his act is so, otherwise there is no fault:

> Ata eva yada yasya vasana kutsita bhavet. Tada dosaya bhavati nanyatha dusanam kvacit.

As an example of the same act and varying intention, it is aptly said: "A wife is kissed with one feeling and a daughter's face with another". (Bhavena cumbita kanta bhavena duhitrananam). A Mantrin who is given over to lust, for the subjugation of which the sadhana is prescribed, goes, as is said in the Tantrasara, to the Hell called Raurava. (Lingayonirato mantri raurakang narakang brajet). In the words of the Aharabheda-Tantra—Vamacaro bhavet tatra vama bhutva yajet param. "One may be a Vamacari if one can worship Vama being oneself a woman." This is on the principle that a worshipper should always be like the

object of his worship. Woman is *Devata*, and the embodiment of the Supreme S'akti, and is as such honoured and worshipped, and is, when *pujya s'akti*, never the subject of enjoyment.

Verses 15 and 16, as sufficiently appears from their context, refer to the sadhana of those who are not siddha.

Verses 10, 17, and 18 apply to both sadhaka and siddha, as to verse 20, see pp. 4, 5 ante.

By such sadhana the last vestiges of the most powerful of such bonds is sought to be destroyed, and with such destruction the seed of karma and rebirth. He, like S'iva, becomes destroyer of Smara, and S'iva Himself. Verses 4, 18, and 20 refer directly to this fruit of sadhana. Others indicate the material and intellectual greatness on earth of the sadhaka, who devoutly worships the Devi. To him is given mastery over all persons and things of the world, which on death, if siddha, he leaves for the dwelling by the Supreme Feet (verse 17), or Nirvāna. As S'iva says in the Kālīvilāsa-Tantra "I have told you, my beloved, all about the five Tattvas, Sādhana in the cremation ground and with the funeral pyre now listen to the doctrine of the Siddha-vīra."

Madyam matsyam tatha mamsam mudram maithunameva ca.

S'masanasadhanam bhadre citasadhanam eva ca. Etat te kathitam sarvam siddhavīramatam s'riņu.

It is the sadhana of the cremation-ground on which all passion is burnt away. There are two kinds of cremation-ground, of which the one is the funeral pyre (cita), and the other yonirupa mahakali. As the first Chapter of the Niruttara-Tantra says there are two cremation grounds namely that which is the funeral pyre and the yoni which, in its suksma sense, is the Devi, the smasana being in the same sense dissolution or pralaya. (Smasanam dvividham

devi chita yoni prakīrtita). In even the sthūla sense the sādhaka must be susādhaka, for union without right disposition—japa, dhyāna etc.—is the animal maithuna of a pasu.

S'loka 19 refers to animal and human sacrifice to Kāli. Reference to this sacrifice is also made in the Kālikā-Purāṇa, and the Tantrasāra speaks of a substitute in the figure of a man made of the paste of cereals. The latter work also says that by the sacrifice of a man one acquires great prosperity, and the eight siddhis. (Naradatte maharddhih syād aṣtasiddhir-anuttamā). But it adds that this is not for all. For the Brāhmaṇa may not make such a sacrifice. (Brāhmaṇām narabalidāne nādhikārah). And if he does so, he goes to Hell. Moreover according to K. B., who cites as his authority the Yāmala quoted in the Kālīkalpalatā, the King alone can make such a sacrifice.

This leads one to point out that the Hymn has other than these gross (Sthūla) meanings. In Brāhamanism everything has three aspects—Supreme (Para), Subtle (Sūkṣma) and Gross (Sthūla). Thus the nineteenth S'loka when referring to the sacrifice of various animals and of man himself intends according to the subtle sense the six great sins for which they stand, ranging from Lust (goat) to Pride (man). It is these which must be sacrificed by the knowers who are worshippers of the Mother the age of material sacrifice, so universal throughout the world, having passed away. So again the word Parasakti may refer to the Supreme S'akti or may be used in the sense of a S'akti other than the svasakti or Sādhaka's wife who, may in the case of the competent (adhikārī) be an associate in the worship on the principle stated in the Guhyakālīkhanda of the Mahākāla-Samhitā.

"As is the competency of the Sādhaka, so must be that of the Sādhikā. In this way only is success attained and not otherwise even in ten million years".

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Yadrsah sadhakah proktah Sadhika'pi ca tadrsah Tatah siddhim-avapnoti nanyatha varşa-kotibhih.

This principle rests on the fact that man and woman together make one whole and can only co-operate in the rites where the attainments or Adhikara of each is the same. But this does not necessarily mean that such co-operation is by Maithuna in its sexual sense; quite the contrary. In the same way in the Vaidik ritual the wife is Sahadharmini. But such ritual is only for the competent within the bounds of Sastric injunction for, as the Saktisangama Tantra (Part IV) says,—"Though a man be a knower of the three times, past, present and future and though he be a controller of the three worlds, even then he should not transgress the rules of conduct for men in the world were it only in his mind".

Yadyapyasti trikalajñas-trailokyavarşanakşamah. Tatha'pi laukikacaram manasa'pi na langhayet.

But Parasakti again may mean no woman at all, but Supreme S'akti or the Mother Herself whose forms they are and in such sense the union of the Sadhaka is with the "woman" within himself-the Kundalini S'akti who in Yoga unites with Her Supreme Husband Paramasiva. (See A. Avalon's "Serpent Power"). The context must be known as in the misunderstood saying "Maithunena mahayogi mama tulyo na sams'ayah," which does not mean, as a recent English work on Hinduism suggests, that by sexual connection (Maithuna) the Mahavog; becomes without doubt the equal of S'iva or God. This is on its face absurd and had it not been that such criticism is clouded with prejudice the absurdity would be recognised. How can sexual connection make any one God or His equal? The person spoken of is a Mahavogi who, as such, has no connection physical or otherwise with women. Maithuna means "action and

reaction" and "coupling" and sexual intercourse is only one form of such coupling. Thus when Mantra is said there is a coupling or Maithuna of the lips. In Yoga there is a coupling (Maithuna) of the active and changeless Principles of the Universe. The saying means that the Mayayogi who unites Kundali-S'akti in his body with Paramas'iva becomes himself S'iva.

So again it is said in an apparently alarming verse quoted by Tarkālamkāra, in his commentary on the Mahānirvāṇa.

Mātr-yonau kṣipet limgam bhaginyāh-stanamardanam Guror-mūrdhni padam dattvā punarjanma na vidyate.

This verse in its literal sense means that if any one commits incest with his mother and sister and places his foot on the head of his Guru he is liberated and is never again reborn. But of course that is not the meaning. The first half of the line refers to the placing of the Javatma in the triangle situated in the Muladhara centre with the Svavambhulinga in it which triangle is called Matr-yoni. The Linga is the Isvatma. From this point upwards, after union with Kundalini, the Jivatma is to be led. The union of jivatma with Kundalinī is spoken of in the second half of the first line. Kundalini is the sister of the Jivaima both being in the same body. The meaning of the last line is as follows:—after union of Kundalini and Jivaima the united couple are led up to the Sahasrara or thousand-petalled lotus in the head which is situated above the twelve-petalled lotus which again is the abode of the Guru. When the Yogi is above the twelvepetalled lotus his feet may be described as being on the head of the Guru. Moreover it is said that at this point the relationship of Guru and disciple ceases. Matr-yoni is also the term given to those sections of the fingers between the joints on which count of the Japa or recital of the mantra is not to be done. If Matr-yonim suggests incest, then this verse is a prohibition of it—Matr-yonim parityajya viharet sarvayonişu. There are many other technical terms in Tantra-S'astra which it is advisable to know before criticising it. One of the tests to which an intending disciple may be put consists in being questioned as to such passages. If he is a gross-minded or stupid man his answer will show it.

In order therefore that the Hymn may be understood in its various aspects I have given in the notes explanations of or in respect of its Sthula or gross meaning. This is followed by the valuable commentary given to me, some years ago and now first published, by Vimalananda-Svami which is called Svarupavyakhya; that is, it gives the subtle (Suksma) or. as we should say in English, the inner sense or esoteric meaning according to the teaching of his own Guru Mahamahopādhyāya-Rāmānandasvāmī-Siddhāntapaficānana. The text books and Commentary are preceded by an admirable little essay of Svāmī Vimalānanda by way of Introduction to the Vimalanandadayini svarupa-vyakhya on his "Lord of Hymns" which is commonly known as the Karpurādi Stotra chanted by Mahākāla to, and in honour of, Daksinā-Kālikā. It, as also the inner-sense Commentary are written for those liberation-seeking Sadhakas who, worshipping S'rividya, meditate not on the gross form (Sthulamurti) but on the Svarūba-tattva of Brahmavidyā Kālikā. As such many will be glad, as I was, to read it and will derive benefit therefrom.

I may note here that the Svāmī while revising the Vyākhyā, has given a new interpretation of the line "te Lakṣmī-lāsya-līlā-kamala-dala-dīsah vāma-rūpāh bhavanti" in the 5th S'loka and of "rati-rasa-mahānanda-niratām" in the 13th S'loka.

On the attainment of siddhi, ritual ceases. There is neither sacrifice nor worship, nor yoga, purascarana, vrata, japa, or other karma. For all sadhana ceases when it has

borne its fruit in Siddhi. The Siddha-Kaula is beyond all rules.

For the meaning of these and other terms, the reader is referred to the Author's "Principles of Tantra, (Tantratattva)," "S'akti and S'ākta," "Serpent-Power" and "Garland of Letters" which is a study on the Mantra-S'āstra; and for other Hymns to the Devī, his and Ellen Avalon's "Hymns to the Goddess," translated from the Sanskrit of the Tantra, Purāṇa, and the Devī-stotra of S'aṁkarācārya, which gives other specimens of the Hindu Hymnal, of which that now published is but one and a special type.

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AIM

I make obeisance to the Lord Guru, the wish-granting Tree of Suras, eternal Consciousness and Bliss Itself, the highest of the highest, Brahman, Siva Himself. I make obeisance to Her who by Her S'akti of three Gunas creates, maintains, and at the end of the Kalpa withdraws, the world and then alone is. Devoutly I call to mind Her, the Mother of the whole universe, S'ivā Herself.

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Obeisance to the Supreme Devata.

Here follows an Introduction to the Vimalanandadayini Commentary on that Lord of Hymns called the Karpuradi-Stotra to Srimad Daksina-Kalika.

All-good and all-powerful Parames'vara is without beginning or end. Though in Himself Nirguṇa He is the Ādhāra of the three Guṇas. Though Himself formless He creates, preserves and withdraws the world of extended matter (Prapañca) by means of the Āvaraṇa and Vikṣepa-S'aktis of His own Māyā which can make that possible which seems impossible. The S'vetās'vatara-Upaniṣad says that by meditation was seen the Sva-s'akti of the Deva, who is the abode of all causes, associated with Kālatattva. In the Niruttara-Tantra S'iva speaks of the three-eyed corpse-like One, Nirguṇa but also seat of Guṇas associated with S'akti. Though

Himself without beginning, middle or end, He creates and is the material Cause of the world which has a beginning, middle, and end. For this reason the Tantras and other Sastras call Him Adinatha, Mahakala, Paramasiva and Paramabrahman. It is this unlimited, undivided, beginningless, and endless Mahakala who is imagined to be limited by the Sun, Moon and Planets, and, as such, is called by the names of Kala, Kaṣṭha, Muhūrta, Yama, Day, Night, Pakṣa, Month, Season, Half-year, Year, Yuga, Kalpa and so forth. It is He who divides Time into Kala, Kaṣṭha and so forth, and as Vyaṣṭi is called by the name Kala, and the rest. He is named Paramasiva Mahakala when creating, preserving and withdrawing the millions of worlds.

Apart from individual name and form, He exists as the Samasti of them and the Endless Supreme Greatness (Paramomahān). Viṣṇu-Purāṇa says that Bhagavān Kāla is without beginning or end. From him appears the limited in creation. Atharvaveda says that Kala created beings (Praja) He is Prajāpati. From Kāla was self-born Kas'yapa and Tapas. Mahākāla is omniscient since He is all pervading, dependent on none, and the Atma of all. Kurma-Purana also says that he is the Supreme, imperishable, without beginning or end, all-pervading, independent, the Atma of all who fascinates (Manohara) all minds by His greatness. Kalamadhava cites Visnu-dharmottara as saying that He is called Kala because of his dissolving (Kalanat) all beings, and He is Parames vara because He is Himself without beginning or end. Mahākala is Himself Nirguna and Niskriya, but his S'akti makes the Sun and other heavenly lights rise, stay and set.

It is by the Power of the S'akti of Kāla that men and other Jīvas are conceived in the womb, are born, attain childhood, boyhood, middle and old age and leave the world on death. In the S'āntiparva of Mahābhārata, Vedavyāsa

says that it is through Kāla that women bear, that birth and death occur, winter, summer and rains come, and the seed germinates. Even Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Rudra appear, stay and disappear through the S'akti of Kāla. None can escape Its operation. Viṣṇu-Saṃhitā says that even those Devas who create and withdraw the world are themselves withdrawn by Kāla. Kāla or time is certainly then the stronger. Mahākāla is called Mahākālī because He is one and the same and not different from His eternal S'akti. It is She who is Mahāvidyā, Mahādevī, Mahāmāyā, and Parabrahmarūpinī. As Ādinātha Mahākāla is the first creator of the world so the S'akti of Mahākāla, the merciful Mahākālī is the Ādiguru of the world. Yoginī Tantra says that Mahākālī is the Mother of the world, and one with Mahākāla, as is shown in the Ardhanārīs'vara Mūrti.

It was this Brahmavidyā who (Yoginī-Tantra, 10th Patala) at the beginning of this Kalpa was heard as a bodyless voice from the sky by Brahmā, Viṣṇu, and Mahes'vara, who were then told to perform Tapasyā for the acquisition of creative and other S'aktis. It was this Aniruddha-saras'vatī who in the Satyayuga appeared in the Heavens before Indra and other proud Devatās in the form of a brilliant Yakṣa, and crushing the pride of the Devas Agni and Vāyu, in the form of all-beautiful Umā, taught Brahmatattva to Indra, the King of the Devas (See Kenopaniṣad 11, 12).

This Kālī again who is Paramestiguru and grants Kaivalya, compassionating the sensuous and short-lived Jīvas of the terrible Kaliyuga revealed the Sāmbhavī-Vidyā. This, which was taught in the form of conversations between Devī and Īsvara, had been during the three preceding ages kept as concealed as a lady of high family from public gaze. It contained three sets of sixty-four Āgamas each, which revealed the path of Liberation for these Jīvas. Though She is Herself eternal and Saccidānandarūpinī, She at times out of

compassion for Sādhakas assumes forms fitted for their Sādhanā. Similarly the Veda, Āgama and the rest though everlasting portions of the Sabdabrahmarūpiņī are only revealed to Sādhakas at different times in the several Yugas.

When the Mahadevi who is Consciousness (Cinmayi) at the beginning of the Kalpa was pleased by the Tapasya of Deva Rudra, floating on the Causal Waters, She assumed the Virad aspect and became thus visible to Him. At that time by the command of Mahadevi the Deva Rudra saw in the Susumna millions of universes (Brahmanda) and millions of Brahmas, Visnus and Mahes varas in them. The Deva, greatly wondering in the Heart-Lotus of Mahadevi, there saw the Mūrti of S'abdabrahman consisting of Agamas, Nigamas, and other S'astras (See Yoginf-Tantra, 9th Patala). He saw that of that Mūrti, Agama was the Paramatma, the four Vedas with their Angas were the Jīvātmā, the six systems of philosophy (Dars'ana) were the senses, the Mahapuranas and Upapuranas were the gross body, the Smrtis were the hands and other limbs, and all other S'astras were the hairs of that great Body. He also saw the fifty Matrka (Letters) resplendent with Tejas on the edges and petals of Her Heart-Lotus. Within the pericarp of the Lotus of the Viradrupini He saw the Agamas, brilliant as millions of suns and moons, replete with all Dharma and Brahmajñana, powerful to destroy all Maya, full of all Siddhis and Brahmanirvana. By the grace of Mahākālī he fully mastered the Veda, Vedānta, Purānas. Smriti and all other Sastra. Later, Brahma and Visnu received this knowledge of Agama and Nigama from Him.

In the Satyayuga Brahmā revealed the Smṛtis, Purāṇas and other S'āstra to the Devaṛṣis. In this way Brahmavidyā was promulgated to the world. This therefore is authority to show, that just as Brahman is everlasting, so are the Āgamas and Nigamas which tell of Brahman. Just as in the Satya and other Yugas, only the three twice-born castes, wearing the

sacred thread, but not the S'ūdra and other low castes were entitled to worship according to the Veda, so in those three Yugas only Devarsis, Brahmarsis and Rājarsis, who had conquered their passions and knew Advaita doctrine and Brahman, were entitled to the Āgama S'āstra which destroys all sense of difference caused by ignorance and grants knowledge of Advaitatattva.

By Siva's command they kept it as secret in their heart as they would a knowledge of their own mother's illicit love. By Upasana they became liberated whilst yet living (Jivanmukta) and attained to Brahmanirvana. At that time the Upāsanā of the Agama was unknown to Sādhakas devoted to Karma. For this reason many people nowadays think the Tantra-s'astra to be of recent origin. Probably all know that in the first three Yugas Brahmana boys, after investiture with the sacred thread, used to learn the Karmakanda and Inanakanda of the Veda orally from their preceptors. The Veda was not then classified or reduced to writing. Towards the close of the Dvaparayuga, S'rīkṛṣṇa-dvaipāyana Maharsi Vedavyāsa divided the Veda into four parts and reduced it to writing. This however does not show that the Veda is a recent production. The Supreme Science (Parā vidyā) which is contained in the Agama was also handed down from generation to generation of Gurus in the first three Yugas and is being now similarly transmitted. Towards the end of the Dvaparayuga, and at the beginning of the Kali age, merciful S'iva impelled by compassion for humanity bound in the toils of ignorance, divided the Tantra-s'āstra, which is unlimited knowledge, into three sets of sixty-four parts each, according to the necessity of different Adhikaris, and then told them to Ganapati and Kārtikeya the two beloved sons of Pārvatī. They repeated these Tantras to Rsis of Siddhas ramas, and these last, in their turn, told them to their own disciples. Of the Rsis who knew Agama the chief was Dattatreya, an

incarnation of Visnu. At the beginning of the Kalpa the ancient Brahmavidya contained in the Agama appeared from out the Paramești-guru who is Mahābrahmavidyā and exists in man's heart unlimited and imperishable. If Sādhanā is done according to the instructions of a Sadguru it becomes visible in the Sādhaka's heart. Upāsanā, in the Vaidik form, predominated in the Satyayuga. In those days Brahmanas. and other twice born castes, impelled by a desire for wealth. progeny and so forth used to worship Indra, Agni, Vāyu, Sūrya, Soma, Varuna and other Devas presiding over particular S'aktis of Parames'vara in whom all S'aktis reside. But desire-free Brahmarsis and Maharsis did Sādhanā of Brahmavidya the full and perfect S'akti. And so we see in the tenth Mandala (१२५) of the Rgveda-Samhita that Mahadevi appeared in the heart of the daughter of Maharsi Ambhrni and so told the true nature of Brahmavidya to Rsis. This is the Devisukta full of Advaitatattva, the Hymn telling of the true nature of Brahma-vidya in the Veda. In the Treta and other Yugas the Brāhmanas and other twice-born devoted to the Karmakanda used to perform Yajñas and so forth, according to the Smritis'āstras of Manu and others. But Brahmarsi Vasistha (in Cīnācāra) Rājarsi Visvāmitra (see Gandharva-Tantra, First Patala), Videharāja Janaka, Bhrgurāma the son of Jamadagni (see Kalīkulasarvasva), S'rī Ramacandra and other high-souled men were worshippers of Brahmavidya the full and perfect S'akti. Again in the Dvaparayuga, despite the existence of Vaidik and Smarta cults, the Agnihotra Yaina and other rites used to be performed according to the Puranas. But high-souled S'rikrisna the son of Vasudeva (see Rādhā-Tantra, Devī Bhāgavata and Mahābhārata, Anus'āsana Parva, Ch. 14), the five Pandavas namely Yudhisthira and others (Virāta Parva, Ch. 6) the high-souled Rājarsi Bhīshma, the great Muni Vedavyāsa, high souled S'ukadeva, Asita, Devala and Brahmarşis such as Durvāsā were worshippers of

Mahāvidyā the perfect S'akti. Of this the Mahābhārata and other books provide particular proofs. In the present Kaliyuga also the ten S'amskāras such as marriage and so forth of the twice born, and the obsequial ceremonies such as S'rāddha are performed according to Vaidik ritual. Smṛti governs Cāndrāyana and other matters relating to Ās'rama and legal affairs such as inheritance. The autummal Durgāpūjā and other Vratas are performed according to the Purāṇas. But initiation, Upāsanā of Brahman with S'akti and various practices of Yoga are done according to the ritual of the Āgama S'āstra.

This latter is of three kinds according to the prevalence of the Guṇas namely Tantra, Yāmala and Dāmara. There are in all 192 Āgamas current, namely 64 each in Asvakrāntā, Rathakrāntā, and Viṣnukrāntā. Many Tantras were lost in Buddhist and Mahommedan times and the few which still remain with Sādhakas in different parts of the country are not shown by them to any but to their disciples, so that these also are about to be lost. The late Rasika-Mohana-Chattopādhyāya, with great effort and cost, saved some of these and the English Arthur Avalon has done the same and I hope yet others will in future be rescued by him.

In the Yoginī-Tantra Īs'vara says to Devī that the difference between Vedas and Āgamas is like that between Jīva and Ātmā, that is between Jīva covered with Avidyā and Īs'vara who is full of Vidyā. Indra and other Devas who used to be worshipped as Īs'varas in Yajñas held under the Karmakāṇda or Samhitā of the Vedas are, in Tantra-s'āstra, worshipped as the Presiding Devatās of the Dikpālinī S'akti of Her who is all S'aktis (Sarvas'akti-svarūpiṇī). The three Is'varas Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Rudra of the Vedas and Purāṇas are in Tantra-s'āstra the presiding Devatās of the creative, preservative, and dissolving S'aktis of Mahādevī. As such they are worshipped as the supports of the couch of the

Mahādevī. She in the Devīgītā says that 'Brahmā, Viṣṇu, Isvara, Sadāsiva are five Mahāpreta at my Feet. They are constituted of the five Bhūta and represent the five different elements of matter.' 'I however' She says 'arn unmanifested conciousness (Chit) and in every way beyond them.'

Again the Veda says 'All this is verily Brahman.' Despite this Mahāvākya, various distinctions are made, such as those of caste, Adhikara of men and women and so forth. So a male Brāhmana may say Vaidik Mantras but not Brāhmana women. Distinction was again made between objects as between the water of the Ganges and a well. All such distinctions are wholly opposed to the Spirit of the Great Word (Mahāvākya). The Tantra-s'āstra says that the supreme Brahman is both subtle and gross. In dependence on the truth of this Mahāvākya Tāntrik Sādhakas purify wine which is 'not to be taken and drunk' according to Veda. Considering it to be as holy as nectar, they offer it into the mouth of Kulakundalinī who is Consciousness itself (Citsvarūpinī). Again, in accordance with Veda, the Tantra holds food to be sacred and knowing that food is Brahman ordains the offering of it to Mahādevī. This offered food is Mahāprasāda and very holy and rare even for Devas, and whether it be brought by a Candala, or even fallen from the mouth of a dog. The Vedas and Smrti say that the Candala and other low castes are untouchable. On touching them one must bathe, do Aghamarshana and so forth. But the Tantra-S'actra says that even a Candala, who has a knowledge of Kula doctrine and Brahman, is superior to a Brahmana who does not know The Tantra-S'astra again says that during the Cakra all castes are equal. Since all are children of the one Mother of the World, no distinctions should be made at the time of worshipping Her. It is on this Tantrik authority that no caste distinctions are observed in the matter of eating and so forth in the Virajāksetra of S'rī S'rī Vimalā Devī. The

Veda again prohibits the performancs of Yajña or worship after the taking of food. Tantra-S'astra however says that one should not worship Kalika whilst suffering from hunger or thirst otherwise She becomes angry. That is since Siva and IIva are really one it is futile to worship the Paramatma saying 'I offer Naivedya' when the Jīva, who is one with It, is in want of food and drink. Smrti again, which explains Veda ordains that the Shalagrama stone which represents Nārāyana should not be touched or worshipped by any but Brāhmanas. On the other hand, the Tantra-S'āstra ordains that the Banalinga representation of the Brahman may be touched and worshipped not only by Brahmanas but by S'ūdras, Candālas and women. In fact the Karmakānda of Veda contains many such ordinances opposed to Brahman-knowledge. For this reason Bhagavan S'rikrsna has said in the Gita that the Vedas are concerned with objects constituted of the three Gunas (Trigunavisaya) and bids Arjuna to free himself of the Gunas. He says the Veda contains the Karmakanda but that he who seeks the Brahman-state above the Gunas should abandon the Karmakānda and perform Sādhanā according to S'astra by which Liberation is gained. In spite however of differences in worship and practice both Veda and Tantra S'astras are one in holding that there can be no Liberation without Tattvajñāna. In the Nirvāņa-Tantra Siva says 'Oh Devi, there is no Liberation without Tattvajñāna.' According to Veda, a Sādhaka, in order to become fit for Nirvāņa, must have first accomplished the fourfold Sadhana. He must have acquired the faith that Brahman is alone everlasting, and have no desire for happiness either on earth or in heaven. He must possess the six virtues, S'ama, Dama and so forth, and must long for Liberation. He then discusses (Vicara) and ponders on the Mahavakya 'That thou art' (Tat tvam asi), and thus realizing the unity of Paramatma and Jīvatma, attains the knowledge 'He I am' (So'ham).

In Tantrik Upasana the Jaanakanda is mingled with the Karmakānda. The Agama teaches the ignorant Pas'u, steeped in dualism. Vīrabhāva Sādhanā in which dualism and nondualism are mingled. It thus endeavours to raise them to the divine state of Jivanmuktas, the state of pure Monism. Manu says 'Know dualists to be Pas'us. Non-dualists are Brahmanas.' Rudrayāmala says that Virabhāva is revealed for the development of Iñana. After perfecting Jñana and attainment of Brahmasiddhi, the Sādhaka becomes Devatā in a pure state of Sattva. The Vedanta and philosophic S'astras are replete with instructions and arguments touching nondualism. But they do not indicate the path by which one can be in actual practice non-dualistic. For this reason we see Vedantic Pandits deeming it unclean to touch a low caste man such as a S'ūdra. They also observe endless distinctions as to what should or should not be eaten, and what should and should not be offered to Devatā. Tantra-S'āstra however says that non-dualistic Bhava (Bhavadvaita) should be accompanied by non-dualistic action (Kriyadvaita). The Yogavāsistha (Rāmāyana) says that to the Muni who realizes nondualism (Advaita) in Bhava, in Kriya, and in objects (Dravya) in all these three matters the world, seems but a dream.

According to the instruction of Tantra-Sästra the Sādhaka rises in the early hours of the morning, and sitting on his bed, meditates as follows: 'I am the Devī and none other. I am that Brahman who knows not grief. I am a form of Being-Consciousness-Bliss, Whose true nature is eternal Liberation.' Again at noon sitting at worship he does Bhūtas'uddhi, and therein merging the 24 Tattvas beginning with earth in Paramātmā and thinking of the Paramātmā and Jīvātmā as one he meditates: 'He I am.' Gandharva-Tantra says that, after due obeisance to the Guru, the wise Sādhaka should think 'He I am' and thus unite Jīvātmā and Paramātmā. In all Sthūla-Dhyāna of Mahāvidyās, forming

part of daily worship, Tantra-S'āstra everywhere enjoins meditation on the Mahadevi as not different from, but one with, the Sadhaka's Atma. The Kali-Tantra says that, after meditating as enjoined, the Sadhaka should worship the DevI as Atmā. 'He I am' (So'ham). Kubjikā-Tantra says that the Sādhaka should think of his Ātmā as one with Her. Nila-Tantra in the Dhyana of Tara says that meditation should be done on one's own Atma as one with the Saviour-goddess (Tārinī). In Gandharva-Tantra Mahādevī says, as regards the Dhyana of Tripurasundari, that the Man who meditates on the unattached, attributeless, and pure Atmā which is Tripura as one with, and not different from, his own Atma becomes himself Her (Tanmaya). One should become Her by ever thinking 'She I am' (Sā'ham). Again in the Kālīkula-sarvasva Siva says that whoever meditates on the Guru and recites the Hymn of the spouse of Siva and thinks of Kālikā's Ātmā as one with his own Ātmā is S'rī Sadāsiva. Similarly Kularnava Tantra says 'The body is the temple of Devatā and the Jīva is Deva Sadasiva.' Let the Sādhaka give up his ignorance as the offering (Nirmalya, which is thrown away) and worship with the thought and feeling 'He I am.' It is not only at times of worship and so forth that the Sādhaka is enjoined to meditate on Her who is Paramātmā as one with his own Atma. Siva teaches that our thought and feeling should be non-dualistic in all that we do, in eating, in walking and so forth. Hence in the Gandharva-Tantra Siva says 'I am both the Deva and the food offered to Him, the flower and perfume and all else. I am the Deva. There is none other than Me. It is I who worship the Deva and I am also Deva of Devas.' Again it is ordained that at the time of taking Kāraņa (wine) and the rest they should be offered to the Fire of Consciousness in one's own heart, uttering the Mantra, and thinking that Kula-Kundalini extends to the tip of his tongue, let the Sadhaka say: 'The

liquid shines. I am the Light. I am Brahman. She I am. I offer Ahuti to my own Self Svāhā.' He who does Sādhanā of the Mahāvidyā in Vīrāchāra with such Advaitabhāva attains by Her Grace to Divyabhāva, and with the thought 'I am Brahman' becomes liberated whilst living, and on death is one with Mahādevī. In the Devigitā S'rī S'rī Devī says 'He becomes Myself because both are one.' Again the Mahānirvāṇa-Tantra enjoins a similar non-dualistic feeling in the Mantra to be said when taking the Dravya (wine). The ladle is Brahman, the offering is Brahman, the fire is Brahman, the offering is made by Brahman and to Brahman he goes who places all his actions in Brahman.'

Saccidananda Mahavidya, in undistinguishable union of Siva and S'akti, can alone be worshipped with such non-dualism of feeling. Although Tantrik worshippers are divided into five communities namely S'ākta, S'aiva, Vaisnava, Gāņapatya, Saura the first alone are all Dvijas since all worshippers of Savitri (Gayatri) the Mother of the Veda belong to the S'akta community. The Matrkabheda-Tantra says 'Savitri the Mother of the Veda was born of the sweat of Kāli's body. That Devi grants the threefold fruit and is S'akti of Brahman.' Sadhakas belonging to the other four communities worship their respective male Devatas associating with them their S'aktis. Thus the S'aivas worship S'iva under the names Umā-Mahes vara, Siva-Durgā, Kālī Samkara, Arddhanārīs'vara and so forth. The Vaisnavas worship Visnu under the names, Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa, Lakṣmi-Nārāyaṇa, Sitā-Rāma, S'rī-Hari and so forth. In the Nirvana-Tantra S'ri Krsna says 'To those who do Japa of Radha first and then Krena to such I, of a surety, grant a happy lot even now and here.' By uttering the name Sītā-Rāma (Sītā coming first) one utters the Tara of Mahadevi, and for this reason it is also called Tāraka-Brahma. The Sauras perform their worship with the Mantra 'Obeisance to S'ri Surya accompanied by the

S'akti who reveals.' Moreover the Māyā-Bija (Hrìm), which is the Pranava of Devi, is added to the Mülamantra by every sect. This clearly shows that all these five sects are directly or indirectly worshippers of the Brahman who is S'iva-S'akti (Sivas'aktyātmaka) both in his Nirguņa and Saguņa aspects. Kaivalyopanisad says 'By meditation on the three-eyed, blue-throated serene Lord (Prabhu) Parames'vara, who is without beginning, middle and end, who is one and pervades all things, who is wonderful, Cidananda Itself, accompanied by Uma, the Muni goes to the Source of all being (Bhūtayoni) to the Witness of all, who is beyond all darkness.' Hence in the Tantra-Sastra. Siva has said that the Siva-sakti-Tattva is the cause of Tattvajñāna and therefore Japa should be done by a Mantra in which they are united. That is one attains Tattvajñāna, which is liberation, by worshipping Brahman as Mother and Father. All Mantras being composed of Siva and S'akti one should meditate on S'iva-S'akti as being one. In the Tantra S'astra also S'iva has said that there is no difference between them who are inseparably connected (Avinābhāvasambandha). He who is S'iva is also S'akti and She who is S'akti is also S'iva. Fatherhood and Motherhood are merely distinctions of name. In reality they stand for one and the same thing. The Tantra S'astra again says that S'akti, Mahes'vara, Brahman all denote the same Being. Male, female, neuter are verbal and not real distinctions. S'akti, Mahes'vara, Brahman; all three denote the one eternal Mahāvidyā who is Saccidānanda. Although the Mahavidya is in truth Nirguna and eternal, She assumes various Māyik forms, varying according to the Gunas, for the fruition of the desires of Sadhakas. It is said in Candi that She ever appears to fulfil the purposes of Devas, and at such time She, who is Truth eternal, is commonly said to be generated. In the Devyagama it is said: 'Mahamaya who is Citrupa and Parabrahmasvarupini assumes by Her grace

towards Sādhakas various forms.' We may meditate on Mahādevī as either female or male, for these terms may be attributed to any gross body. They cannot however be attributed to Her in so far as She is Saccidānanda. Sādhakas of S'akti worship Brahman as Mother, for in the world the mother-aspect alone of Her who is Brahman is fully manifested. In the Yāmala, S'iva says:—'Devī may, My Beloved, be thought of as female or male, or the Saccidānandarūpiņī may be thought of as Niṣkala-Brahman. But in truth She is neither a female, male, neuter being, nor an inanimate thing. But like the term Kalpavallī (a word in feminine gender denoting tree) feminine terms are attributed to Her.'

In fact the main cause of the birth and nourishment of men and animals is their respective mothers. Their fathers are merely helpers (Sahakārī). Every Jīva on issuing from his mother's womb, lives on her milk, and receives his first initiation with the Mantra 'Mā' (Mother). The first preceptor (Adiguru) of every man is his mother. She is his visible Devatā. His first lessons are learnt of her. It is the mark also of the Earth to generate and nourish all Jivas, like a mother, by producing for them all kinds of fruits and grains and holding them in her bosom. Hence we are not wrong in saying that the world is full of the Mother.

In mathematics zero has no value and is merely an empty formless (Nirākāra) thing, indicative of infinity until it is joined to an integer. But when joined to the figure 1 it converts it into 10. Similarly when She who is formless Brahman is joined to Her own Prakṛti, consisting of the three Guṇas, spoken of in S'ruti as 'the unborn one, red, black, and white,' then She assumes for the fruition of the Sādhaka's desires ten different forms (Das'amahāvidyā) whose variety is due to difference in the proportions of the three Gunas. There are the ten Mahāvidyās who are S'iva and S'akti (S'ivas'aktimayī). These ten forms are Kālī and Tārā, the Mahāvidyā

Sodasi, Bhuvanesvari, Bhairavi, Chinnamasta, Dhumavati. the Vidyā Bagalā, the Siddhavidyā Mātangī, and Kamalā. Some Tantras mention eighteen Mahavidya, but these are forms of the ten with slight variations. Of the ten Mahavidvās, Kālī is S'uddha-sattva-guņa-pradhānā, Nirvikārā, Nirguņa-brahma-svarūpa-prakāsikā. It is this primordial form which alone directly gives Kaivalya. In Yogini-Tantra Devl says 'Now see my form (Rupa) which is Brahmananda and supreme. Listen, this form is the supreme state (Paramadhāma) in the form of Kālī. There is no Brahman-form higher than this.' In Kāmadhenu-Tantra Siva says 'In the void is Kālī who grants Kaivalya'. Tārā is Sattva-guņātmikā and Tattvavidyādāyini; Sodasi (Mahātripura-sundarī), Bhuvanesvarī and Chinnamastā are Rajah-pradhānā and Sattva-guņātmikā and hence they grant Gaunamukti in the form of Heaven (Svarga) Aisvarya and so forth. The forms of Dhūmāvatī, Bagalā, Mātangī and Kamalā are Tamah-pradhāna and hence their Sādhanā is done in Satkarma, such as causing death to others and so forth. In short all the ten forms of Mahadevi give Enjoyment and Liberation directly or indirectly.

The forms of the Mahāvidyā are divided into two groups namely the Kālīkula and S'rikula. So Niruttara-Tantra says that 'Kālī, Tārā, Raktakālī, Bhuvanā, Mardinī, Triputā, Tvaritā, Durgā and Vidyā Pratyangīrā belong to the Kālīkula. And to the S'rīkula belong Sundarī, Bhairavī, Bālā, Bagalā, Kamalā, Dhūmāvatī, Mātangī, Vidyā, Svapnāvatī and Mahāvidyā Madhumatī. Of all the Siddhavidyās Dakṣinā is, O my beloved, the Cause (Prakṛti)'.

Kāli-kula is for the worship of Jāānīs in Divya and Vīrabhāva, and S'rī-kula is for the worship of Karmins in Divya, Vīra and Pasu-Bhāvas. The Tantra-S'āstra gives an account of the Mantras, Yantras, mode of worship and so forth for all the ten or eighteen Mahāvidyās. But almost all Tāntrik writings hymn the greatness of, and give

the highest place to, Kalika the first Mahavidya for the others are but different forms of Brahmarupini Kālikā. The Nigama-Kalpataru says 'Of all castes the Brahmana is the highest. Amongst all Sadhakas the S'akta is the highest. Of S'āktas he is the chief who does Japa of the Kālīmantra.' Picchila-Tantra also says 'of all the Mantras of the Devas that of Kālikā is the best. Even the vilest can become Jīvanmukta simply through this Mantra.' In Yoginī-Tantra, S'iva says 'This Vidyā Kālikā is Mahā-Mahā-Brahma Vidyā, through whom even the worst may attain Nirvāņa. Even Brahmā, Visnu, and Mahes vara are her worshippers. She who is Kā!ī the supreme Vidyā, is Tārā also. The notion of a difference between them has given rise to various Mantras.' Again the Kāmākhyā-Tantra says 'Oh Paramesvari, seven lakhs of Mahavidyas remain hidden. Of them all Sodas's is said to be the most sublime. But Oh Devi, the Mother of the world, Kālikā is the mother even of Her.' Niruttara-Tantra says 'Without knowledge of S'akti. Oh Devi, there is no nirvana. That S'akti is Daksina Kālī who is the own form of all Vidyās (Sarvavidyārūpiņī).' The Yāmala again says 'As is Kālī so is Tārā and so are Chinnā and Kullukā. Oh Devi, thou, who art the supreme Kālikā, art also the Mūrti which is composed of these four. In the Vaidik system Sagnika (fire-maintaining) Brahmanas achieved their ends by the offering of oblations to the seven lolling tongues of fire named Kali, Karali, Manojava. Sulohitā, Sudhūmravarņā, Sphulinginī and Devī Visvaruci' (1st Saptaka, 2nd Khanda, 4th Sütra).1

Another important characteristic of the Tantra-S'āstra remains to be mentioned. Although this Scripture is very liberal in matters of practice and worship and does not recognize distinctions of caste and so forth, it has yet repeatedly, enjoined Sādhakas to keep this Acāra hidden from

See Mundakopanisad, 1-2-4.

ignorant Pasus. Of Kaulas it says that 'they are at heart S'aktas, outwardly S'aivas, and in gatherings Vaisnavas'. It also contains injunctions such as that the teaching should be kept as secret as one would the knowledge of one's mother's illicit love, and that if it is given out the Sādhaka's purpose is frustrated and so forth. In the Gandharva-Tantra, Siva savs that only such men as are without dualism, have controlled their passions and are devoted to Brahman are entitled to this S'astra. 'He alone is entitled, who is a believer, pure, self-controlled, without dualism who lives in Brahman, speaks of Brahman, is devoted to Brahman, takes refuge in Brahman. who is free from all feeling of enmity against others, and who is ever engaged in doing good to all beings. Others are not true Sādhakas (Brahmasādhaka). It should not be told to Pas'us, to those who are insincere, or to men of shallow knowledge.' For this reason Siva has used symbols in the teaching of all Dhyanas, Mantras, Yantras, and modes of Sadhana of Devas and Devis. The meaning of these symbols is not known to any but the Sadguru. Hence the secret mysteries are unintelligible even to the learned without the grace of the Guru. In the Kulārņava-Tantra, Siva says 'There are many Gurus who know the Veda, the Sastras and so forth. But. Oh Devi, rare is the Guru who knows the meaning of the supreme Tattva'. Hence in order to know the true meaning of the Dhyanas and so forth, there is no other means than to seek refuge with the Guru who knows the meaning of all Agamas.

It is owing to ignorance of the true nature of Devata that even Brahmavidyā, who is subtler than the most subtle and Consciousness Itself, seems to be a gross thing. Even learned men do not shrink from saying that this Brahmamayī, whose desires are fully realized (Pūrnakāmā) is fond of offerings of blood, flesh and so forth. In the Jñānasamkalinī-Tantra, S'iva says, 'Agni is the Deva of the twice born. The Devatā of Munis is in their hearts. Men of small intelligence worship images.

To the wise, Devatā is everywhere.' That is Karmin Brāhmaņas worship Agni as Isvara, Yogis see the Devata in their own hearts, men of small intelligence (that is compared with the others) worship the Devata in images, and high-souled seers of the Tattva see Brahman everywhere. In fact much as a teacher shows his little students, small globes and maps, in order to make them understand the nature of the great earth. so Gurus counsel Sadhakas of no great intelligence and of inferior Adhikara to meditate on Sthula forms in images and pictures so that their wandering minds may be rested, and they may learn the true aspects of Devatā. Unfortunately however, ignorant men consider the Sthula form to be the true aspect of the Devata. In the Kularnava-Tantra, Siva says that some meditate on the Sthula to still the mind, which, when so stilled, can fix itself on the Sūksma. The Sādhaka should first learn from the Guru what quality or action each limb of the image represents, and should then practise meditation on the subtle, otherwise the gross form will itself. become for him mere earth or stone. In Kubiika-Tantra Siva says 'Oh Lady of Mahesa. One should meditate on the Formless (here used in the sense as opposed to forms of images, etc.) along with the form. It is by constant practice, Oh Devi, that one realizes the formless.'

Hence Sādhakas who desire Liberation should always think of the Svarūpatattva of Brahmavidyā-Kālikā. Of this Svarūpa the Devī says in Mahābhāgavata: 'Those who long for Liberation should, in order to gain freedom from the bonds of the body, meditate on that aspect (Rūpa) of Mine which is the snpreme Light (Jyotih), Sūkṣma, and Niṣkala, Nirguṇa, the all-pervading unbeginning, non dual sole Cause which is Saccidānanda Itself. This is the Svarūpa of the Devī which is beyond all mind and speech.'

The Mārkandeya-Purāna says, 'The Mahāmāyā is Niekalā, Nirgunā, endless, undecaying, unthinkable, formless

and both eternal (Nityā) and transient (Anityā)', that is, Mahāmāyā Kālikā is free from Kalā (Māyā) and free from Gunas, without end, imperishable, eternal, and not transient as is the world (Jagat), formless, and hence, as such, is not the object of meditation. In the Kurma-Purana, Visnu in the form of a Tortoise says that the Supreme DevI is Nirguna, pure, white, stainless, free from all duality and realizable by the Atma only. This state of Hers is attainable only by Iñana. In the Kamada-Tantra Siva says 'That eternal Kali who is supreme Brahman is one without a second either male or female. She has neither form, Adhara, or Upadhi. She is sinless and imperishable Sacchidananda, the Great Brahman.' She who is eternal Brahman has neither appearance (Avirbhava), nor disappearance (Tirobhava), and being all-pervading, She cannot be said, like other Devas and Devis, to reside in any particular Loka. Thus Brahma resides in Brahmaloka. Visnu in Visnuloka, Rudra in Kailasa and S'rī Kṛṣṇa in Goloka, but Mahadevi is always and everywhere equally present; though for the fulfilment of the desires of Sadhakas, She appears in particular forms in their minds and hearts. It is clear therefore that her Sthula aspect is Maya-made (Mayamaya) and transient (Anitya). For this reason Siva, in the Gandharva-Tantra, says, 'That aspect (Rupa) of the Devi which is the Supreme Bliss and the Great Cause of the worlds neither appears nor disappears'. In the Kulārņava-Tantra, S'iva says, 'It neither rises nor sets, nor grows nor decays; It shines Itself and makes others shine without any help. This aspect is without condition (Anavasthā) and is being only (Sattamatra) and unknowable to the senses (Agocara).' That is, the Svartipa aspect of the Mahadevi who is Supreme Bliss is the root-cause of this world of three Gunas. This aspect has no appearance or disappearance and no growth or decay. 'It is self-manifest and manifests all other objects. It is beyond the states of waking, dreams, and sleep.

It is unattainable by speech and mind and is Being itself.'

In fact just as fire which, though pervading all objects, does not show its power of burning and lighting, and cannot be put to use for cooking and so forth, until it has been generated by the friction of two objects, so although the Cinmayi is all-pervading, She does not become visible nor does She grant one's desire without the action of Sadhana. Again just as the Sun itself, motionless in the distant Heavens, by its rays draws moisture from the earth, so the Mahādevī, who is the abode of all S'aktis, though in Herself changeless (Nirvikara) creates (and the like) the world by means of the eight S'aktis, Brahmānī, Vaisnavi, Māhesvarī and other Devatās, presiding as her creative and other S'aktis. For this reason in the Yantra of Mahadevi Kālikā (see Kālikopaniṣad) the Sādhaka worships the fifteen S'aktis Kall and others in the fifteen corners, the eight S'aktis Brahmi and others on the eight petals, the eight Bhairavas and Vatukas Asitanga and the rest at the edges of the eight petals, the four Devatas, Visnu and others, at the four corners of the Yantra, and the ten Dikpalas, Indra and others, in the ten directions as being the rays of Kālikā who is Herself a mass of pure light (Tejoghana). The Mahadevi is worshipped as the Murti consisting of Siva-Sakti (Sivasaktimaya) in the Bindu at the centre of the Yantra.

Although the Agama-S'āstra, which grants Advaitabhāva and educes Tattvajñāna, has been revealed by all-merciful S'rī S'rī Bhairava and Bhairavī, it is still unknown to a mass of people. Many in fact to-day despise the Tantra because it contains Vīrācāra and Kulācāra, and some even refuse to admit that it is a Dharmas'āstra at all. If they had read the Tantra-S'āstra intelligently and learned its principles from Sādhakas truly versed in it, they would have realized how mistaken were their notions of it and, instead of despising it,

would certainly have admitted that this S'āstra is the only means of Liberation for the undisciplined, weakminded and short-lived. Seeing that wine, flesh, fish are consumed and sexual intercourse takes place in the world at large I am myself unable to understand why many people should shudder at the Sādhanā of Pafica-makāra to be found in the Tantra-S'āstra. Do these acts become blameable only if made a part of worship (Upāsanā)?

All know that Ghee which nourishes and promotes longevity causes serious stomach-disease and even death if taken in too large quantities, whilst snake-poison, which kills, will yet cure and lengthen the life of a dying delirious man, if it be purified and given under suitable conditions with a cold bath, a diet of whey, and so forth. Similarly the Great Physician (Vaidyanatha) Himself has prescribed the Mantra of Advas'akti possessed of all S'aktis, and the invigorating Pañca-makāra as Sādhanā suitable for the cure of the malady of Existence (Bhavaroga) of the sinful livas of this dark Kali age, and as a means whereby they may attain the supreme state full of eternal bliss, imperishable and immortal. All classes of physicians prescribe the use of wine, fish and flesh in measured quantities for the acquisition of strength by patients who are weak and have a low vitality. On that account the medical science does not deserve to be hated. Similarly the Tantra-Sastra does not deserve to be blamed for prescribing the Pancha-makara for the Liberation of Iivas suffering from the disease of worldly existence. S'iva has nowhere said that Sadhakas of S'akti should always drink wine, always slaughter animals and eat their flesh and always enjoy women, and that thus they will attain Liberation. On the contrary, He has counselled various means for checking excesses in these matters, and He has in particular controlled licence by making these acts part of the worship of Isvara. It is the degraded conduct of a number of great Pasus who

pretend to be Sadhakas which is the cause of the public dislike for, and hatred of, the Tantra-S'astra. In the Mahanirvāņa-Tantra S'rī Sadās'iva says 'Wine is Tārā the Saviour in liquid form (Dravamayi). It saves Jivas destroying dangers and disease, and grants both Enjoyment and Liberation. But wine if drunk in contravention of rule (Vidhi), destroys the intelligence, reputation, wealth and life of men. Even a Kaula who has received Abhiseka an hundred times is to be deemed a Pasu and without the pale of Kuladharma if he is addicted to excessive drinking.' In the Kularnava, Siva says 'Oh My Beloved, he who kills animals for selfsatisfaction in contravention of S'astric ordinance (Avidhanena) will dwell in a terrible Hell for as many days as there are hairs on the body of the animal.' These utterances of Siva clearly show that He has nowhere ordained the free use of Pāñca-makāra by people in general. He has ordained Vīrācāra or Kulācāra only for Sādhakas of the Nivetti path who long for Liberation. Such Sadhakas, free from duality (Nirvikalpa) as they are, wish to see the Saccidananda aspect of the Mahadevi, and Siva has prescribed the Pañca-makara to enable them to realize the Ananda aspect. Just as a man who knows not sweetness is given sugar or honey to eat, so the Sādhaka is made to taste the fleeting objective (Vīṣaya) bliss (Ananda) of Pañca-makāra so that, thus controlling his six enemies for the time being, he may have a notion of the Eternal Brahman-bliss (Brahmananda): This momentary taste of eternal Brahman-bliss makes the Liberation-desiring Sādhaka eager for and industrious to gain it. But after the attainment of this natural (Sahaja) Brahman-bliss he no more longs for the five Makaras and becomes gradually devoted to Divyacara. If a Sadhaka takes wine in a limited way, after purification, the outgoing of his senses is weakened, and the mind or inner sense is stilled so that he is thus fitted for Sūksma-Dhyāna. For this reason wine is called cause

(Karana). In the Kularnava-Tantra, Shiva says, 'Ananda is the Self (Rupa) of Brahman and that exists in the body. Wine is its revealer and is hence drunk by Yogis. Wine and flesh are taken with Brahmajfana for the satisfaction of all Devas, and whoever partakes of them for self-gratification is a sinner.' That is Sadhakas do Sadhana with Panca-makāra for the satisfaction of the Devatās whom they worship and the development of Brahmajñana in their hearts; but whoever takes them for his own enjoyment is doomed to a terrible hell as a great sinner. S'iva has also said in the Kulārņava, 'One reaches heaven by the very things which may lead to Hell.' The fifth Makara, that is, sexual intercourse, is the root-cause of the creation of the world of Jivas. Ail Jivas, be they Devatas, men, beasts, birds, fish, insects or flies, are produced by the sexual union of their respective parents. In this world every male is an individualised (Vyastībhūta) aspect of Shiva, the Adipurusa, and Candī says, 'all females in all the worlds' are part of the Mahās'akti. The Kurma-Purana says, 'The Mahadevi is Herself One, present in many parts or divisions (Anekavibhagastha), beyond Māyā, absolutely pure, Mahāmāyā, Is'varī, eternal, stainless (Nirañiana), ancient, consciousness (CinmayI), the First Purușa (Adipurușa) of all Purușas.' The Gandharva-Tantra says, 'The male form (Pumso rupam) the female form, and any other good form-all this is undoubtedly Her supreme form (Paramam rupam).' One Brahman, becoming dual, appears as Siva and Sakti, and that aspect in which there is union of Siva and Sakti is the true aspect of Saccidananda Brahman. It is from this aspect of Blissful (Anandamaya) union that the world is created, and for that reason men and all other creatures ever seek happiness. The Bliss of the reproductive power of males and females manifests in their bodies only at the time of sexual union. At this time ignorant men remain intent only on gratifying their passion, but

Sådhakas, possessed of the knowledge of Kula, then meditate on the Yoga-blissful (Yogananda) form (Murti) of Siva and S'akti present in the hearts of males and females and, calling to mind the meaning (Artha) of the Mantra of their Istadevatā, do Japa of it. In the Kālīkulasarvasva, S'rī Sadās'iva says, 'By doing Japa of Mantra and by adoration of Bhagavatī, the consort of Siva, at times of sexual union, a man becomes, like S'uka, free from all sins.' In another place He says, 'The consort of Siva should be worshipped by becoming Siva.' True S'akti-sādhanā consists in considering all girls and women, old and young, and of all castes, as the visible forms of one's own Istadevata and (according to one's means) worshipping them with clothes, ornaments and so forth; or bowing to them as mothers with the Istamantra in mind and not treating them with neglect or contempt under any circumstance. In the Kaulavali-Tantra, Siva says, 'One should make obeisance on seeing a young woman of a Kaula family. One should bow to any female, be she a young girl, or flushed with youth, or be she old, be she beautiful or ugly, good, or wicked. One should never deceive, speak ill of, or do ill to, a woman and one should never strike her. All such acts prevent the attainment of Siddhi.'

At the present time a measured use of wine, flesh and so forth and a thorough respect for woman as for the Devatā are particularly seen in the civilized society of the West. Satisfied at this, the Mahādevī, who is the Queen of Queens, has granted to the people of the West the light of science and sovereignty over the whole world. S'rīmat Ādinātha Mahākāla has, in the 'Karpūrādi Stotra' called the Svarūpa-Stotra, briefly described the Mantra, Yantra, Dhyāna and Sādhanā of S'rīmatī Dakṣiṇa-Kālikā who is Parabrahman (Parabrahmarūpiṇī). This Supreme Tattva is hard to attain even by such Is'varas as Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Rudra. Mahākāla Himself says, 'Neither Dhātā nor Is'a nor Hari knows Thy Supreme Tattva.'

PRAYER 39

However, in accordance with the teachings of my Paramaguru, Mahāmahopādhyāya and most worshipful Rāmānanda Svāmī Siddhāntapañcānana, the crest-gem of Tāntrikas, now gathered to the feet of Siva, I write this Svarūpa commentary under the name of 'Vimalānandadāyinī,' of this Karpūrādi Stotra, in consonance with the views of Tantra and other Sästras.

PRAYER

AT THE FEET OF S'RT S'RT KALIKA

May the Mahā Devī who is called Kālikā,
Because She is without beginning or end,
Whose Body is imagined to be blue of colour,
Because like the blue sky She pervades the World,
And because She is Cidghanā Sattvaguņamayī
Who is imagined to be black
Because She is colourless and above the coloured Guṇas,
Whose hair is dishevelled (Muktakes'ī)

Because though Herself changeless She binds infinite numbers of Jivas by bonds of Māyā, symbolized by Her dishevelled hair and because She makes liberated (Mukta) Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Mahes'vara who are Kes'a,

This is a play on the word Ghana which means mass and black or dark blue cloud. Cidghana is massive, compact, unmixed, pure Consciousness (Cit). Again She is Nirguna and stainless but is also Meghāngī (cloud-bodied) because through Adhyāsa of the three Gunas She appears varicoloured just as a cloud in itself colourless appears white, blue, and so forth by contact with the sun's rays. So Devi-Purāna says, 'Just as the uniform cloud appears as of many colours, so does She too through the instrumentality of the Gunas.'

*Kes'a=K+A+Is'a. And K=Brahmā, A=Viṣṇu, aud Is'a—Rudra. The Niruttara-Tantra says, 'Kālī who is Aniruddha-saras'vatī, is the great desire-granting tree, the sole Cause of Enjoyment and Liberation for Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Mahes'a.'

- Who is imagined as having the Sun, Moon and Fire as Her three eyes,
- Because as the Virad, the Witness of the world past, present and future She sees everything,
- Who is pictured as wearing the dead bodies of two boys as Her ear-ornaments,
- Because as said in Agama and Nigama the childlike and unperturbed (Nirvikāra) Sādhaka is very dear to Her, who being the sole Creatrix, Preserver and Destructress of infinite millions of Worlds, has on Her Body the mark of the Yoni signifying creation, full and high breasts denoting preservation, and a terrible visage signifying the withdrawal of all things,
- Who is said to have large teeth, and a lolling tongue and to hold in Her hand a cup made of human skull,
- Because the Cinmayī Mahādevī drinks the wine of delusion arising from the Tamas Guṇa of Her Sādhaka by means of Sattva-pradhāna rajoguṇa,¹
- Who is pictured as wearing a garland of severed heads,
- Because She is S'abdabrahman (S'abdabrahmarūpinī) and the heads are the fifty letters,
- Whose upper and lower right hands are seen to be making the Abhaya and Vara Mudrās,
- Because She both destroys the dangers, and grants the desires of Sakāma-Sādhakās,
- Whose upper left hand is depicted as wielding a sword,

White Teeth stand for the white Sattva Guna, the red Tougue stands for the red Rajo-Guna and Delusion is the Tamo-Guna. The meaning is, the Mahāvidyā is represented with a lolling tongue because She first destroys the Sādhaka's Tamo-Guna by increasing his Rajo-Guna, and large teeth because by increasing his Sattva Guna and suppressing his Rajo-Guna She grants him the state of Nirguna-Brahman. In the Dhyāna of Tārā it is said, 'Ugratārā Herself destroys the Jādya (unconscious nature) of the three worlds by putting it in her skull-cup.'

Because She severs the bonds of illusion for the Niskama-Sadhaka,

Whose lower left hand is seen to hold a human head,

Because She grants him Tattvajñāna,

Who is called Digambarī (space-clad)

Because being Brahman (Brahmarūpinī) She is free from the covering of Māyā¹ and unconcerned (Nirvikāra).

Who is pictured as having a waist-chain of human hands,

Because hands are the principal instrument of work (Karma) and at the close of a Kalpa all Jīvas with their Karmas are merged in the Avidyā S'akti of Mahāmāyā,

Who is seen standing on the breast of corpse-like S'iva,

Because the Supreme State (Paramapada) and Svarūpāvasthā or Mahādevī (one with Siva) is Nirguņa and changeless (Nirvikāra),

Who is seen in Viparīta-maithuna with Mahākala,

Because at the beginning of a Kalpa She who is ever blissful (Nityanandamayi), and being united with Siva, feels pleasure in the work of creation which She effects by bringing the changeless Parasiva under Her dominion (Vasibhūta),

Who is again said to live in the cremation ground,

Because when at the end of a Kalpa all things in the universe from Brahmā to a blade of grass are dissolved in Mahā-kāla, She is in and one with that Mahākāla, who may be thus compared to a cremation ground, and because at

^{&#}x27;In the eighteenth century work of Kamalākānta called Sādhakaranjana it is said: 'Of the Nirākāra-Brahman, understand, Māyā to be the Ākāra' (Nirākāra-brahmer ākāra dekha Māyā). The Sūnya has no form until encircled by Māyā.

² Vikāra is also 'change'. She is then in Her changeless aspect.

³Coition in which the woman assumes the dominant roll. S'akti is active and S'iva is the passive principle.

the death of Jivas She exists as the individual (Vyaști) Iivātmā in the burning ground,

Whose Yantra for worship is composed of a circle symbolizing Māyā, an eight-petalled lotus denoting the eightfold Prakṛti, three Pentagons representing the fifteen Avayavas and a Bindu denoting Siva-Sakti,

Because She is, as Paramātmā, in the gross and subtle bodies consisting of the three Gunas and twenty-four Tattvas,

Whose Bija 'Krīm', the Queen of Mantras is pure Sattva Guṇa, and consciousness (Caitanyamayi) and grants both Enjoyment and Liberation,

Who is worshipped as Dakṣiṇā because She alone grants the full fruits of all forms of Upāsanā and Yajña.

May She, this Mahādevī, who is Saccidānandarūpiņī and forgiveness itself, pardon all offences committed by me in the explanation of this Her Hymn.

S'ambhu with His five mouths is unable to relate Thy qualities. Pardon all my childishness. Be propitious.

Guard my life, guard my repute and guard my wife, sons and wealth.

And at death grant me Liberation.

O Mother of the World, obeisance.

S'RĪ VIMALĀNANDA-S'VĀMĪ

¹ The S'vāmī also points out that the 'Kr' sound in this Mantra is also to be found in the word Christ and in the Mussulman's Karīm. See Māya Tantra Ch. vii for the Yavana-Bija.

HYMN TO KĀLĪ

(KARPŪRĀDI-STOTRA)

VERSE 1

O MOTHER¹ and Spouse of the Destroyer of the three cities,² they who thrice recite³ Thy Bija⁴ formed by omitting from Karpūra, the middle and last consonants and the vowels, but adding Vamakṣī and Bindu,⁵ the speech of such, whether in poetry and prose, like that of men who have attained all powers,⁶ issues of a surety with all ease from the hollow of their mouth, O Thou who art beauteous with beauty of a dark rain cloud.⁷

COMMENTARY (INNER SENSE)

With respectful obeisance to the beauteous feet of Svāmī Rāmānanda I write this Svarūpa-vyākyā named the Grantor of Pure Bliss (Vimalānandadāyini).8

'Oh Mother' (Mātah)

The root Mā=to measure, to which is added the suffix trch= Mātr: that is, She who measures out or gives: She who grants enjoyment or Liberation according as the Sādhaka is desire-ridden or free from desires.

'Spouse of the Destroyer of the three cities'

The three cities are three bodies, gross, subtle, causal. She is the S'akti of Him who grants Liberation from these bodies. As the Power-holder (S'aktimān) and His Power (S'akti) are one, it is She who is grantor of such Liberation. Kaivalya-Upaniṣad says, 'From the Ātmā, the root, the bliss, looking on all alike who abides within the three cities, is born the multiple and various world and into Him these three cities are merged.'

'They who recite'

That is meditating on the same as being one with the Ātmā of the Sādhaka. Kālikā-S'ruti says, 'One should always think of Ātmā as Kālī. Those who do, attain the fourfold Puruṣārtha whether directly desired or not.' Todala-Tantra (Ch. vi) says, 'Oh Devi, K grants Dharma, R grants Kāma, I grants Artha and M grants Mokṣa. Oh Beloved, the recital of these combined gives Nirvāṇa Mokṣa.'

* This (Etat)'

Thy Sattva saccidananda aspect denoted by the Bija 'Krīm'.

'Triple (Trihkritang)'

That is the triple aspect Sāttvika, Rājasika, Tāmasika.

'Bīja'

Denotes the aspect in which Thou art the Cause of the World. Although as Saccidānandarūpinī Thou art Nirguna when free of Māyā characterized by the Karma of Jīvas and Kāla, Thou becomest the seed in the creation of the world, what time Jīvas must enjoy the fruit of their Karma. In the Devīgītā, Devī says 'Then I who am Ātmā, Cit, Parabrahman and called the "One" assume the Bīja (seed) aspect through union with My own S'akti. The causal body of which I have aforetime spoken is Avyakta in which the world exists as seed (Bīja) from which issues the subtle body.'

'Karbūram'

Saguņa-Brahman the Kalpaka or fashioner of the World.

'Omitting therefrom'

Omitting from Mülaprakrti composed of Sattva, Rajas, and Tamas Guņas the middle Rajas Guņa which is Ü and the last Tamas

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Guņa which is M. It is thus composed of Sattvaguņa alone. The Jānasamkalinī-Tantra says, 'A is Sāttvika, U is Rājasa, M is Tāmasa. Prakṛti is these three.'

'Adding'

Powerful to give Nirvāņa Mokṣa and by Māyā to grant the desires of Sādhakas; and in whom the pure Sattvaguṇa predominates. The Tantra Kalpadruma says, 'K on account of its brilliance is the Citkalā, Jñāna. 'Associated with the fiery letter (R) She is auspicious and full of all Tejas. As "I" She grants the desires of Sādhakas. As Bindu She grants Kaivalya.'

'Beauty of dark clouds'

Thou who should be meditated upon as of a dark (Nīla) colour because Thou art Cidākāsa and dost possess the compact Tejas S'uddhasattvaguņa. In the Nirvāna Prakaraņa of Yogavāsiṣṭa it is said, 'Because S'ivā is Vyoma She is seen as black.' Tripurāsārasamuccaya says, 'As being Liberation, She who is attained by devotion (Bhakti) should be meditated on as being like the sky itself free from clouds.'

Notes

The Divine Mother of the World in Her aspect as Dakşina-kālikā that is the beneficent Grantor of Nirvāna.

The Kālikāhṛdaya says: 'I worship Kālī the Destructress of Kāla the Shining One, who is the Bīja Krīm who is Kāma who is beyond Kāla and who is Dakṣinakālikā.' Gandharva-Tantra says: 'Hrīm, I bow to Mahādevī who is Turīya and Brahman. He who remembers Her does not sink in the ocean of existence.' Candī says: 'Oh Thou whose Body is pure Jāāna who hast three divine eyes, who weareth the crescent moon, to Thee I bow for the attainment of all good.' (V)

*Sakti of Mahes'a who destroyed the Asura named Tripura (Tri=three; Pura=city) along with his three cities in Heaven, Earth and the Nether regions (V).

Recite (Japanti); utter repeatedly with mind fixed on the meaning of the Mantra (V). Lit, 'make Japa.' The word 'recite' is employed as the nearest English equivalent, but is not accurate, in so far as in

mānasa Japa the action is purely mental, and in Japa of the next lower degree (Upāms'u) there is movement of the lips only, but no utterance.

'The 'seed' mantra. Bija is seed, the cause of the Mantra body (V). According to the Nityā-Tantra, Mantras are of four kinds—Pinda, Kartarī, Bija and Mālā according to the number of syllables. See as to Bija, A. Avalon's 'Garland of Letters'.

That is, $Karp\bar{u}ra\dot{m}$, less the vowels a, \bar{u} , a, and the consonants pa and $ra\ m=K_{\bar{i}}+V\bar{a}m\bar{a}ksh\bar{\imath}$ ('the left eye' or long vowel $\bar{\imath}$), with the $N\bar{a}dabindu$ superimposed= $Kr\bar{\imath}\dot{m}$ which accomplishes all desire (Tantrasāra), is $Mantrar\bar{u}ja$ (S'yāmārahasya-Tantra) (K.B.). Tantrarāja says, 'letter Ka is Thy form.'

*Siddhi, or success. Siddhi is that which is sought for (Sādhya) and is the result of sādhana, the training of the higher psychical and spiritual faculties. It includes the eight great powers, Animā, Laghimā. etc., the power of motion and suspension in space, and others mentioned in the Skanda Purāna and other works. The Devi is Herself Mahāsiddhi (Lalitāsahasranāma, v. 55).

*Dhvāntadhārādhararucirucire. Just as dark clouds, by shedding nectar-like rain, cool the earth parched by the sun's rays, so too dost Thou, by shedding the nectar of Thy Grace, give immortality to Sādhakas tormented by the three forms of pain (Ādhyātmika, Ādhibhautika, Ādhidaivika). The Rudrayāmala says, 'Devi is Supreme Sakti and delivers from all difficulties. She is dark with the refulgence of a million suns and is cooling like a million moons.' (V).

Vimalananda is also the name of the Commentator.

O Mahes'i, even should one of poor mind at any time recite but once another doubled Bija of Thine, composed of Isana, and Vamas'ravaṇa, and Bindu; then, O Thou who hast great and formidable ear-rings of arrow form, who bearest on Thy head the crescent moon, such an one becomes all powerful, having conquered even the Lord of Speech and the Wealth-Giver, and charmed countless youthful women with lotus-like eyes.

COMMENTARY

'Mahesi'

Possessor of the great Power of creating, preserving and withdrawing.

'At any time' (Kadācit)

Durgārāma-Siddhāntavāgīsa is of opinion that by the use of Kadāchit it is meant that unlike other religious Karma which can be done only in a state of purity (S'uci), Japa of the Mantra of Kālī can be done at any time whether one is in a state of purity or not (S'aucāsauca-kāla). Here he says one should not give up the worship if there be a birth or death in the house. The Tantra-S'āstra says that one should do Japa of the Mantra, whether one is in the state of purity or not, and whether walking, standing or sleeping.

'Recite' (Japati)

Meditate upon.

'Of dual aspect' (Dvandvam)

Having the dual aspect of S'iva-sakti. The Tantra-S'āstra speaks of the King of Mantras being generated by the union of S'iva and S'akti-

'Another Bija' (Bijamanyat)

Thy causal (Kāraņa) aspect which is the Bīja Hūm. In the Yāmala it is said, 'It is with the double S'abdabīja (which is Hūm) that She awakens the mass of S'abda.'

'Isana'

Is Isvara. Kathopanişad says, 'Puruşa is the size of only a thumb. He is like smokeless fire, the Ishāna of what has been and will be. He is to-day and He is to-morrow. This is That.' Indu is immortality. Vāmasravaņa is the power of granting speech and of attracting forms (Rūpa). The Tantrābhidāna says, 'O is Bhairava, subtle, Sarasvatī... attractor of forms.'

Who dost grant Nirvāņa liberation. The Mahānirvāņa-Tantra says, 'The forehead of Her who is Nityā, Kālauūṛā, Arūpā, and S'iva Himself is marked with the moon on account of immortality.'

'Dost bear the half-moon' (Chandrarddhacade) 'Earrings'

Whose earrings (things very dear) are formed of two Sādhakas who are like Mahesvara and simple as boys; that is child-like simple Sādhakas who have true knowledge are dear to Her. In the Vivekacūdāmaņi it is said, 'Just as a boy plays with toys heedless of hunger and other pain so the wise man plays happy, unattached and selfless.' Such a Sādhaka attains all forms of knowledge and riches and can charm the whole world.

(Mahāghorabālāvatamse)

There is however another reading given by Durgārāma-Siddhāntavāgīsa namely Mahāghorābalāvatamse, that is whose earrings are formed of frightful arrows (Bāna).

Notes

¹ Sakti or Mahesa the Lord of even Brahmā, Vişnu and Rudra (V). The Devi as Is'varī, (Ruler), of the Universe and Spouse of Nirguna Mahes'vara. Is'vara, according to the Linga-Purāna, when associated with Tamas, is Rudra the Destroyer; with Rajas, the One born from the golden egg, Brahmā; and with Sattva, Viṣṇu.

- * Mandacetāh who is not capable of devotion to thy lotus feet according to Commentator K.B.; for, as the Brahmāṇda-Purāṇa says, all sin is expiated by remembrance of the feet of the Supreme S'akti.
 - That is, Ha.
 - 'The 'left ear,' or long vowel \bar{u} .
- * $N\bar{a}da$ -bindu—that is, $H + \bar{u} + \dot{m} = H\bar{u}\dot{m} H\bar{u}\dot{m}$. He who makes Japa of $H\bar{u}\dot{m}$ is more praiseworthy than Deva or Asura (Vis'vasāra-Tantra) (K.B.)
 - Worn by Kāli: reading Bāna instead of Bāla as to which see post.
 - 'Vis'vasāra (K.B.).
 - Brhaspati, Guru of the Devas.
- Dhanada, i.e. Kubera, Lord of Wealth, King of the Yakşas; according to one account the son, and, according to another, the grandson of Pulastya (see Muir, O.S., T. iv, 481, 488; v, 483; i, 492).
 - 16 That is, to them are given eloquence and learning, riches and beauty.

O Kālikā, O auspicious Kālikā with dishevelled hair, from the corners of whose mouth two streams of blood trickle, they who recite another doubled Bija of Thine composed of Isa, Vaisvānara, Vāmanetra, and the lustrous Bindu, destroy all their enemies, and bring under their subjection the three worlds.

COMMENTARY

' Kalika'

Ka is Brahmā, A is Ananta, La is Ātmā of the universe, I is subtle, Ka is Brahmā, A is Ananta. (Tantrābhidāna). Thus it is said that Mahādevī is the subtle, beginningless and endless Ātmā of of the universe. 'Thou who art Brahman without beginning or end.' In the Asitāstotra in the Adbhutarāmāyaṇa S'rī Rāma says, 'I bow to that Thine aspect which is Puruṣa without beginning and end, the unmanifest Kūtastha superior (to Thine aspect) as Prakṛti, the Ātmā of the universe appearing in multiple and differing forms.'

[Durgārāma-Siddhāntavāgīsa derives the word Kālikā as follows:— He who dissolves (Kalayati) the world is (Kāla or S'iva). And She who shines (Dīvyati) that is plays (Krīdati) with Him is Kālika Kāla+ikan+ā=Kālikā.]

'With dishevelled hair' (Vigalitacikure)

That is one who is free from all Vikāras such as the passion for arranging the hair and so forth.

'Streams of blood' (Asradhārā)

This blood indicates (the red) Rajas Guņa. Mahādevī is without that for She is S'uddha-sattva-guņa.

'Recite' (Japati)

Meditate upon.

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Of dual aspect (Dvandvam)

The Bijā Hrīm is both S'iva and S'akti. In the Devigītā Mahādevī says, 'H is the gross body, R is the subtle body, I is the causal body. I am Hrīm the Turīya.'

· Isa ·

Who is the aspect of subtle Bija.

'Vaisvanara'

Which is full of Tejas.

'Vāmanetra'

That is, with Māyā consisting of pure Sattva-Guna.

'Indu'

This is, the S'akti which gives immortality.

'Three syllabled Daksinā'

Dakṣiṇe is Dakṣiṇā in the vocative, and the latter is the Saccidānanda aspect which grants Kaivalya and is indicated, by the three-syllabled Mantra. Nirvāṇa-Tantra says, 'The Sun's son (Death) is established in the south (Dakṣiṇa). The name of Kālī makes him flee in all directions with fear. Hence She is called Dakṣiṇa in three worlds.' Kāmākhyā-Tantra says, 'Just as guerdon (Dakṣiṇa) given at the end of rite, causes it to be fruitful and gives Liberation, so this Devī grants the fruit of all Karma and hence She is called Dakṣiṇa-Kālī.' The same Tantra also says, 'Puruṣa is on the right (Dakṣiṇa) and S'akti on the left. The left conquers the right and becomes the grantor of great Liberation. Hence She is called Dakṣiṇakālī in the three worlds.

[Durgarama construes these words as follows: Daksine tryaksare ati (by Samdhi tryaksare'ti) that is Daksine ati tryaksare. As Upasargas can shift their position 'ati' has been placed in the verse after Tryakshare. Atitryakshare is the vocative of Atitryaksara. Atitryaksara means Atikrantah (Adhahkṛtah or placed under) Tryaksarah (S'iva) yayā (by whom) She: that is, She who has placed S'iva under Her. The whole then means 'Oh Dakshina who dost stand on S'iva.' Tryakṣara literally means the three lettered one which is the Praṇava (Om) and is used for S'iva. The Mahimnastotra

(see 'Greatness of S'iva 'Ed. A. Avalon) calls S'iva 'Om' and another Stotra calls Him Tryakşaramaya.

The same commentator then says that there is a different reading for Dakshine tryakṣareti, namely, Dakshine Kāliketi which he explains in two ways (a) Dakshine Kālike'ti=Dakshine Kālike ati=Dakshine atikālike. The last word is the vocative of Atikālikā which means Atikrāntā (Sadṛsīkritā, made similar to) Kālikā (Meghajālam; a bank of cloud) yayā (by whom) She—that is, She who looks like a bank of cloud; the whole then meaning 'Oh Dakshinā who hast the appearance of a bank of clouds' (b) Dakṣine Kāliketi=Dakṣine Kālike iti which means Oh Dakṣinā Kālikā. The word 'iti' is Svarūpārthaka that is simply indicates that She is addressed as Dakṣinā Kālikā. Examples of the elision of 'I' after 'E' in Samdhi are S'akuntaleti and Meghajāle'pi Kāliketi.]

Notes

¹ The Devi. See Mahānirvāṇa-Tantra, chap. xiii and chap. iv, verse 31: 'At the dissolution of things it is Kāla who will devour all, and by reason of this He is called Mahākāla; and since Thou devourest Mahākāla Himself, it is Thou who art the supreme primordial Kālikā'.

Kālikā is Brahmarūpinī (V).

- * Vigalitacikure, as is the worshipped $n\bar{a}yik\bar{a}$. See post.
- *Sṛkkadvandvāsradhārādvayadharavadane. Kālī is so represented as having devoured the flesh of the demons. The Māhānirvāṇa-Tantra, chap. xiii, verse 9, says: 'As She devours all existence, as She chews all things existing with Her fierce teeth, therefore, a mass of blood is imagined to be the apparel of the Queen of the Devas.' Esoterically blood is Rajas Guṇa.
- ⁶ That is, Ha, as to which see Kāmadhenu-Tantra, chap. ii; and Prānatoṣinī, 53 et seq.
 - Lord of Fire, whose Bija is Ra.
 - "Left eye,' or fourth vowel long 7.
- ' $N\bar{a}da$ -bindu; the Bija is thus H+r+i+m=Hrim Hrim. In Svatantra-Tantra Ha (Vyoma) is said to denote manifestation; Ra (Vahni) is involution; and \bar{I} maintenance of the worlds.
- ^a The earth, upper and nether worlds (see Vis'vasāra-Tantra and Phetkāriņi-Tantra). *Tribhuvanaṁ*, that is *Devas*, *Men*, *Nāgas* and so forth inhabiting *Svarga* (Heaven), *Martya* (Earth) and *Pātāla* (Nether world) (V).

O DESTRUCTRESS of the sins of the three worlds, auspicious ¹ Kālikā, who in Thy upper lotus-like left hand holdest a sword. ⁸ and in the lower left hand a severed head; ³ who with Thy upper right hand maketh the gesture which dispels fear, ⁴ and with Thy lower right hand that which grants boons; they, O Mother with gaping mouth, ⁵ who reciting Thy name, meditate in this way ⁶ upon the greatness of Thy mantra, possess the eight great powers ⁷ of the Three-Eyed One ⁸ in the palm of their hands. ⁹

COMMENTARY

'Sword' (Krpānam)

The sword is knowledge (Jñāna) by which the bonds of ignorance of the desire-free Sādhaka are severed. See S'ivadharmottara.

· Severed head ' (Chinna-muṇdam)

The human head is the seat of Tattvajñāņa free of attachment.

'Terrible countenance' (Prakatita-radane)

Her white teeth indicative of the white self-manifesting Sattva-Guṇa bite the red lolling tongue indicative of Rajas Guṇa and suppress both Rajas and Tamas by Sattva.

'Precious Mantrās' (Manu-vi-bhavam)

The three 'Krīm' Bījas represent the Cidghana aspect of Devī, the two Hūm Bījas the Sattva-Guṇa aspect and the two 'Hrīm' Bījas the Rajah-pradhāna-sattva-Guṇa aspect.

[Durgārāma-Siddhāntavāgīs'a explains this in the following different ways: (a) Manuvibhava = the Vibhava or Sampatti (precious possession) of Manus or Mantras. This precious possession is the

name in the vocative case 'Dakshine Kālike.' The meaning of the passage then is that those who recite Thy name Dakshine Kālike, which is the precious possession of Mantras, and meditate on this Thine appearance possess the Powers and so forth. (b) Manuvibhava is the Vibhava of the Manu that is the twenty-two syllabled Mantra of Kālī. This possession is the name Dakshinā Kālikā. (c) Manuvibhava = Manu (Mantra) vibhava (Ghataka) of which (the Devī's body) is the body of which Mantra is the generator. The bodies of the Devatās are produced by their Mantras. The passage thus means that, they who recite Thy name Dakshinā Kālikā and meditate on this Thine appearance generated by Mantra possess the virtues mentioned above.]

See last Verse.

Kālikā (Kālike)

'Three eyed one (Tryambaka)'

[The same commentator (Durgārāma) offers three explanations of the term Tryambaka used for S'iva (a) He who has three Ambakas or eyes is Tryambaka, (b) He who has three Mothers or Ambās is Tryambaka. The Kālikāpurāna says, 'As Hara is born of three Mothers He is known, even amongst Devas, by the title Tryambaka. (c) Todala-Tantra says 'the Vidyā Bhuvanesvarī is in Heaven, Earth, and the Nether world (Pātāla). He who delights in the Devī as threefold in three places is called Tryambaka. He is with S'akti and is worshipped in all Tantras.']

Notes

¹ Dakshinā, the beneficent grantor of Nirvāņa. (V)

² Khadga, the peculiar heavy sword with the blade curved at the tip so named, used to behead the sacrificial animals.

^{*}The Devi is the destroyer of the wicked.

^{&#}x27;The Devi is the dispeller of all fear, and makes with Her hand the mudrā. The right upper hand makes the gesture of dispelling fear, or the gesture of assurance of safety (Abhayamudrā) and the right lower hand makes the gesture of granting boons (Varamudrā). (V) The Sādhaka seeks fearlessness, which is the great gift of the Goddess, who is Bhayāpahā, 'remover of fear.' 'If thou art remembered in times of

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difficulty, Thou takest away all fear' (Mārkaṇdeya-Purāṇa). At the same time it is she who fills the ignorant with terror (Pasuloka-bhayamkarī)—that is, those devoid of the knowledge of non-duality, for 'fear comes when there is duality' (Br. Up. 1-4-2, Lalitā, v. 99).

*Prakatita-vadane (see 'Dasa-Mahāvidyā Upāsanārahasya,' by Prasanna-Kumāra-Sāstrī). Vimalānanda reads Prakatitaradane, that is, with big protruding teeth. The Yoginī-Tantra says, 'Supreme eternal, large-toothed, smeared with blood.' The Tārākalpa speaks of 'Syāmā of the colour of a new (freshly formed) cloud, with large breasts, terrible with protruding teeth. (V)

As stated—that is, Krīm Krīm Krīm Hūm Hūm Hrīm Hrīm which with Daksine makes ten syllables.

'Siddhi—that is, Animā, Laghimā, Garimā, Prāpti, Prākāmya, Isitva, Vasitva, Kāmāvasāyitā the power of becoming small, great, heavy, light, etc., which are inherent in Is'vara, and are attainable by YogIs who become Is'vara and gain Āisvarya. By realization of the self, that Divine state which is the universal Self is manifested, as also the eightfold manifestation of the Divine power.

* Tryambaka or Siva. According to Tarkālamkāra's Commentary on Mahānirvāṇa-Tantra, Tryambaka means the father of the three Devas, Brahmā, Viṣṇu, and Rudra. The Rgvidhāna uses it as an equivalent of Mahādeva. The Mahānirvāṇa-Tantra says: 'As She surveys the entire universe, which is the product of time, with Her three eyes—the Moon, Sun, and Fire—therefore She is endowed with three eyes' (Ullāsa xiii, verse 8) The Moon, Sun, and Fire are the Icchā, Kriyā, Jāūna and other Saktis (see the Ṣatcakranirūpaṇa of Pūrṇānaṇda-Svāmī) and Serpent Power by A. Avalon.

• By him who carries a flower its odour is enjoyed without seeking. By him who looks upon himself as the universal Self the powers (of Brahmā, etc.) are enjoyed' (Commentary of Sures'varācārya on tenth Sloka of Dakṣināmūrti Stotra).

O MOTHER, they who recite Thy charming Bija, composed of the first of the group of letters, followed by Vahni, Rati, and beautified by Vidhu, thrice, the Kürca Bija twice, and thereafter, O Smiling Face, the Lajjā Bija twice, followed by the two Thas, they, O Spouse of the Destroyer of the Deva of Desire contemplating Thy true form, become themselves the Deva of Love whose eyes are as beautiful as the petals of the lotus which Laksmi holds in Her playful dance.

COMMENTARY

'Whoever' (Ye, ye)

Even the most sinful. The Kālīkularahasya says, 'Whoever he be who remembers Durgā with or without reverence is delivered from evil and attains the supreme end.'

'Recite' (Japanti)

Meditate upon.

'Thy Bīja'

[DurgārāmaSiddhāntavāgīsa calls it the nine syllabled Bīja.]

First letter (Vargādyam)

The aspect of Consciousness (Cinmayarūpa) which is the beginning of creation.

Placed on Vahni (Vahnisamstham) Full of Tejas.

'Associated' (Vidhu-rati-lalitam)
That is cooling and beautiful.

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'Thrice' (Trayam)

'That is the three aspects of Sattva, Rajas, Tamas.

'Kūrca'

Is S'abdabrahman.

'Lajjā'

Is Brahman associated with Māyā.

'Two Thas'

Svāhā the revealing S'akti of Fire.

'Smiling face' (Smitamukhi)

Because She is always blissful.

'Spouse of the Destroyer' (Smara-hara-mahile)

S'akti of S'iva who is the Destroyer of passionate Desire; that is She destroys the lust, anger and so forth of Her Sādhakas.

'Thy true form' (S'varūþam)

That which is not different (in essence) from Jīvātmā. S'varūpa is explained here as the Rūpa of S'va, that is Ātmā, meaning the Oneness of Paramātmā and Jīvātmā. Kālikā-S'ruti says, 'One should always think of Ātmā as Kālī'. Kālīkulasarvasva says, 'He who worships the spouse of S'iva thinking that his Ātmā is Kālikā's Ātmā and meditating on the S'iva-like Guru is Sadās'iva Himself.' Yoginī-Tantra says, 'He who thinks, even if it were for a moment, "I am Brahman" to him the Devī gives unending fruit. One's own body should always be thought of as the body of the Iṣtadevatā. And so the whole world should be considered as Her body.'

[Durgārāma explains Svarūpa in the following ways: (a) The true form is that indicated in the previous or following verses. (b) It is that of the nine-syllabled Mantra. (c) It is that indicated by the letters composing the Mantra. For instance Varadā-Tantra says that in 'Krīm', K is Kālī, R is Brahmā, I is Mahāmāyā, Nāda is the Matrix of the universe and Bindu is the Dispeller of Sorrow. In 'Hūm', H is S'iva, Ū is Bhairava, Nāda means the Supreme and Bindu is the Dispeller of Sorrow. In Hrīm, H is S'iva, R is Prakṛti,

I is Mahāmāyā, Nāda the Generatrix by the Universe and Bindu the dispeller of pain. Contemplation on Mantras constituted of these letters reveals their Caitanya. Japa of Mantra without knowing its Caitanya is useless.]

'Become themselves' (Kāmarūþā bhavanti)

They acquire the power of assuming whatever form they desire and of charming the whole world with their beauty.

NOTES

- 1 That is, Ka.
- Deva of Fire, or Ra.
- Sakti of Kāma, God of love, or long I.
- The moon, or $N\bar{a}da$ -bindu. The $B\bar{\imath}ja$ is, therefore, $K+r+\bar{\imath}+\dot{m}=Kr\bar{\imath}m$.
 - * That is, Hum.
 - Hrīm, literal meaning of Lajjā, is modesty.
- ¹ Or Svāhā, S'akti of Agni. The mantra is, then, Krīm, Krīm, Krīm, Hūm, Hūm, Hrīm, Hrīm Svāhā, or the nine-lettered Vidyā, or feminine mantra, which ends with Svāhā (see Vis'vasāra-Tantra).
- *Smarahara or Siva, who destroyed Manmatha with fire from his central eye of wisdom when the latter sought to distract him by passion from his Yoga. The Devi, according to the Brahmavaivarta-Purāṇa, restored Manmatha to life (see as to this Bhāskararāya's Commentary on the Lalitā, verse 34).
- $^{\bullet}$ Svarūpam, that is true form as described in the first and other verses (V).
- ¹⁶ Lakṣmī is associated with, holds, and stands on the lotus, hence Her titles—Kamalā, Padmā, Padmālayā, Padmadhāriņī (see Lakṣmīstotra in Tantrasāra, p. 577, Rasik Mohan Chatterjee's edition).

O DEVI¹ of full breasts,² whose throat is adorned with a garland of heads, They who meditating recite any one or two or three of Thy very secret and excelling Bijas or all thereof together with Thy name, in the moonlike face of all such the Devi of Speech ever Wanders, and in their lotus-like eyes Kamalā ever plays.

COMMENTARY

'Devi'

The self-manifest one.

'Full breasts' (Pīnastanādhyā)

The milk of these is the food with which She nourishes the world and the drink of immortality with which She liberates Her Sādhakas.

'Whose neck' (Munda-sragatisaya-lasat-kanti)

She who is S'abdabrahman consisting of 50 Letters. Niruttara-Tantra says, 'She is adorned with a garland of heads representing the 50 letters.' Kāmadhenu-Tantra says, 'In My throat is the wonderful Bīja of 50 letters.' Again 'I worship the Mother the source of the universe, S'abdabrahman itself, blissful.' Visvasāra says, 'Blissful Brahman is adorned with S'abdabrahman and within the body is represented by all Mantras'.

'Bija'

Mūrti (appearance) in the individual aspect as Prājña, Taijasa, and Visva and in the aggregate as Isa, Sūtra and Virād. Devīgītā says 'the causal self is Prājña, the subtle bodied one is Taijasa and the gross bodied one is Visva.' Similarly Isa is spoken of as Isa, Sūtra and Virād. The first is the individual (Vyaşti) aspect and the second the aggregate (Samaşti) aspect.

Eyes (Netra)

Not to speak of themselves being wealthy, the sight of them gives wealth to others. Bhairava Tantra says that Kamalā and the Devī of speech never forsake them for three generations downwards.

NOTES

- Devs which comes from the root Div to shine, is the Shining One (V).
- *Pināstanādhye (see also Bhairavistotra in Tantra-sāra, p. 596). The physical characteristics of the Devi in swelling breasts and hips are emblematic of Her great Motherhood, for She is Srīmātā. See also as to the former, Durgā-Dhyāna in Devi-Purāṇa, which speaks of her large and rising breasts (Pīnonnata-payodharām); the Annapūrṇā-Stava (Vakṣoja-kumbhāntari); Bhuvanes'varī-Stotra (Āpivara-stanatatīm); and the Saraswatī-Dhyāna (Kucabharanamitāmgīm). The Annapūrṇā-Dhyāna (Annapradāna-niratām stanabhāra-namrām) speaks of Her limbs as weighted by Her breasts. The Mahābhāgavata describes Her as naked, terrific, with fiery eyes, full and erect breasts, and dishevelled hair; and the Lalitā (verse 15) says: 'Her golden girdle supports Her waist. which bends under the burden of Her breasts, thrice folding the skin below Her bosom' (Stanabhāra-dalanmadhya-pattabhandha-valitrayā).
- *Bhāvayantah, that is, meditating on the naked, full-breasted, black form with dishevelled hair as stated in Her Dhyāna, and which is the Artha of the particular Mantra. The Bhūtas uddhi-Tantra says, 'A Mantra should be recited mentally meditating the while on the form of the Devi denoted by it' (V).
- 'Any one of the aforesaid Bijas or the whole that is, the whole nine-lettered $Vidy\bar{a}$ in full. Which according to the Kumārī-Tantra cited in Tantraratna is Krim, Krim, Krim, $H\bar{u}m$, $H\bar{u}m$, $H\bar{u}m$, $H\bar{u}m$, Hrim, Hrim,
 - Daksine Kālikā.
- * Sarasvati. The Bharadvaja-Smrti says Sarasvati is She who ever resides in the tongue of all beings, and who causes speech.
- ¹ Lakşmi: for them is all learning, wealth, and prosperity (see Mahānirvāṇa-Tantra, Ullāsa, vii, verse 50).
 - ⁸ In the other words they become rich and learned.

O MOTHER, even a dullard becomes a poet who meditates upon Thee raimented with space, three-eyed Creatrix of the three worlds, whose waist is beautiful with a girdle made of numbers of dead men's arms, and who on the breast of a corpse, as Thy couch in the cremation-ground, enjoyest Mahākāla.

COMMENTARY

' Dullard ' (Jadacetāh)

One whose mind is smitten with passion for the world.

'Poet' (Kavīh)

A great Jñānī.

'Meditates' (Dhyāyan)

'Who in mental vision sees Thee who art Saccidanandarupini.

'Whose loins' (Bāhuprakarakṛta-kāñcīparilasannitambām)

At the end of each Kalpa all Jīvas abandon their gross bodies, and existing in their subtle bodies in which their respective Karmas inhere, form part of the Avidyā which is in the causal body of the Brahmarūpinī associated with Her own Gūnās (Svaguna) until they are liberated at some future time after the commencement of the next Kalpa. Hence the girdle adorning the loins, lower belly and generative organ of the Mahādevī virādrūpinī, capable of producing children is fashioned of the arms and hands of dead Jīvas. For these arms and hands were their principal instruments for the doing of work (Karma). The S'āktānandataranginī says, 'With Karma is a Jīva born, with Karma he dies, and in the next body again that Karma is

attached to him.' Devīgītā says, 'In Her at dissolution Jīvas and their Karmas are merged in undifferentiated mass, just as all which is done (Vyavahārā) merges in dreamless sleep (Suṣupti).' Again the Devī says, 'It is I who create the whole world and enter therein with Prāṇa, Māyā, Karma and so forth.'

'Raimented with space' (Digvastrām)

Raiment is the covering of Māyā. She is without that and above Māyā.

'Three-eyed' (Trinayanām)

Having knowledge of the three divisions of Time, past, present and future.

'Creatrix' (Vidhātrī)

She who at the beginning of the next Kalpa gives birth and enjoyment to Jīvas according to their respective Samcita Karma.

'On the breast of a corpse' (S'avahrīdi)

The corpse is Nirguna-Brahman. The couch is the support (Adhāra). On Nirguna-Brahman as Thy Adhāra, that is established in Thine own state (Pada) as Nirguna-Brahman. Gāyatrī-Tantra says, 'By the word corpse is indicated Brahman as the dead body (Preta).' Gandharva-Tantra says Sadās iva is the couch on which lies the subtle Tripurasundarī.

'In the cremation ground' (S'masanastha)

The cremation ground (S'mas'āna) is the great Ether (Mahākās'a) in which all creatures are merged as corpses in the Great dissolution (Mahāpralaya). In dissolution even the greatest of creatures are but corpses and hence it is a cremation ground.

'Dost enjoy Mahākāla' (Mahākala-surata-prayuktām)

At the end of a Kalpa, there being no creation, She being inactive, and there being nought but supreme Brahman, She being inseparate from Parasiva, experiences Herself as unlimited (Akhanda) Bliss.

NOTES

- ¹ The Devi is naked, as is S'iva, for, like Him, She is clothed with space, and is the great void itself (Mahāsūnya).
- * Trinayanām. The Three eyes are Sun, Moon and Fire (V). $Mah\bar{a}nirv\bar{a}na$ -Tantra says, 'Three eyes are attributed to $K\bar{a}lik\bar{a}$ because She observes the whole world with such eyes as the Sun, the Moon, and so forth'. See as to the meaning of these three terms which do not merely denote these luminaries and elements, A. Avalon's 'Serpent Power' and 'Studies in Mantra-Sāstra'.
- *Vidhātrim, who provides Enjoyment and Liberation for all Jivas. (V).
- ⁴ Nitamba, literally, buttocks but the girdle goes all round. Kall is represented as so girdled.
- The corpse (Sava) represents Siva (V) because He is inactive whilst his Sakti it is who does everything. Savahrdi-that is, on the breast of Siva (Viparitarati). The Devi is given the dominant position in her union with Her consort, because She is Kartri (actress), and He is Bhoktā (unacting enjoyer). According to Sāmkhya, Purusa is neither producer nor produced, but passive, and a looker-on upon the actions of Prakrti. It is not the Purusa who is active in the creation of the world, but it is She who, in the light of His gaze, dances the worlddance. So Kubjikā-Tantra says: 'Not Brahmā, but Brahmāni, creates; it is Vaisnavi, not Vishnu, who protects; Rudrāni, not Rudra, who takes all things back. Their husbands are like dead bodies.' For in respect of power they are dependent on their S'akti. As to the Sādhana, see Prānatoşini 622, Viparitaratau japtvā nirvānapadavim vrajet. Two corpses are sometimes pictured, the lower being the eternally quiescent S'iva, and the upper being the S'iva united with S'akti in creation. Similarly the DevI is represented as reclining on a couch made of five corpses, which are the Mahapreta (see Bhairavayamala, Lalita verse 174, etc). The Mahābretas, whose Bija is Hsau, are Sadāsiva, Isana, Rudra, Viṣṇu, and Brahmā.
- The site of certain forms of Tantrik Sādhana, such as Savāsana Mundāsana, etc., as to which the Phetkārinī Tantra says that it is an excellent place for Sādhana. He who makes japa a number of times on a corpse in a cremation-ground attains all manner of success (Siddhi).

Parama-Siva.

THOSE who truly meditate on Thee, the Spouse of Hara, who art seated in the cremation-ground strewn with funeral pyres, corpses, skulls, and bones, and haunted by female jackals howling fearfully; who art very youthful, and art in full enjoyment upon thy Spouse, are revered by all and in all places.

COMMENTARY

'Meditate on' (Dhyayanti)

That is see with unperturbed mind.

'Spouse of Hara' (Haravadhūm)

Hara is He who removes (Harati) the threefold pains (Ādhyāt-mika, Ādhibhautika, Ādhidaivika) of Jīvas. His spouse is S'akti, that is She who grants Liberation to Jīvas and is Saccidānandarūpinī.'

'Hast entered' (Praviștām)

Art established.

'Flaming' pyre (Prakatitacitāyām)

Cit-sakti On account of Her being self-manifested. Candī speaks of 'Her who pervades the whole universe as consciousness (Cit).'

'Fearful' (Ghorābhih)

That is very powerful.

'Jackals' (S'ivābhih)

That is Mahābhūtas which are auspicious (S'iva) before being made fivefold (Pañcīkṛta).

'Skulls and bones' (Mundasthi-nikaraih)

The white colour of the skulls and bones indicates the white Sattva-guna. Hence associated with the Sattva and other Gunas of the Jīvas dissolved in Mahāpralaya.

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'Ever youthful' (Atiyuvatīm)

That is She is always the same, fresh, unchanging, and unwasting.

'Satisfied with enjoyment' (Santushtām-uparisuratena)

She, after subduing Parama S'iva to Her will, has willingly enjoyment in the work of creation, preservation and dissolution. Nirvāṇa-Tantra says, 'The Vāmā (She who is on the left) is the Grantrix of Great Liberation after conquering the Dakṣiṇa (S'iva who is on the right).' Gandharva-Tantra says, 'She who is the Sun, Moon, and Fire and half of Ha (S'iva) puts down the Puruṣa and enjoys him from above.' Niruttara-Tantra says, 'When Nirguṇā Kālī becomes Saguṇā She is engaged in Viparītarati.' The Yoga-vāsiṣṭa in the Nirvāṇa-Prakaraṇa says, 'Natural unity is S'iva. Creation is (compared with it) unnatural.' That is the Mahādevī is Nirguṇa-Brahman in Her Svarūpa aspect and the subversion of this Svarūpa is the cause of creation.

'Nowhere' (Kvacidapi na)

In no birth.

'Humiliated' (Paribhavah)

That is they are not subjected to birth, death, and rebirth and attain Nirvāṇa.

NOTES

- ¹ Commentator K. B.: where param is said to mean 'rightly,' or meditation alone without japa.
 - Siva.
 - * Praviştām, 'literally Entered'.
- 'Atiyuvatim. She is without childhood or old age. The Sāradātilaka says, 'Although Thou art primordial, Thy youth is ever fresh'. (V)
- Santuştām uparisuratena, that is viparītarati, or viparītavihāra as to which see note 5 of last sloka.
- ⁶ Commentator K. B.: literally 'They nowhere suffer Kvacidapi na), that is, neither in this nor the next world defeat or humiliation.'

What, indeed, O Mother, can we of so dull a mind say of Thee whose True Being not even Dhātā, Isa, or Hariknow? Yet, despite our dullness and ignorance, our devotion towards Thee makes us talk of Thee. Therefore, O Dark Devī, forgive this our folly. Anger towards ignorant creatures such as we, is not befitting Thee.

COMMENTARY

'Mother'

Of us all including Brahmā, Viṣṇu, and Rudra. In the Devi-Sūkta, Viṣṇu says, 'One, subtle, and unchanged, and yet many, Thou dost give birth to millions of worlds. Who am I Viṣṇu, and who is the other S'iva and who are the Devas that we and they should be able to (fully) sing Thy praises?' In the Mārkaṇdeya-Purāṇa, Brahmā says, 'When Viṣṇu, Isvara and myself owe our appearance to Thee who has the power to (fitly) praise Thee?' In Viṣṇuyāmala, Viṣṇu says to Devī 'Oh Mother, none know Thy supreme aspect. The heavenly ones therefore worship that gross (Sthūla) aspect of Thine in the form of Kālī and the rest.' The Mahākāla-saṁhitā says, 'When Dhātā was not, nor Viṣṇu, nor Kāla, when the five Bhūtas were not, then Thou the Cause wert alone as the Supreme Brahman, the Being of all that is.'

(Asite) 'Unlimited'

She is not limited by the Gunas and is Nirguna.

Notes

¹ Jānāmi; origin of the three worlds.

^{*} Paramam, or 'reality' (Commentator K. B).

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- ³ Dhātā is Brahmā who dispenses the fruits of Karma. (V)
- Siva. Isa: Rudra who wields the power of Isvara-hood. (V)
- Hari: Vişnu who dispels the threefold sorrows of Jīvas. (V)
- ⁶ Tathāpi tvadbhaktir mukharayati. Tathāpi: still, despite our dullness and ignorance (V) Tvadbhaktih: inclination to sing Thy praises (V). Mukharayati: impels to utter words in praise of Thee (V)
- This is literal but According to V Asite = unlimited one. $Mah\bar{a}k\bar{a}lasamhit\bar{a}$ says, 'Unthinkable, unlimited, Sakti Itself, which is That on which all that is manifested rests, beyond the Gunas, free of the opposites (Dvandva) to be apprehended only through Buddhi: Thyself alone art Supreme Brahman.' (V)
- As one does not become angry with animals (Pasu or animal and ignorant men also called Pasu) because they do wrong, so do not be angry with us. It is moreover, the part of the great to overlook the faults of their inferiors (Commentator. K. B.)

IF by night, Thy devotee unclothed, with dishevelled hair, recites whilst meditating on Thee, Thy mantra, when with his S'akti youthful, full-breasted, and heavy-hipped, such an one makes all powers subject to him, and dwells on the earth ever a seer.

COMMENTARY

'Laya Yoga'

Is here described in this and following verses. Gheranda-Samhitā says, 'One should become S'aktimaya by doing Yoni Mudra. One should be in Paramātmā with sweet S'rngārarasa (love sentiment) and being Blissful (Ānandamaya) should unite with Brahman.' The Gorakṣa-Samhitā says, 'Raising the S'akti with the Jīva to the Lotus in the head one should become S'aktimaya and uniting with S'iva should think of all forms of happiness and enjoyment.' The Tantra-Kalpadruma says, 'One should meditate on Devī Kundalinī as Iṣtadevatā, ever youthful, of the age of sixteen, full-breasted, dark, subtle, appearing as creation and in the form of creation, maintenance and dissolution (Ṣṛṣti-sthiti-layātmikā).'

'Thy devotee' (Bkaktah)

Here the Divya Sādhaka who is a Yogin.

'By night (Naktam)'

That is, awaking in Brahmavidyā which (though Light) is darkness for all ordinary creatures. The Bhagavadgītā says, 'The self-controlled man awakes in what is night to all creatures.'

' Naked' (Vivāsāh)

That is, stripped of the covering of Māyā: that is awakened.

'Dishevelled hair' (Galitacikurah)

That is, with mind free from all restlessness. The word Cikura means both hair and restless.

'Meditating' (Dhyāyan)

On Thee as in enjoyment of Samarasya bliss with Paramasiva. 'Enjoying' (Ratasaktam)

By doing Laya of (merging) the Jīvātmā in Kuṇdaliṇī-S'akti, the ever-youthful, all-pervading Genetrix and Preserver of all Jīvas. The creative and nourishing function of Kuṇdaliṇī is indicated by the epithets 'heavy-hipped' and 'full-breasted.'

Notes

- ¹ Naktam. At dead of night. The Phetkāriņī-Tantra says, 'By night, naked with dishevelled hair in union with Sakti, by him is all Siddhi gained'. The Kālīkrama says, 'The Pasu devoted to his own Ācāra should recite his Mantra a lakh of times by day. The Vira or Divya should recite it a lakh of times by night.' Kubjikā-Tantra says 'Such as are in Pasubhāva are but Pasus. They should not touch a rosary nor recite Mantra by night.' (V)
- ² Bhaktah. Here a Vira-Sādhaka. Niruttara-Tantra says, 'The Mantrin who has received Abhişeka should do Kulapūjā. Oh Devi the Mantra of $K\bar{a}li$ does not become Siddha without $Kul\bar{a}c\bar{a}ra$.' (V)
- ³ $Tv\bar{a}\dot{m}$ $dhy\bar{a}yan$. Mentally seeing Thee in his heart as ever in the Enjoyment of union with $Mah\bar{a}k\bar{a}la$. (V)
 - 'Thy Mantra is the aforesaid great Mantra. (V)
- b He is $Rat\bar{a}sakta$, the meaning of which is as follows: Sa mantram japati yadā sa sobhanāngapratyangasālinyā manohārinyāyuvatyā saktyā saha maithunāsakto bhavati. Whilst in union (Maithuna) the mind must be concentrated on Devi Kāli and japā must be done of Her Mahāmantra. The devotee should not think of aught else.
 - So also Phetkāriņī-Tantra (ch. x) says:
 - ' Rātrau nagnah sayānas ca maithune ca vyavasthitah.

Athavā muktakes ash ca tena syuh sarvvasiddhayah.

Stambhanam mohana-caiva vasīkaraņam eva ca.'

Here Athavā means if the Sādhaka is without a Sakti; then recitation of mantra with dishevelled hair gives the same siddhi.

* Kavi which has not here the limited sense of 'Poet.'

O SPOUSE of Hara, should (a Sādhaka) daily recite Thy mantra for the space of a year meditating the while with knowledge of its meaning upon Thee intent upon Thy union with the great Mahākāla, above whom Thou art, then such a knower has every pleasure that he wills upon the earth, and holds all great powers in the grasp of his lotuslike hands.

COMMENTARY

'Spouse of Hara' (Haravadhū)

Charmer of Mahākāla.

'Mentally recite' (Vicintya japati)

The Kaulāvalī says that mental (Mānasā) Japa is a hundred times more efficacious than verbal (Vācika) Japa.

According to Durgārāma the words may also mean 'recite' keeping in mind the Artha or meaning and so forth of the Mantra. For it is said that he who does not know the Artha of Mantra, the Caitanya of Mantra, and Yoni-mudrā is without success (Siddhi) even if he do Japa of the Mantra a million times.

'Unperturbed mind' (Susthībhūya)

The Kulārņava-Tantra thus enjoins: 'Beloved when doing Japa of a Mantra one should be calm, pure, sparing in food, reverential, self-controlled, unaffected by the opposites (Dvandva), steady of mind, silent and self-disciplined.

'Meditating on Thee' (Vicintyatvām)

The Kaulāvalī-Tantra says, 'One should meditate upon the Spouse of S'iva before Japa and after meditation should again do

Japa.' The Sādhaka who does Japa and meditation together soon attains success.

'Upon Him' (Vipāritām)

(The original is 'Viparītah' in the first case and Durgārāma therefore makes it an adjective of the Sādhaka who he says unites with his S'akti in Viparīta Maithuna. Vimalānanda however reads it as Vipārītām in the second case making it an adjective of 'Thee' (the Devī) who is the object of meditation,)

'Great Powers' (Mahāsiddhinivahāh)

Such as that by which is gained Sālokya, Sārūpya, Sāyujya and Nirvāņa forms of Liberation.

NOTES

- ⁸ Vicintya, that is, who has mentally thought of the letters of the Bija and their meaning, which is mental japa (Mānasa japa), defined in Narasimha-Purāņa (cited in the Āhnikācāra-tattva of Raghunandana) as the repetition in the mind, letter by letter, syllable by syllable, of the mantra, meditating at the same time upon its meaning.
- That is upon Varna-samsthāna or placing of the letters and their meaning and so forth.
- *Susthibhūya—that is, whose senses are not directed to any other object (Commentary, K.B.)
 - ^a Atis ayamahākālas uratām.
 - 'Vipāritām (see sloka 7, note 5.)
 - "Vidvān whose sole aim is Mokşa.
 - Literally 'wandering freely on Earth' (Commentary, K.B.)

¹ Siva.

^{*}Sadā: Means 'always' here 'daily' (K.B.)

¹⁰ Siddhi (see ante, p. 46.)

O MOTHER, Thou givest birth to and protectest the world, and at the time of dissolution dost withdraw to Thyself' the earth and all things; therefore Thou art Brahmā, and the Lord of the three worlds, the Spouse of S'rī, and Mahes'a, and all other beings and things. Ah Me! how, then, shall I praise Thy greatness?

COMMENTARY

'Dost withdraw' (Samharati)

That is dost make the world lose itself in Thy Causal (Kāraņa) body.

'Dhātā'

She is the creative S'akti of Brahmā.

'Husband of S'rī' (S'rīpatih)

She is the preservative S'akti of Vis'nu whose spouse is S'rī or Lakṣmī.

'Mahesa'

She is the dissolving S'akti of Rudra.

'All things' (Samastam)

Thou art both the material and instrumental cause of the world. The Triputā-Stotra says, 'Thou art Earth, Brahmā, and Creatrix of the world. Thou art also Water, Viṣṇu, and Preserver of the world. And thou art Fire, Rudra and the Dissolver of the world. As the Air of the world thou art Aisvarya.' Another Stotra says, 'She assumes three forms of body for the purpose of creation, maintenance

and dissolution. The world being constituted of the three Gunas, Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Rudra are Her Vikṛtis.'

Notes

- It is commonly said that She destroys but not so. Devatā does not destroy (Na devo $n\bar{a}s'akah$). Man does. She takes back what She has put forth.
 - ² Visnu, husband of Laksmi.
 - Siva. The Trimurti is, in fact, Her manifestation.
- 'Prāyah sakalam api, that is, all moving and unmoving things (Commentary, K.B.). For the DevI is Visvarūpinī in the form of the whole universe. She is the objective world, 'jadātmikā' (Lalitā, verse 90), as well as its Cause.

O MOTHER, people there are who worship many other *Devas* than Thyself.¹ They are greatly ignorant, and know nothing of the high truth,² (but I) of my own uncontrollable³ desire for Thee approach Thee, the Primordial Power,⁴ who dost deeply enjoy the great Bliss arising from union (with S'iva),⁵ and who art worshipped by Hari, Hara, Viriñci, and all other *Devas*.⁴

COMMENTARY

' Deluded' (Vimūdhāh)

That is, devoid of discrimination.

'Enlightened' (Vibudhaih)

The Bagalā-Stotra says, 'Oh four-armed, four-headed, worshipful Paramesvari, Oh Devi Ambikā who art ever worshipped with devotion by Kṛṣṇa, Oh Paramesvari who art worshipped by the Lord of the daughter of Himālaya, grant beauty, Grant victory' and so forth.

' Ādyā '

Who art before and the beginning of the world.

'Union' (Rati)

Which is Viparīta as above described.

'Wine'

That is Rasa.

NOTES

¹ That is, thinking that other *Devas* grant greater boons (Commentary, K.B.). Cf. also what S'amkarācārya says about the worship of other *Devas* in fourth sloka of the *Devyaparādha-kṣamāpana-stotra*, and see Devibhāgavata (V. 19) (Hymn to Jagadambikā).

- ² Paramam, that is, Tattvam.
- * For he is a devotee (Bhakta) whose desire for Her is so great that he cannot control but is controlled by it.
 - Adyā.
- *Rati-rasa-mahānanda-niratām. The Devi delights in creation, which is the fruit of Her union with the Puruşa (S'iva). 'Great Bliss,' for, as on the physical plane yadrūpam paramānandam tan nāsti bhuvanatraye (Mātṛkābheda-Tantra, chap. ii), it is the counterpart on that plane of the ecstatic union which produced the Universe itself. It is the reflection of the higher Bliss attainable even here by the union of S'ivas'akti (in the form of Kuṇdalinī) in the Sahasrāra. Some read Rasikām for Niratām.
- ⁶ Viṣṇu, Siva, and Brahmā. What, then, is the use of praying to Brahmā, Viṣṇu, and Siva when they themselves worship Her? (Commentary, K.B.). Cf. also Devibhāgavata, loc. cit. The Devi is Mother of all, from Brahmā to the lowliest worm (Ābrahmākhilajanani, Lalitā 67).

O Kālī, spouse of Giris'a, Thou art Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Ether. Thou art all. Thou art one and beneficent. What can be said in praise of Thee, O Mother? Of Thy mercy show Thy favour towards me, helpless as I am. By Thy grace may I never be reborn.

COMMENTARY

' Kālī'

Dispeller of the fear Kala or Death.

'Thou art Earth' (Dharitrī kīlālangshachirapi samīropi gaganam)

Guptārṇava-Tantra says, 'Thou art Earth, Thou art Water, Thou art Fire, Thou art the Air of the world, Thou art Ether, Thou art Mind as Manas, Ahamkāra, Mahat (Buddhi) and Thou art Prakṛti. Thou art also, Oh Mother, Ātmā. Thou art the Supreme. Nothing is greater than Thee. Oh Devī of terrible form showing Thy teeth may my sins be forgiven me.' The Triputā-Stotra also says, 'Thou art the Ādhāra-S'akti and the Ādhāra. Thou dost pervade the world and the world is in Thee.'

'One' (Ekā)

Without a second.

'Beneficent' (Kalyānī)

Because She grants Nirvāņa Liberation to Jīvas.

'Spouse of Girisha' (Girisaramanī)

Spouse of S'iva. Or He who is in the Giri or Kūta is Giris'a that is Kūtaṣtha-Brahman; His spouse or S'akti. Though changeless (Nirvikārā) Thou dost appear as the twenty-four Tattvas, namely,

Earth and the rest through Thy Māyā. The Devīsūkta of the Rg-Veda says, 'Thou who art one and many, subtle and the Vikāras (gross things) and giveth birth to millions of universes.'

'All' (Sakalam)

S'ruti says, 'Verily all this is Brahman'.

' Helpless' (Agatikam)

On account of liability to rebirth despite Sadhana.

Notes

- ¹ The Lord who inhabits the mountain, whereas, Girīs'a is Lord thereof.
- ² Lingapurāņa says, 'Devī becomes matter' (Ksetra). She is Ksetrasvar \overline{u} p \overline{a} , that is, the field or matter which is known by the soul (Ksetraj \overline{n} a). See Lalitā Sahasranāma (fourth hundred) for the Brahman who creates the visible world Itself enters into it (Tat sṛṣṭv \overline{u} tad evānuprāvis·at.)
- *Kalyāni. According to the Padma-Purāna, Devī is worshipped as Kalyāni in the Malaya Mountain.
- 'Bhavam anu na bhūyān mama januh, that is, liberated. The S'yāmārahasya reads Bhavam ananubhūyāt, using bhavam as meaning duhkham (pain), arising from bhava (the world) (K. B.).

HE, O Mahākālī, who in the cremation-ground, naked, and with dishevelled hair, intently neditates upon Thee and recites Thy mantra, and with each recitation makes offering to Thee of a thousand $\overline{A}kanda$ flowers with seed, becomes without any effort a Lord of the earth.

COMMENTARY

'And' (Tu)

For Divya Sādhakas.

' Mahākālī '.

Or Parabrahmarūpiņī.

'Cremation-ground' (S'masanasthah)

The cremation-ground is Parabrahman into which in the great Dissolution (Mahāpralaya) all beings go as though corpses. 'In the cremation ground' therefore, means devoted to Parabrahman.

'Naked' (Dikpatadharah)

That is, free from the covering of Māyā; whose Consciousness is untainted.

'Meditates on Thee' (Dhyananiratah)

That is, upon Thy Saccidananda aspect. The Rudrayamala says, 'He who follows the Kula path should do Japa of Mantra seeking protection from Devi who is Consciousness, Bliss and Source of knowledge, who is all Tattvas whose refulgence is that of millions of flashes of lightning.'

'Sunflowers' (Arkānām)

Flowers of feeling such as compassion, forgiveness and so forth which are functions of the Mind called the Sun in the Brahmarandhra. The Jñānasamkalinī-Tantra says, 'Oh Beloved, the mind is seated on the surface of the sun and life on that of the moon.' The

Yājñavalkya-Samhitā says, 'The Moon is known to be in the Idā and the sun in the Pingalā (Nādī).

'Self-produced Bīja' (Nijagalitavīryena)

This Bīja is here the nectar which naturally flows from the thousand-petalled Lotus. The Mahānirvāṇa-Tantra says, 'The Heart-Lotus should be offered for seat, the nectar (Amṛta) shed from the Sahasrāra for water to wash the feet, the mind as the offering (Arghya), Memory (Citta) is offered by way of flowers, and the vital airs (Praṇa) as and by way of incense.' Jñānasamkalinī-Tantra says, 'Libation (Tarpana) to the Supreme Liberatrix should be made from out the vessel of the Moon and Arghya should be given from out the vessel of the Sun. Compassion, wisdom, and forgiveness are flowers as is also control of the senses. So too are charity (Dayā) and religious merit. Non-injury (Ahimsā) to any being is an excellent flower. Bliss is a flower and so too is the worship of the Sādhaka. Whoever offers these ten flowers attains to the feet of the Liberatrix.' In this verse Savikalpasamādhiyoga is indicated.

Notes

¹ Mahākālī, Sakti of Mahākāla.

² Susthah: with undistracted mind. (V)

Tava dhyāna-niratah, that is, Upon Thy form. (V)

 $^{^{4}}Arka = Sun$ flowers known as $\overline{A}kanda$ (V) not the flower so called in English.

^{*}Nija-galita-vīryeṇa kusumam. Thus the offering is not only of the flowers of the Ākaṇda plant, yatah sādkakah devyai sva-vīrya-misritārkaḥuṣḥāṇi samarḥayati. Durgārāma-Siddhāntavāgīs'a cites the Mahākālasamhitā as saying that the sūryaḥuṣḥa should be offered in the same way with jaḥa of the mūlamantra (svavīryamisrita-sūryaḥuṣḥāṇi). The vīrya does not, refer to the sap of the plant. Nija refers to the sādhaka. 'Along with, that is dipped in or that is spread over with.' Mahākāla-samhitā says, 'A Kaula-Sādhaka in the cremation-ground, naked, dishevelled and with tranquil mind, should offer a thousand sunflowers with seed reciting the while his Mantra. After meditating and worshipping with great devotion he should recite the Hymn' (V).

That is, a king or $r\bar{a}j\bar{a}$. So the Phetkāriņī-Tantra says that wealth, strength, eloquence, intelligence, and the love of women (Sarvayoşitpriyah) is gained.

O Kālī,¹ whoever³ on Tuesday at midnight,⁵ having uttered Thy mantra, makes offering even but once with devotion to Thee of a hair of his S'akti⁴ in the cremation-ground,⁵ becomes a great poet, a Lord of the earth, and ever goes mounted upon an elephant.⁵

COMMENTARY

'Kālī'

Dispeller of the fear of Kala or Death.

'Whoever'

Here a Divya Sādhaka.

'Midday' (Madhyāhne)

At noon.

' Devotion' (Premnā)

That is Parabhakti.

'Offers' (Vitarati)

Merges in Thee, that is, attains Nirvikalpa-Samādhi. Pātanjala-Sūtra says that Nirvikalpa-Samādhi is attained by suppression of the Vrtti of mind.

'In the cremation-ground' (Citāyām)

In thee as Consciousness (Cit).

'Bīja'

That is here nectar which issues on the enjoyment of the union of Kula-kundalin and Paramasiva. The Gandharvamālikā-Tantra says, 'Oh beloved One, the Queen of Devas unites with Parasiva and

in a moment, Oh Devi Paramesvari, nectar is forthwith produced. That nectar, Oh Devi, is like the juice of lac. With it, Oh, Mistress of the Devas, libation (Tarpana) should be offered to the supreme Devats.'

'At home' (Grhe)

In the thousand petalled Lotus (Sahasrara).

'Hair with its root' (Cikuram samulam)

The mind with its functions. It is such Sädhaka who gains both enjoyment and Liberation.

Notes

- ¹ Kālī is destroyer of Kāla (V).
- "'Whoever' is here a Vīra Sādhaka.
- *Madhyāhne. Noon or (here) midnight, Kakārakūtarahasya says, *Whoever naked and with dishevelled hair, on a Tuesday, at midnight, does Homa in the cremation ground with hair, nails, seed and whatever adheres to the Sammārjant and offers them after having uttered the Mūlamantra and recited Thy name a thousand times attracts to him the Lord of the Earth' (V).
- The offering is stated in the words grihe sammārjanyā parigalitabi. jam hi chikurang samulang madhyanhe vitarati chitayang kujadine. These words have received various interpretations, of which the two chief alternatives are given. Grhe is by some translated as 'at home,' in distinction from the cremation-ground to which, according to this rendering. the sadhaka subsequently goes to make his offering. This, however, is said to be erroneous, as the sadhana takes place not in the house but in the cremation-ground. Others (see Calcutta edition) translate it as the equivalent of grihint, or wife. Sammarjant is by them read to mean 'comb.' Parigalita is translated 'removed,' in the sense that the curling of the hair of the wife is 'removed' or straightened with the comb. Bijam given either its primary meaning, or as the equivalent of virva is said to mean kautilyam, or curl of the hair. Cikuram is 'hair.' and samulam qualifies it, meaning pulled out, taken off at the root. The meaning is. then, an offering is made of the wife's hair, the curls (kautilyam) of which have been straightened out with the comb (sammārjanyā), and some of which has come off at the root (samulam). The correct rendering, however, is according to K, B, Saktisādhakayoh grhe maithunasamaye

yonilingasamgharşavasat saktiyonipatitam viryaliptam loma devyat samarpitam bhavati. Grhe thus does not mean 'at home,' but manmathagrihe. The hair is from the same. Sammārjanī—Sisna. Samūlam qualifies cikuram in the sense of 'come off at the root' under the circumstances stated. Parigalita is 'dropped'—referring to the vīrya.

According to Vimalānanda, Gṛhe parigalita-vīryan, is that produced by union with the Sādhaka's svasakti or wife (V).

Of the words Grhe sammārjanyā parigalita-viryam cikuram samūlam the Commentator Durgārāma Siddāntavāgis'a gives the two following alternative expressions: (a) Sammārjanyā means with a comb with which the hair is put in order. Parigalitavīryam chikuram means hair of which the Vīrya or crookedness has been removed. Grhe means in the wife: for it is said the wife is the home. The whole phrase then means Wife's hair, root and all, combed out straight with a comb or (b) Sammārjanyā parigalita-vīryam means Sukra produced by Sammārjani here meaning Linga of the Sādhaka; grhe means in the abode of Kāma that is Yoni of Sakti together with hair, root and all.

The English translation is somewhat abbreviated with the object of giving only so much as all renderings are agreed upon. But in practice Virya is used by most in its literal sense, this is the gross meaning. The inner sense is given in the Svarūpa-vyākhyā which follows.

According to some, the offering is made on the built-up pyre, and, according to others, on the fire after the body has been consumed. $Cit\bar{a}$, however, is really used as a synonym for the burning ground ($Smas\bar{a}na$). The Niruttara-Tantra (Ch. I) speaks of two Kinds of $Smas\bar{a}na$:

Smas ānam dvividham deva citā yonih prakī rtitam.

⁶ That is, he becomes a $R\bar{a}j\bar{a}$, and has no longer to go on foot like common folk.

THE devotee¹ who, having placed before himself,² and meditated and again meditated upon, the abode, strewn with flowers, of the *Deva* with the bow of flowers, recites Thy *Mantra*, Ah! he becomes on earth the Lord of Gandharvas, and the ocean of the nectar of the flow of poesy, and is after death in Thy supreme abode.¹¹

COMMENTARY

'Devotee' (Bhaktah)

The Sādhaka who is a Yogī on the Divya path.

'The Abode' (Kusumadhanusho mandiram)

The triangular Yoni Mandala in the Mülädhära. Nirvāņa-Tantra says, 'In the triangle, the abode of Kāma, the Linga is Mahesyara.'

'With its own flowers'

Adorned with the Svayambhu-linga which is compared to a flower. Gorakşa-Samhitā says, 'He is truly wise who knows the supreme Tejas in the Yoni called Svayambhu-linga. Others are but beasts of burden.

'Lord of Gandharvas' (Gandharva-srentpatih)

A great singer. It is said 'there is nothing better than a song,'

'Poesy' (Kavitvāmṛta-nadi-nadinah)

He becomes like the great poet Kālīdāsa.

'Is great' (Prabhavati)

He attains Nirvāṇa on being united with Thee who are Saccidānandarūpā. Kūrma-Purāṇa says, Brahmavādīs have learnt in all Vedas and Vedāntas the one, omnipresent, subtle (Kūtastha), immovable, absolute, endless, undecaying Brahman, the sole supreme Niṣkala-Tattva higher than the highest, eternal, auspicious, wondrous.' Devīgītā says 'Oh Mountain, he in whom Parabhakti is thus generated becomes merged in Pure Consciousness.'

Notes

- Bhaktah: here the Vira Sādhaka (V).
- *Purah: that is with the Mandala of Kāma before him (V).
- That is, with intensity. Dhyāyan dhyāyan, repeatedly meditating (V).
- *Kusuma-dhanuşo mandiram. The Deva with the bow of flowers is Kāma whose abode is the Madanāgāra. Tantrakalpadruma says, 'He who recites the Mantra ten thousand times meditating on the flower-covered Yoni (Svapuspairākīrnam) of Sakti, of a certainty charms all with his poesy.' Svapuspa is called Svayambhukusuma in Tantra-srāstra, Mātṛkābheda-Tantra says, 'Oh Lady of Mahesa Svapuspa, which charms all is the Rtu which first appears in a married girl (V).
- *Svapuşpairākīrnam. The word svapuşpa=svayambhupuşpa—mentioned in the Tantras. The word puşpa has here, and in ordinary parlance, a figurative sense, as in English. For puṣpasabdena atra ṛtur ucyate, mātṛkābheda-tantra-pramāṇānusāreṇa anūḍhāyāh kanyāyāh prathama eva ṛtur atra ucyate. Tantrāntare tu vivāhitāyā eva bālāyā ṛtur atra vivakṣitah. The S'yāmārahasya reads 'supuṣpa,' which literally means. pleasing fragrant flower, but which is possibly a misprint for svapushpa. The meaning of the passage is as follows: Sādhakah svasya purobhāge saktim samsthāpya tasyā ṛturudhirasiktām yonim avalokayan san devīmantram japati.
- ⁶ That is, $K\bar{a}ma$, the *Deva* of Desire, whose bow and arrows are made of flowers.
 - Japati. Recites ten thousand times (V).
 - Aho. 'Ah' an exclamation of wonder (V).
- *Celestial spirits (devayoni), who play and sing at the banquets of the Devas. According to the Vişnu-Purāna, sons of Brahmā 'born imbibing melody.' The Sādhaka thus becomes a master of dance, music and song.

Gandarva-srenīpatih. He becomes a great singer and a master of melody. The $S\bar{a}has\bar{a}nka$ says, ' $H\bar{a}h\bar{a}$ is called a Gandharva and singing also makes a Gandharva' (V).

"He becomes a *Pandita* in all literature. The Kālī-Tantra, quoted in the Kālīkalpalatā, says that in strength he becomes like the wind, in wealth of gifts like Indra, and in the musical art like Tumburu (K.B.)—a *Rṣi*, master of music and inventor of the *tāmbur*.

"Paramapadalinah prabhavati, that is, he attains nirvāņa (K.B.).

Prabhavati: becomes capable of creating and so forth on being merged with Thy Supreme Feet (V). The word literally means 'Excels.'

HE who at night, when in union with his S'akti, meditates with centred mind on Thee, O Mother with gently smiling face, as on the breast of the corpse-like S'iva, lying on a fifteen-angled yantra deeply enlisted in sweet amorous play with Mahākāla, himself becomes the destroyer of the God of Love.

COMMENTARY

'Mother' (Janani)

The Progenitrix.

* At night ' (Naktam)

Midnight. Brihannīla-Tantra says, 'He who is intent on meditation at midnight or early dawn surely sees the supremely blissful aspect of Devī.'

'Meditates' (Dhyāyet)

'On Thee as not different from the Sādhaka's own Ātmā, who art Cidābhāsa in his body as a Yantra.' Gandharva-Tantra says, 'He who is in Advaitabhāva, and thinks of the self as Devatā in the hree forms of body thinks of Her and his Ātmā as one. He should worship the Devī as Ātmā with the articles prescribed. The Yantra which is one's own body should be considered the best of all Yantras.' Again 'He who meditates on the Nirguṇa, unattached pure Ātmā of Tripurā as not being different from his own Ātmā becomes one with Her.'

'Thee' (Tvām)

That is, Brahmamayi.

'Smiling face' (Smera-vadanām)

Because She is ever blissful, being Bliss itself.

'On the breast' (Mahākālenoccāih)

On the breast of S'iva who is inactive like a corpse. She divides, Herself into two parts like a grain of gram, namely, S'iva and S'akti by means of Māyā associated with Iccā, Kriyā, Jñāna, whilst at the same time remaining established in Her Nirguṇa-Brahman state.

'Fifteen-cornered seat' (Tripancare pithe)

This is the Sādhaka's own body conceived as the Yantra in which Avidyā is the encompassing circle, the eight-fold Prakṛti consisting of Earth and so forth is the eight-petalled lotus, the five Jñānendriya, the five Karmendriyā, and five Prāṇa are the five Triangles and the Bindu which is Consciousness reflected in Māyā composed of pure Sattvaguṇa is the adorning Bīja. The Gandharva-Tantra says, 'The Cakramantramaya is the Devatā's Supreme Body which is S'iva-s'akti.' The Bhagavadgītā says, 'Earth, Water, Fire, Air, Ether, Manas, Buddhi, Ahamkāra, these Tattvas constitute my eightfold Prakṛti.' Gandharva-Tantra says, 'The subtle body composed of uncompounded (Apañcīkṛta) Bhūta and equipped with five Prāṇas, Manas, Buddhi and ten Indriya is the vehicle for Enjoyment. Unbeginning and undefinable (Anirvācyā) Avidyā is the causal Upādhi. Know Ātmā to be different from the three-fold Upādhi.'

'Deeply enlisted' (Madanarasalāvaņyaniratām)

Always united in the reverse (Viparīta) way with Paramasiva the Saguṇabrahman. The Gandharva-Tantra says, 'When that Supreme S'akti by putting that Puruṣa down, of Her will appears as the universe then She becomes passionate. And then becoming Herself active the Devī rises upon Bhairava and enhances Her own bliss with waves of natural pleasure.'

'Himself also enjoying' (Svayam api ratānandaniratah)

Enjoying the bliss of union in Laya with Paramatma by Yoni-mudra and becoming S'aktimaya himself. The Gheranda-Samhita says, 'He should do Yoni-mudra and himself become S'aktimaya.

He should move in Paramatma with the good S'ringararasa. Becoming Anandamaya he should be one with Brahman.'

' Destroyer of Kāma' (Smarahara)

The Advaita-sādhaka attains Kaivalya by being merged in Thee who art Paramātmā.

NOTES

- Svayam api ratānandaniratah, of which the meaning is as follows: yadā sādhakah saktyā saha maithunakriyāsakto bhavati, tadā sa slokokta dhyāna-prakārānusāreņa devim dhyāyati.
 - *Samāsaktah, concentrated on Thee.
 - *Kālikalpalatā says it is a kind of yantra (diagram).

Tripuncare pithe. The Yantra. The $K\bar{u}l\bar{l}$ -Tantra says, 'First draw a triangle. Outside it put another. Next draw three triangles. In the centre draw the Baindava-Cakra adorned with the $M\bar{u}y\bar{u}$ Bija. Draw a circle outside the six-cornered figure. Next draw the eight petals attached to the outer circle and $Bh\bar{u}pura$. He who knows this great Yantra surely attains liberation.' $Bh\bar{u}pura$ is the gross body composed of the five $Bh\bar{u}tas$ (V). It is made with five triangles superimposed.

*Mahākalenoccair-madana-rasa-lāvanya-niratām. Mahākāla is Paramasiva (V). Madana-rasa-lāvanya-niratām refers to Viparītarati (V).

Smarahara. The destroyer of Kama is Siva Himself (V).

That is, he becomes Siva Himself, who destroyed Smara the Deva of Love (Kāma), with Fire from His central eye, when the latter, by the excitation of desire (towards Pārvatī), sought to detract him from his yoga. Or it may be translated 'excels in beauty the God of Love.'

O DARK One, wondrous and excelling in every way, becomes the accomplishment, of those worshippers who living in this world freely make offering to Thee in worship of the greatly satisfying flesh, together with hair and bone, of cats, camels, sheep, buffaloes, goats, and men.

COMMENTARY

'Oh Black one' (Asītā)

Asitā means free from bondage. Sitā means bound. Asitā is therefore 'not bound' or eternally liberated. The root So, means 'to bind.' Amarakosa gives the meaning of Sita as 'bound.'

'Wondrous' (Apūrvā)

Best.

'At every step' (Pratipadam)

In succession, step by step.

'All Powers' (Sarvasiddhi)

The five Siddhis which are the five forms of Liberation. The S'ivagītā says, 'Sālokya, Sārūpya, Sārṣti, Sāyujya and Kaivalya. Know these to be the five forms of liberation.'

'The flesh of' (Palalam)

These animals represent the Six Enemies (Ripu) or Vices which are specially characteristic of the following animals: The goat stands for Lust (Kāma) 'as lustful as a goat (Chhāga),' the buffalo, Anger (Krodha) 'as angry as a buffalo (Mahiṣa),' the cat, Greed (Lobha) 'as greedy as a cat' (Mārjāra), the sheep, Delusion (Moha), 'as stupid as a sheep' (Meṣa) the camel, Envy (Mātsarya) 'as envious as a camel' (Uṣtra), Man, Pride (Mada) 'the Pride and arrogance of man' (Nara).

The Anandākalpa says, 'Worship should be done by making offering of lust as goat, buffalo, and so forth'. Offering is made to Thee who art Cidrūpā of lust and other vices as articles of offering (Upacāra) in worship with the object of ridding oneself of them. Bṛhannīla-Tantra says, 'In the fire of Ātmā which flames with the ghee (Havih) of Dharma and Adharma, I ever offer in Homa by the Suṣumnā path, with the mind as ladle, all the functions of the senses—Svāhā.'

'In worship' (Pūjāyām)

In mental worship according to the manner prescribed.

'With hair and bone' (Loma, asthi)

That is the whole without omitting any part. Such Sādhakas attain the Sālokya and other forms of liberation.

Notes

- Asitā: That is Kālikā v. post.
- *Pratipadam. The S'yāmarahasya-sārasamgraha reads pratidinam (every day) (K.B.), which seems preferable, for, as K.B. says, the worship $(p\bar{u}j\bar{a})$ is the general daily $p\bar{u}j\bar{a}$, upon which daily advancement in siddhi would follow.
 - ³ Siddhi: success in work; accomplishment of all which is desired (V).
 - ⁶ Sat, that is, sādhu (wise, good, pious). Satām=Sādhakānām (V).
 - ⁵ That is, among men.
 - Pūjāyām api (see note 2), ante.

 $P\bar{u}j\bar{a}y\bar{a}\dot{m}$: Naimittika or occasional worship (V). The force of the particle api is that the offering is not confined to special $S\bar{a}dhan\bar{a}$ but is made in ordinary worship also. (K.B.)

- Param (K.B.).
- *That is flesh and all.
- Maişam. The Syamarahasya-sarasamgraha gives also mauşam, of rat's flesh. The Fetkarini-Tantra has both sheep and rat's flesh (K.B.).

Syāmārahasya says, 'To him who makes offering of the flesh of cats, sheep, camels, and buffaloes together with bone, hair and skin Dākṣiṇā is ever beneficial like a Mother.'

16 As to this human sacrifice, K. B. says that Kings alone, and not any other, are entitled to make human sacrifice, citing the Yāmala quoted in the Kālīkalpalatā (*Rājā naravalim dadyān nānyopi paramesvari*). For inner sense see Svarūpa-vyākhyā post.

O MOTHER, he who, being a controller of his passions, eats havisyannam, and, being proficient in meditation on Thy feet, rightly recites Thy mantra a hundred thousand times by day, and he who afterwards naked at night, when united with his Sakti, rightly recites Thy great mantra another such hundred thousand times, becomes on earth like unto the Destroyer of Smara.

COMMENTARY

'Naked' (Nagnah)

That is free from the covering of Māyā; Nirvikāra.

'Amorous play' (Nidhuvana-vinodena)

That is enjoying the bliss of union between Ātmā and Parasakti. The Kulārņava-Tantra says, 'That is coition (Maithuna) in which there is the bliss arising from the union of Ātmā and Parasakti. Others are but Enjoyers of women.'

'Becomes' (Syāt)

That is, becomes liberated whilst yet living (Jīvanmukta) like S'iva.

NOTES

Havişyāsanaratah: that is after the recitation (V).

¹ Vashī. The first part of this Sloka refers to Pasvācāra.

That is, one who has undertaken the Puras caranavrata, and eats the pure form of food known as Havisyānnam (K.B.).

Makes japa (see ibid.).

Param: that is, when he has been Abhişikta into Vīrācāra.

- Naktam nagno nidhuvana-vinodena, the meaning of which is yādā sādhakah saktyā saha maithuna-kriyāsakto bhavati, tadā sa mantram japati.
- *Smarahara or Siva (see note 5 to Sloka 18, ante). The Tantrakalpadruma says, 'He who eats Havisyannam, who keeping Devi in mind recites the Mantra a hundred thousand times by day and is at night united with his Sakti becomes the Lord of the earth.' (V).

O MOTHER, this Hymn of Thine is the source from whence originates Thy mantra.¹ It sings of Thy real self, and contains injunctions for the worship of Thy two lotus Feet. He who reads it at midnight or at time of worship even his random talk becomes the nectar juice of poesy.

COMMENTARY

'Thy real self' (Svarūpākhyam)

Speaks of the Dhyana of both Thy gross and subtle aspects.

'Reads' (Paţati)

That is recites aloud. The Visuddhesvara-Tantra says, 'Oh Devī, the reading of a Hymn (Stotra) mentally, or the recitation of a Mantra loudly is as ineffectual as water in a broken jar.'

'Nectar of Poesy' (Prasarati kavitvāmṛtarasah)

He becomes full of the sweetness of Poesy. The Kālīkulasarvasva says, 'All whose difficulties and dangers are destroyed by a single reading, as it were flies in a flame. His speech flows like the Ganges full of prose and poetry.'

Notes

¹ Manusamuddharanajanuh—that is, cause of mantroddhāra: formation of Mantra of DevI. The mantra is made known, and then impressed with the life and consciousness (caitanya) of the sādhaka (mantracaitanya).

[₽]ūjā.

That is, even his meaningless delirious talk, as in fever or madness, etc. (K.B.).

NUMBERS of women with large eyes, like those of the antelope, impatient for his love, ever follow him. Even the King becomes subject to his control. He becomes like unto Kuvera himself. An enemy fears him as if he were a prison. Living in continuous bliss the devotee is liberated when yet living, and is never again reborn.

Here ends the Hymn by S'rî Mahākāla, entitled Karpu-

COMMENTARY

'Liberated' (Jivanmukta)

And on death gets Videhamukti.

'No rebirth' (Muktah pratijanuh)

He gets Nirvāna in Brahman. The Mahākāla-samhitā says, 'Whoever constantly and with devotion reads this Hymn originating from Mahākāla, is free from danger, disease and death and in the end attains Kaivalya liberation.'

Here ends the Hymn named Svarūpastotra of S'rīmatī Dakṣiṇa-Kālikā by S'rīmān Mahākāla.

Here also ends its annotation and Svarūpavyākhyā entitled Vimalānandadāyinī.

Notes

¹ Kuranga, which has beautiful large eyes.

Lord of wealth.

* Kelikalayā, by the various entertaining acts ($parih\bar{a}s\bar{a}din\bar{a}$) of which there are sixty-four. The meaning here is that there is continuous bliss.

*Kelikalayā ciram jivanmuktah sa bhavati ca bhaktah pratijanuh, The translation in the text reads pratijanuh to mean as K. B. says, Janmanivritti or cessation of birth. But Pratijanuh may also mean birth after birth.' According to this translation jivanmukta would not refer to the state immediately preceding Kaivalya but, as K.B. says, Jivadavasthānubhūtadevatā-sūkṣātkāra-mukha in which case the translation will be, He living in continuous bliss obtains direct Experience of the Devatā and is reborn life after life as Her devotee. According to the translation adopted complete liberation follows and in the other case some lower though happy state.

OBEISANCE

To Kālī the spouse of Kāla, who destroys all sin and is Kāla.¹ She who is Tārā the Saviour the Supreme Brahmavidyā who is adored by the Lotus-born Deva.³

She who is S'rīvidyā, desirous of the welfare of Sādhakas, on the path of Liberation, to whom Hari and Hara make obeisance.

May that Devī the Mother, who appears in the form of all things, bring forth benefits for all such as sing Her praises.

COLOPHON

Of this King of Hymns wherein Mahākāla has described the true self of Kālikā, the Karpūrādya Hymn, untainted by worldly desire, which gives bliss to Devotees, the aforesaid Annotation containing its simple interpretation, as well as the Svarūpavyākhyā (Commentary) which gives pure joy was prepared by me Vimalānanda Svāmī for the enlightenment of Sādhakas in the Saka year 1837. Mayest Thou reside in the throat of him who reads it.

OM, TAT SAT, OM

The first Kāla is Mahākāla and the second is the produced Kāla,

Brahmā. Viṣṇu aṇd Rudra.

श्रीगुरवे नमः । ॐ नमः परमदेवताये ।।

श्रीकर्पूरादिस्तोत्रम्

कर्पूरं मध्यमान्त्यसरपरिरहितं सेन्दुवामाक्षियुक्तं बीजं ते मातरेतत्रिपुरहरषधु त्रिःकृतं ये जपन्ति । तेषां गद्यानि पद्यानि च मुलकुहरादुल्लसन्त्येव वाचः सञ्छन्दं ध्वान्तघाराघररुचिरुचिरे सर्वसिद्धं गतानाम् ॥१॥

टीका

ॐ विशुदज्ञानदेहाय तिवेदीदिव्यचक्षुषे । श्रेयःप्राप्तिनिमित्ताय नमः सोमार्घधारिणे ॥ प्रणमामि महादेवीं तुरीयां ब्रह्मरूपिणीम् । यस्याः स्मरणमात्रेण भवाध्वौ न निमज्जति ॥ कालीं कालहरां देवीं कींकारबीजरुपिणीम् । कामसूपां कलातीतां कालिकां दक्षिणां भजे ॥

कर्पूरमिति । कर्पूरमित्यादिपश्चभिः श्लोकैः महादेव्याः सूक्ष्मरूपात्मक-विद्याराज्ञीनामद्वाविंशत्यक्षरं मन्त्रमुद्धृतम् ; तथा तस्याः साधनप्रकारं माहात्म्यं च क्रमेणोक्तम् । षष्ठश्लोके तस्याः विविधमन्त्रोद्धारश्च कथितः । उक्तं च काल्किका-

¹ भीचण्डो.

⁸ गन्धर्वतन्त्रम् .

श्रुती; "अथ हैनां त्रक्षरन्त्रे त्रक्षस्वरूपिणीमाप्तोति । सुभगां त्रिगुणामुक्त्वा, सुभगां बिन्दुमेळनरूपा । कामरेफेन्दिरा तु समष्टिरूपिणी । एतत्त्रिगुणितमादौ । तद्नु कूर्चद्वयं, कूर्चबीजं तु न्योमपष्टस्वरिबन्दुमेळनरूपम् । तदेव द्विरुचार्य तदनु भुवनाद्वयं, भुवना तु न्योमज्वळनेन्दिर।शून्यमेळनरूपा । तदेव द्विरुचार्य दिक्षणे कालिके वेत्यिममुसंगता, तदनु, बीजसप्तकमुचार्य बृहद्भानुजायामुचरेत् । अयं सर्वमन्त्रो- चमोत्तमः" इति । तथा च निरुत्तरतन्त्रे—

" अथ वक्ष्ये महेशानि दक्षिणाकालिकामनुम् । येन विज्ञानमातेण जीवनमुक्तः प्रजायते ॥ ब्रक्षानलयुतं देवि नादिबन्दुसमन्वितम् । वामनेत्रेण संयुक्तं चित्स्वरूपं परात्परम् ॥ एकाक्षरी सिद्धविद्या मन्त्रराज्ञी कुलेश्वरि । त्रिगुणा च कूर्चयुग्मं लज्जायुग्मं ततः परम् ॥ दक्षिणे कालिके चेति सप्तवीजानि योजयेत् । अन्ते विद्ववधूं दद्यात् विद्याराज्ञी प्रकीर्तिता । सर्वमन्त्रमयी विद्या सृष्टिस्थित्यन्तकारिणी ॥"

इति । अपरं च प्रथमक्षोके श्रीमत्कालिकायाः एकाक्षरी मन्तराज्ञी की बीज-मुद्धृतम् । द्वितीयक्षोके श्रीमत्ताराया एकाक्षरमन्त्रं हंबीजमुद्धृतम् । तृतीय-क्षोके श्रीमत्त्रिपुरसुन्दर्या एकाक्षरमन्त्रं हींबीजमुद्धृतं च । तथा कालीतारा-सुन्दरीणां रहस्यसाधनप्रकरणं च वर्णितम् । तेन एत्रस्वरूपारुयस्तोत्रं ककार-कूटस्तोत्नवत् त्रिशक्तिविषये पाठ्यमिति कमदीक्षितसाधकेन्द्राणामिमतत् । उक्तं च तारारहस्यतन्त्रे—

> " यशा काली तथा तारा तथा नीलसरस्वती । सर्वाभीष्टफलं दद्यात् तथा त्रिपुरसुन्दरी ॥ अमेदमतमास्थाय यः कश्चित् साधयेत्ररः । त्रिलोके स तु पूज्यः स्याचारायाः सुत एव सः ॥

मेदं कृत्वा यदा मन्त्री साधयेदत्र साधनम् । न तस्य निष्कृतिर्देवि निरये पच्यते हि सः ॥ "

इति । उक्तं च ताराध्याने कवचे च; "हंकारबीजोद्भवा" "हँ तारा मे सदा पातु बीजैकाक्षररूपिणी" इति । तथा श्रीसुन्दर्याः क्रमस्तोत्रे च—

> " द्वींकारमेव तव नाम गृणन्ति वेदा मातस्त्रिकोणनिल्ये त्रिपुरे त्रिणेत्रे । द्वी द्वीमिति प्रतिदिनं जपतां तवाख्यां किं नाम दुर्लभिमह त्रिपुराभिधाने ॥ "

इति । तथा च पहाकालसंहितायाम्; "श्रीविद्या कालिका तारा त्रिशक्तिविषये पठेत्" इति । वस्तुतस्तु यद्वद्विभिन्नजातीयबीजेभ्य एकविषा लता कदापि नोत्पद्यते, तद्वत् कींकारहूंकारहींकारादिभ्यो विभिन्नबीजमन्त्रेभ्य एकरूपा म्तिनं संभवति । अतः पूर्वोक्तिस्त्रिभिर्वीजैः त्रक्षविद्या श्रीमद्क्षिणकालिकैव सर्व-रूपिणीति सूचिता ।

हे मातः! ध्वान्तधाराधररुचिरुचिरे! नीलमेघकान्तिरिव मनोज्ञे! नवीनजलधरो यथा अमृतवारिवर्षणेन आतपतप्तपृथ्वी शीतलां करोति, तद्वत्त्वमिष
कृपामृतवर्षणेन त्रितापतप्तसाधकाय अमृतत्वं ददासीति भावः । त्रिपुरहरवधु! स्वर्गमत्येपाताल्रस्थैः त्रिपुरैः सह त्रिपुराख्यासुरनाशकमहेशशक्ते! कर्पूरं मध्यमान्त्यस्वरपरिरहितम्; कर्पूरशब्दस्य मध्यमो रेफयुक्तः पकारः, अन्त्य अनुस्वारः, स्वराः
अकारोकारान्तिमरेफस्थाकाराः, तैः सर्वतोभावेन वर्जितं, तेन "क" इति
स्थितम्। सेन्दुवामाक्षियुक्तम्; सेन्दु, बिन्दुयुक्तार्धचन्द्रेण सह वर्तमानं, वामाक्षियुक्तं
ईकारेण युक्तम्, तथा च "क्री"" इति । ते तव बीजं मन्त्रात्मकशरीरस्य कारणम् ।
त्रिःकृतम्; त्रिगुणीकृतं, ये; जनाः जपन्ति, मन्त्रार्थगतमानसाः सन्तः मनसा उच्चारयनित । सर्वसिद्धिं गतानाम्; शिवस्य अणिमाद्यष्टसिद्धिं प्राप्तानां साधकानाम्; मुखकुहरात्; आस्यविवरात् । गद्यानि पद्यानि च बाचः गद्यपद्यमयानि वाक्यानि खच्छन्दम्
अप्रयक्तसुरुसम् उक्कसन्ति प्रस्कुरन्तीस्यर्थः । अपि च श्रूयते—'यत् श्रीमःकालि-

काया इदं "की" "बीजम्, इसलामधर्मावलिम्बनः साधकाः मोक्षलाभकामनया आर-बीयभाषया रूपान्तरितं "करीम्" इति मन्त्रं जपन्ति, तथा खृष्टानधर्मावलिम्बनः साधका अपि "काइष्ट" इति मन्त्रं मुक्तिकामनया सदैव जपन्ति दिति ॥ १ ॥

स्वरूपव्याख्या

नत्वा श्रीपादुकां भक्त्या रामानन्दस्य योगिन: । कृता स्वरूपव्याख्येयं विमलानन्ददायिनी ॥

कर्पूरमिति । हे मातः ! (माति परिमितं ददातीति माता—मा+तृच) सकामनिष्काममेदेन भोगमोक्षदात्रि ! ध्वान्तधाराधररुचिरुचिरे ; ¹शुद्धसत्त्वगुणात्मकधनीभूततेजोमयत्वात्
तथा चिदाकाशत्वाच नीळवर्णचिन्तनीये ! त्रिपुरहरवधु ! ² स्थूळ-सूक्ष्म-कारणदेहान्
हरतीति विदेहमुक्तिदायकत्रिपुरहरः, तस्य विदेहमुक्तिदातुर्या शक्तिः सा त्वमेव, विदेहकैवल्यदात्रीति भावः । मध्यमान्त्यस्वरपरिरहितं ; ³ सत्त्वरजस्तमोगुणात्मिकाया मूळप्रकृतेः
मध्यम उकारात्मको रजोगुणः, अन्त्यं, मकारात्मकस्तमोगुणः, ताभ्यां रहितं शुद्धसत्त्वगुणात्मकम् । सेन्दुवामाक्षियुक्तम् '; निर्वाणमोक्षदायिनी शक्तिः, तथा साधकामीष्टदायिका

- ¹ शिक्योर्व्योमक्पत्वादसिते रुक्ष्यते वपु: । योगवासिष्ठम् । (शिवा च शिवश्व शिवो, तयो:) मोह्ने साक्षादपेताम्बुदगगननिभां भावयेद्धकिगम्याम् ॥ त्रिपुरासारसमुखयः ॥
- ै पुरत्रये क्रीडित यक्ष जीवस्ततस्तु जातं सकलं विचित्रम् । आभारमानन्दमसण्डवोधं यस्मिल्लयं याति पुरत्रयं च ॥ कैवल्योपनिचत् ॥
- ² अकार: सार्त्विको हेय उकारो राजसः स्मृत: । मकारस्तामसः प्रोक्तस्त्रिमः प्रकृतिरुच्यते ॥ ज्ञानसंकिष्टानी ॥ स्वरेण संघयेत् योगमस्वरं भावयेत् परम् ॥ ज्ञहाविन्तूपनिचत् ॥
- ककारोज्ज्वलक्ष्यत्वात् केवलं झानचित्कला ।
 क्वलनार्णसमायोगात् सर्वतेजोमयी ग्रुमा ।
 दीर्घेकरेण देवेशि साधकामीष्टदायिनी ।
 विन्दुनां निष्कलत्वास केवल्यफळदायिनी ॥ तन्त्रकस्पद्वम: ॥

तोडबतन्ते च-

ककारं धर्मदं देवि ईकारं चार्यदायकम् । रकारं कामदं कान्ते मकारं मोक्षदायकम् । एकतोचारणादेवि मोक्षनिर्वाणदायिनी ॥ इति ॥ शुद्धसत्त्वप्रधाना मायाशिक्तः ताभ्यां युक्तम् । कर्पूरं कल्पयित जगत् प्रपञ्चं यत्, तत् सगुणब्रह्म इत्यर्थः । ते तव बीजं जगत्कारणभावं सिबदानन्दरूपिणी त्वं निर्गुणापि जीवकर्मकाळिविशिष्टया मायया युक्ता सती तत्तजीवतत्तत्कर्मफळमोगसमये प्राप्ते जगत्स-र्जने बीजात्मतां गतासीति भावः । एतत् क्रीं वाच्यं तव शुद्धसत्त्वात्मकं सिबदानन्द-रूपं, ये साधकाः त्रिःकृतं त्रिगुणीकृतं, सात्त्विकराजसिकतामसिकभेदेन, तथा स्यूळ-सूक्ष्म-कारणभेदेन त्रिविधं त्रिशक्तिरूपं च ; जपन्ति ; स्वात्माभेदेन चिन्तयन्ति, ते अनिच्छन्तोऽपि धर्मार्थकाममोक्षरूपचतुर्वगै ळभन्त इति भावः । उक्तं च विश्वसार-तन्त्रे दक्षिणकाळिकायाः क्रमस्तोत्रे—

"त्वदीयबीजत्रयमेतदम्ब जपन्ति सिद्धास्तु विमुक्तिहेतोः । तदेव मातस्तव पादपद्मगा भवन्ति सिद्धाश्च दिनत्रयेऽपि ॥ ''

इति ॥ १ ॥

ईशानः सेन्दुवामश्रवणपरिगतो बीजमन्यन्महेशि द्वन्द्वं ते मन्दचेता यदि जपति जनो वारमेकं कदाचित्। जित्वा वाचामधीशं धनदमपि चिरं मोहयन्नम्बुजाक्षी-वृन्दं चन्द्रार्धच्हे प्रभवति स महाघोरवालावतंसे ॥ २॥

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ईश्चान इति । हे महेशि! ब्रह्मविष्णुरुद्राणामिष ईशः महेशस्तस्य शक्ते ! हे चन्द्रार्घचूढे ! चन्द्रार्घाक्कितमस्तके ! हे महाघोरनालावतंसे ! अतिभयानकश्चव-नालकृतकर्णालंकारे । मन्दचेताः जनः ; मृद्वुद्धिर्जनः । ते ; तन । सेन्दुवामश्रवण-परिगतः ; चन्द्रविन्दुसहितो यो दीर्घ ऊकारस्तेन युक्तः । ईशानः ; हकारः । एतेन "हूँ" इति तन द्वितीयमूर्तेस्तारायाः एकाक्षरनीजमन्त्रं चोद्धृतम् ।

[े] तादात्म्बक्पं चित्संवित् परमग्रैकनामकम् । स्वशक्तेश्व समायोगादहं बीजात्मतां गता ॥ अञ्चकं कारणो देहः स चोकं पूर्वमेव हि । बस्मिन् जगद्वीजक्पं स्थितं लिङ्गोद्भवो बतः ॥ देवीगीता ॥ वेदा कालीक्पमात्मानं विभाववेत् ॥ काक्यपविषत् ॥

द्वन्द्वम्; एतत् युग्मं कृत्वा । यदि; कदाचित् एकवारमपि जपति । तदा, सः; चिरम्; यावज्जीवम् । वाचामधीशम्; षृहस्पतिम्; धनदमपि; कुबेरं च । जित्वा; पराभूय, अम्बुजाक्षीषृन्दम्; सुन्दरीसमूहं मोहयन् प्रभवति, मोहयितुं समर्थो भवति । स साधकः अतीव विद्वान् धनवान् रूपवांश्च भवतीत्यर्थः । तथा च ताराराहस्ये—" तारकत्वात् सदा तारा या काली सैव निश्चिता" इति । कृमस्तोत्ने च—

त्वदीयकूर्चेद्वयजापकत्वात् सुरासुरेभ्योऽपि भवेच पूज्यः । प्रज्ञाश्रियौ चापि लभन्ति सर्वे किं वापरं देवि परापराख्ये ॥

इति॥२॥

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ईशान इति । हे महेशि ! सृष्टि-स्थिति-विनाशात्मकमहैश्वर्यवित ! चन्द्रार्धचूढे !¹ निर्वाणमोक्षदायिनि । हे महाघोरबाळावतंसे !² महेश्वरसदशनिर्विकारबाळकवित्रिष्काम-साधकाभ्यां कृते अतिप्रिये कर्णभूषणे यया तत् संबोधने । बाळकवित्रिविकारतत्त्वं साधकः ब्रह्मरूपिण्या अतीव प्रिय इत्यर्थः । सेन्दुवामश्रवणपरिगतः ; इन्दुः अमृतत्वं वाग्दातृत्वं रूपाकिषणीत्वं च तैर्युक्तः । ईशानः ; ईश्वरः, इति ते अन्यद्वीजं हूंबीजात्मककारणभावम् । द्वन्द्वं शिवशक्त्यात्मकं स्वरूपम् । यदि कदाचित् एकवारमपि जपति, मानस-

¹ निल्लायाः कालहपाया अक्षपायाः शिवात्मनः । अमृतत्वाळ्ळाटेऽस्याः शशिचिद्धं निक्षितम् ॥ महानिर्वाखतन्त्रम् ॥

[ै] क्षुघां देहच्ययां स्पक्त्या बालः क्रीडित बस्तुनि । तथैव विद्वान् रमते निर्ममो निरहंपुस्ती ॥ विवेकच्यामियाः ॥ तथा च ब्रह्मोपनिषदि—

यथा कुमारो निष्काम आनन्दमुपवाति ॥ इति ॥

[ै] जकारो भैरव: सूक्ष्मो दीर्घघोणा सरस्वती । विलासनी विद्यकर्ता लक्ष्मणो स्पक्षिणी ॥

⁴ अङ्घमात्र: पुरुषो ज्योतिरिवाधूमकः । ईशानो भूतभव्यस्य स एवारा स उ श्व: ॥ कठोपनिवत् ॥

⁶ शब्दबीजद्वयेनैव शब्दराशिप्रबोधिनी । यामसम् ।

शिवशक्तिसमायोगाञ्जनितो मन्त्रराजक: ।
 तन्मर्थी परमानन्दनन्दितां मन्त्रकृषिणीस् ॥ गन्धवैतन्त्रस् ॥

जपेन चिन्तयित । तर्हि स साधकः ज्ञानविज्ञानवान् धनवांश्व भूत्वा, सर्वे जगत् मोहियतुं शक्तोतीति भावः ॥ २ ॥

ईशो वैश्वानरस्थः शशधरिबलसद् वामनेश्रेण युक्तो बीजं ते द्वन्द्वमन्यद् विगलितिचिक्करे कालिके ये जपन्ति। द्वेष्टारं श्रन्ति ते च त्रिभुवनमिप ते वश्यभावं नयन्ति स्कद्भन्द्वास्त्रधाराद्वयधरवदने दक्षिणे त्र्यक्षरेति॥ ३॥

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ईश्च इति । है विगलितिचिकुरे ! मुक्तकेशि ! हे कालिके ! ब्रह्मरूपिणि ! हे सुक्कद्वन्द्वास्त्रधाराद्वयधरवदने ! ओष्ठपान्तद्वयगलितरुधिरधाराशोभितानने ! वैश्वानरस्थः ; रकारयुक्तः । शशधरविलसत् ; चन्द्रविन्दुयुक्तः । वामनेत्रेण युक्तः ; ईकारेण युक्तः । ईशः ; हकारः । अन्यत् "ही र" इति त्रिपुरसुन्दरीबीजम् । द्वन्द्वम् ; उक्तबीजं द्विगुणीकृतम् । तथा "दक्षिणे" इति नामात्मकत्र्यक्षरमन्त्रं च ये जनाः जपन्ति । ते द्वेष्टारं ; शत्रुं प्रन्ति नाश्चयन्ति । त्रिभुवनमपि ; स्वर्ग-मर्त्य-पातालस्यं देवनरनागादिकं च वश्यभावं नयन्ति, अधीनःवं प्रापयन्तीत्यर्थः ॥ ३ ॥

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¹कः कोषीशो महाकाली कामवेव: प्रकाशक: । श्रीपुरं रमणोऽनक्षक्रमा परमात्मकः ॥

² आकारो विजयानम्ती ।

कश्चन्त्रः पूतना पृथ्वी माधवः शक्कवाचकः ।
 विश्वात्ममस्दौ बळवान् मेहिगिरिः कलारसः ।

[े]इ: सुरमा शान्मकी विचा चन्त्र: पूषा द्वपुत्रक: ॥ तन्त्राभिधावम् ॥

" आद्यन्तहीनं जगदात्मरूपं विभिन्नसंस्यं प्रकृतेः परस्तात् । कूटस्थमन्यक्तवपुस्तवैव नमामि रूपं पुरुषाभिधानम् ॥ "

इति। हे सुक्कद्वन्द्वास्त्रवाराद्वयधरवदने! सुक्कद्वयग्छद्वक्तवाराविस्कुरितानने! अत्र रक्तवारम रजोगुणः सूचितः, तस्मात् महादेवी रजोरिहता शुद्धसत्वात्मिका विरजेति निरूपिता। त्रिपुरसुन्दरीपक्षे तु, रजोगुणेन महादेव्या रक्तवर्णा मूर्तिः सूचिता। वैश्वानरस्थः; तेजोन्मयः। शशघरविछसद्; अमृतदातृशक्या सह। वामनेत्रेण युक्तः; शुद्धसत्वगुणात्मिकया मायया युक्तः। ईशः; ईश्वरात्मकसूक्ष्मवीजात्ममाव इति। ते; तव अन्यत् अपरम्। द्वन्द्वम्; वैद्धेष्ठेखावाच्यशिवशक्यात्मकं वीजात्मरूपम्। तथा "दक्षिणे" इति संबोधननामात्मकत्रयक्षरं मन्त्रवाच्यं कैवल्यदायकसचिदानन्दरूपं ये साधकाः जपन्ति ध्यायन्ति। ते द्वेष्टारं साधनविश्वकरकामकोधादिकं शन्ति नाशयन्ति। त्रिमुवनमपि; त्रिछोक्तीं च वश्यमावं नयन्ति; वश्यतां प्रापयन्ति। श्रीसुन्दरीपक्षे तु—हे काछिके! रक्तकाछिके! तृतीयमहाविद्या श्रीमत्त्रपुरसुन्दरीयर्थः। उक्तं च बृह्शीछतन्त्रे—

"इयं नारायणी काळी तारा स्यात् शून्यवाहिनी। सुन्दरी रक्तकाळीयं भैरवी नादिनी तथा॥"

¹ हिरण्मवे परे कोशे विर्ज ब्रह्मनिष्कलम् । तब्बुश्रं ज्योतिषां ज्योतिस्तबदात्मविदो विदुः ॥

ैहकार: स्थूळदेहः स्याद्रकार: सूक्ष्मदेहक:।

ईकार: कारणात्मासौ हींकारोऽहं तुरीयक: ॥ देवीगीता ॥

इकार: कारणात्मासी होकाराऽह तुरायक: ॥ द्वागाता है दक्षिणस्यां दिशि स्थाने संस्थितश्र रवे: मुत: ।

कालीनाम्ना पलायेत भीतियुक्तः समंततः ।

अतः सा दक्षिणा काली त्रिषु छोकेषु गीयते ॥ निर्वाचतन्त्रम् ॥

तथा च कामाख्यातन्त्रे—

वया कर्मसमाप्ती च दक्षिणा फलसिदिदा ।
तया मुक्तिरसौ देवी सर्वेदां फलदायिनी ॥
अतो हि दक्षिणाकाली कम्यते वरवर्णिनी ।
पुरुषो दक्षिणः प्रोक्तः वामाशक्तिनिगबते ॥
वामा सा दक्षिणं जित्वा महामोक्षप्रदायिनी ।
तत: सा दक्षिणा नामा त्रिष्ठ कोकेषु गीवते ॥ इति ।

इति । तथा च तन्त्रान्तरे---

"कालिका द्विविधा प्रोक्ता कृष्णारक्ताप्रमेदत:। कृष्णा तु दक्षिणा प्रोक्ता रक्ता तु सुन्दरी मता॥"

इति । दक्षिणे ; दक्षिणामूर्तिभैरवाराधित इत्यर्थः । त्र्ययक्षरे ; ऐ क्वी ही मन्त्रवाच्य इत्यर्थः । तथा च कमस्तोत्रे —

> "त्वदीयळजाद्वयजापकत्वाद् भवेन्महेशानि चतुर्थसिद्धिः। दयासमुद्रस्य वरप्रसादाद् भवाधिपत्यं लभते नरेशः॥"

इति ॥ ३॥

जन्में बामे कृपाणं करकमलतले छिन्नमुण्डं तथाधः सन्ये बाभीवरं च त्रिजगदघहरे दक्षिणे कालिके च। जन्मेतनाम ये वा तव मनुविभवं भावयन्त्येतदम्ब तेषामष्टौ करस्थाः प्रकटितरदने सिद्धयस्त्र्यम्बकस्य॥ ४॥

टीका

उद्दे इति । हे त्रिजगदघहरे! त्रिजगतां जनानां पापनाशिनि! हे प्रकटितरदने!' प्रकाशितदशने! हे अम्ब! मातः! दक्षिणे! निर्वाणदाति! वे साधकाः। तव मनुविभवम्; पूर्वोक्तं कालीबीजत्रयं कूर्चद्वयं मायाद्वयं "दक्षिणे" इति व्यक्षररूपं दशाक्षरमन्त्रसंपत्ति तया "कालिके" इति नामात्मकव्यक्षरमन्त्रं जस्वा, वामे उद्दे करकमलतले कृपाणं खड्गं, तथा अधः; निन्ने छिन्नमुण्डं छिन्नमस्तकम्, सब्ये दक्षिणे उद्दे करकमलतले अभीः, अभयमुद्राम्। वरं च; दक्षिणे अधः करकमलतले वरमुद्रां च। एतत् ईदशम् उद्दे वामे कृपाणमित्यादि-

वन्तुरां परमां नित्यां रक्तमण्डितविष्ठहाम् । योगिनीतन्त्रम् ।
 तथा च ताराकरपे-- नवाम्मोदश्यामां प्रकटरदमीमां पृथुकुचाम् । इति ।
 मावा कवा व हींकार: ह्रॅकार: कूर्च उच्चते ॥

प्रकाररूपं भावयन्ति चिन्तयन्ति । त्र्यम्बकस्य ; शिवस्य । अष्टौ सिद्धयः ; अणि-मादयोऽष्टौ प्रकाराः सिद्धयः, तेषां साधकानां, करस्थाः ; अनायासरूब्धा भवन्ती-ः ॥ ४ ॥

स्वरूपञ्याख्या

ऊर्ध्व इति । हे त्रिजगद्द्वहरे ! त्रिलोकीनां कायिकवाचिकमानसिकत्रिविधपापना-शिनि ! हे प्रकटितरदने ! स्वप्रकाशसत्त्वगुणसूचकशुश्रदशनपङ्क्त्या रजोगुणसूचकरक्तवर्णो छोल्रसनां दशित सत्त्वगुणेन रजस्तमश्च नाशयित या तस्याः संबोधने । हे अम्ब ! मातः ! दिक्षणे निर्वाणदात्रि ! ते तव मनुविभवं ; निजबीजत्रयात्मकचिद्धनमूर्ति, कूर्चबीजद्ध्यात्मक-सत्त्वात्मकमूर्ति, तथा मायाबीजद्धयात्मकरजः प्रधानसत्त्वमूर्ति च । तथा काल्निके, काल्निके इति नामवाच्यम् आद्यन्तरिहतं सिद्धदानन्दमूर्ति च ज्ञान्ता चिन्तियत्वा । त्रीमूर्ति-धारिणो त्वं स्वीयवामोध्वंहस्तेन ज्ञानखड्गेन निष्कामसाधकानां मोहपाशं छित्वा, तद्धोहस्तेन विगतरजं तत्त्वज्ञानाधारं मस्तकं दधासि, तथा दिक्षणोध्वंहस्तेन सकामसाधकेम्य अमयं, तथा तद्धोहस्तेन चामीष्टवरं च दधासीति । एवंमूतां त्वां ये साधकाः ध्यायन्ति, तेषामणिमाद्यष्टसिद्धयः, अनायासल्ब्धा मवन्तीति भावः ॥ ४ ॥

वर्गां विद्यसंस्थं विधुरतिललितं तत्त्रयं कूर्चयुग्मं लजाद्गनद्वं च पश्चात् स्मितमुखि तदघष्ठद्वयं योजयित्वा । मातर्ये ये जपन्ति स्मरहरमहिले भावयन्तः खरूपं ते लक्ष्मीलास्यलीलाकमलदलहृजाः कामरूपा भवन्ति ॥ ५ ॥

अणिमा महिमा चैव लिंबमा प्राप्तिरेव च । प्राकाम्यं च तथेशित्वं विशत्वं च तथापरम् ॥ तथाकामावशायित्वं गुणानेताननैश्वरान् । प्राप्तोखरी नरज्यात्र परनिर्वाणसूचकान् ॥ मार्कव्हेयपुराख्यम् ॥ क्ष्त्रीरूपां वा स्मरेहेवीं पुंरूपां वा स्मरेत् प्रिवे । समरेद्वा निष्कलं ब्रह्म सम्बद्धानन्दिक्षहम् ॥

[ै] तस्मात् झानासिना तूर्णमशेषं कर्मबन्धनम् । कामाकामकृतं छित्वा शुद्धधात्मनि तिष्ठति ॥ शिवधर्मोत्तरे ॥ तथा च घोगिनीतम्त्रे— पापपुण्यपशुं इत्वा झानकानेन शांमवि । इति ।

टीका

वर्गाद्यमिति । हे स्मितमुलि ! ईषद्धास्यवदने ! हे स्मरहरमहिले ! मदनान्त-कमोहिनि ! हे मातः ! ये ये जनाः विह्नसंस्थं 'रकारोपरिस्थितम् । विधु रितिलिलेतं, विधुश्चन्द्रविन्दुः, रितः, दीर्घ ईकारः, ताभ्यां युक्तम् । वर्गाद्यं ; पश्चवर्गाणा-मादिभूतं "क" इति वर्णे, "कीँ" इति वीजं, तत्त्रयं ; तस्य त्रितयम् ।पश्चात् ; तद्यन्तरं कूर्वयुग्मं हूँ बीजद्वयम् । लज्जाद्वन्दं च ; हीँ बीजद्वयं च, तद्यः ; तत्पश्चात् उद्धयं द्वेतं "खाहा" शब्दम्, योजयित्वा ; संयोज्य, स्वरूपं 'ध्वान्तधाराधर-रुचिरुचिरं 'इत्यादि त्वदीयद्वार्विशत्यक्षरमन्त्रघटितं रूपम् । भावयन्तः द ध्यायन्तः, जपन्ति, "कीँ कीँ कीँ" इत्यादि स्वाहान्तं द्वार्विशत्यक्षरीं विद्याराश्चीं पुनः पुनः उच्चारयन्ति । ते; साधकाः, लक्ष्मीलास्यलीलाक्मलदलदश्चः ; लक्ष्म्याः या नृत्यकीडा, सा यत्र कमले पद्मे, तद्दलिव पत्रमिव दशो चक्ष्त्रंषि येषां तथाविधाः । कामरूपाः ; कामदेवसदशकमनीयरूपा भवन्ति ॥ ५ ॥

स्वरूपव्याख्या

वर्गाद्यमिति । हे स्मितमुखि ! नित्यानन्दरूपिणि ! स्मरहरमिहेले ! स्मरहरः काम-नाशकः हरः, तस्य महिला शक्तिः, स्वीयसाधकानां कामकोधादिनाशिनीति भावः । हे मातः ! ये ये ; वे केचित्साधकाः नराधमा अपि, यदि तव विद्वसंस्थं तेजोमयम् । विधुरतिल्लितम्;

इलादि शाकानन्दतरङ्गियमा नवमपटके द्रष्टन्यम् ।

महामहामद्याविद्या विद्येयं कालिका मता ।
 बामासाद्य च निर्वाणमुक्तिमेति नराधमः ॥

तथा च काखीकखसर्वस्वे---

अञ्चवाअञ्चया वापि यः कथिन्मानवः स्मरेत्। दुर्ग व दुर्गतिं जित्वा स बाति परमां गतिम् ॥ इति ॥

¹ रो रक्तः कोधिनी रेफ: पावकस्तैजसो मत: । तन्त्राभिधानम् ।

हिस्तमूर्तिर्मद्दामाया रतिश्व पौण्ड्वर्धनः । तन्त्राभिधानम् ।

⁸ द्विठ: स्वाह्यानलप्रिया । वर्षांभिधानम् ।

कीँकारो मस्तकं देवि कीँकारश्र ललाटकम् ।
 स्वाधन्देन पदद्वन्द्वं हाकारेण नखस्तथा ॥

शैयसौन्दर्ययुक्तम् । वर्गाद्यम् ; सृष्टेः आदिभूतं चिन्मयरूपम् । तत्त्रयं सत्तरजस्तमोमेदेन त्रिविधरूपम् । पश्चात् तथा कूर्चयुग्मं ; शब्दब्रह्मरूपम् । छजाद्वन्द्वं च ; मायाशबळब्रह्मरूपं च । तदघः ठद्वयं योजयित्वा ; स्वाहा वहेः प्रकाशशक्तिः, तया सह ते स्वप्रकाशरूपं स्वरूपं प्रवस्य आत्मनो रूपं, जीवात्मना सह अमेदम् । भावयन्तो जपन्ति अनुष्यायन्ति । ते साधकाः ; छक्ष्मीळास्यळीळा, वर्षस्याः श्रियः, ळास्यं नृत्यं, ळीळा क्रीडा, रमणं चेव्यर्थः । छक्ष्म्याः नृत्यादिविहार इति भावः । तस्या आधारभूतः यः कमळदक् कमळाक्षः विष्णुः तत्सदशाः । उक्तं च देवीमाहात्म्ये, "श्रीः कैटभारिहृदयेककृताधिवासा" इति । काम-रूपाः ; स्वेच्छानुसारेण शरीरप्रहृणसमर्था भवन्ति । यथा पुण्डरीकाक्षः विष्णुः स्वेच्छ्या मत्स्य-कूर्म-वराहादिदशविधमूर्तीन् तथा मोहिनीमूर्ति च दधार, तद्वत् काळीसाधकाः स्वेच्छानुसारेण मूर्ति परिप्रहीतुं शक्नुवन्तीति भावः । उक्तं च क्रमस्तोत्रे—

"ततः स्वनाम्नः शृणु मातरेतत् फलं चतुर्वर्गमुशन्ति सन्तः । बीजत्रयं वै पुनरप्युपास्य सुराधिपत्यं लभते मुनीन्द्रः ॥ पुनस्तथा कूर्चयुगं जपन्ति भवन्ति सिद्धा नरसिंहरूपाः । ततोऽपि लजाद्वयजापकत्वात् लभन्ति सिद्धिं मनसा जनास्ते । अन्ते पदं क्षिप्य विभा विभावसोः तन्मन्त्रमुद्धारमिदं वदन्ति ॥"

इति ॥ ५ ॥

⁸ विष्णुक्पा: ।

¹ सर्वदा कालीक्पमात्मानं विभावयेत् । काक्रिकोपनिषत् ।
तथा च सहस्रनामस्तोसे—
शात्मानं कालिकात्मानं भावयन् स्तौति यः शिवाम् ।
शिवोपमं गुठं घ्यात्वा स एव श्रीसदाशिवः ॥ इति ॥
तथा च यीगिनीतन्ते—
क्षणं ब्रह्माहमस्मीति यः कुर्यादात्मचिन्तनम् ।
तस्मै दयात् फलं देवी तस्यान्तं नैव गण्यते ॥
शात्मदेहं स्वेष्टक्पं सदैव परिचिन्तयेत् ।
ब्रह्माण्डं च तथा सर्वे स्वेष्टक्पं विचिन्तयेत् ॥ इति ॥
² निर्वायतन्ते—
अस्य प्रहणमात्रेण नरो नारावणो भवेत् । इति ।
मैरवतन्त्रोक्तरयामाकवचे च—
नारावणोऽपि यदृत्वा नारी भृत्वा महेश्वरं । योगेशं क्षोभमनवत् • । इति ।
विर्वायतन्ते च—
घ्यानेन कभते सर्वे ध्यानेन विष्णक्यकः ।

प्रत्येकं वा द्वयं वा श्रयमिष च परं बीजमत्यन्तगुद्धं त्वन्नाम्ना योजयित्वा सकलमिष सदा भावयन्तो जपन्ति । तेषां नेश्रारविन्दे विहरति कमला वक्त्रशुभ्रांशुबिम्बे बाग्देबी देवि सुण्डस्रगतिशयलसत्कण्ठि पीनस्तनाढ्ये ॥६॥

टीका

प्रत्येकिमिति । हे देवि ! द्योतनशीले ! हे मुण्डसगितशयलसत्किण्ठ ! मुण्डमालिनि ! हे पीनस्तनाढ्ये ! पीवरस्ति ! अत्यन्तगुद्धम् ; साधकेतराणां समीपे
अतीव गोपनीयम् । प्रत्येकं वा ; पूर्वोक्तानां बीजानामेकैकम् । द्वयं वा ; द्वयक्षरं वा ।
त्रयमपि च ; व्यक्षरमि । स्वलाझा ; संबोधनान्तेन दक्षिणकालिकेति नाझा, योजयित्वा ;
एकाक्षरं द्वयक्षरं व्यक्षरं संपुटितं कृत्वा । सकलमि ; द्वाविंशत्यक्षरात्मकविद्यार्श्चा वा । भावयन्तः ; तत्तन्मन्त्रार्थवाच्यं त्वद्धचानोक्तं तव नवधननील-दिगम्बरी-पीनस्तनीमुण्डमालिनी-मुक्तकेशीक्षपम् । ध्यायन्तः ; पूर्वोक्तमन्त्राणां मन्त्रमेकं जपन्ति च , तेषांसाधकानां, नेत्रारिवन्दे ; नयनपद्ये, कमला लक्ष्मीः विद्दरित ; सदैव तिष्ठति । तथा
तेषां वक्तरगुआंगुविन्वे ; मुखचन्द्रे, वाग्देवी ; सरस्वती च , विद्दरित विद्यारं करोति ।
ते धनवन्तो विद्यावन्तश्च भवन्तीति मावः । श्रीमुन्दरीपक्षे तु—हे देवि ! त्रिपुरमुन्दरि ! ये साधकाः "सकलं" इति व्यक्षरबीजं तव द्वी कार इति नाझा
योजयित्वा, प्रत्येकं केवलं "सकलं हो " इति शक्तिकृटाख्यमन्त्रम् , अथवा कामराजकृटसिहतं कृटद्वयं, किं वा वाम्भवकामराजशक्त्याख्यकृटत्रयात्मकं पञ्चदशाक्षरमन्तराजम्, त्वां ध्यायन् जपन्ति, तेषां नेत्रारिवन्दे इत्यादि सर्वं पूर्ववत् ॥ ६ ॥

स्वरूपव्याख्या

प्रत्येकमिति । हे देवि! स्वप्रकाशरूपिणि! हे मुण्डस्नगतिशयळसत्कणिठ! हे

¹ अय सर्वो विद्यां प्रथममेकं द्वयं वा वीजसयपुटितं नाम वा जपेत् गतिस्तस्यास्ति । इति काविकाश्रुतौ ।

⁸ बस्य थस्य च मन्त्रस्य उद्दिष्टा या च देवता । चिन्तयित्वा तदाकारं मनका जपमाचरेत् ॥ भूतद्यद्वितन्त्रम् ॥

पश्चाद्रार्णमियः! शब्दब्रह्मरूपिण! हे पीनस्तनाढ्ये! स्तन्यरूपाहार्यादिदानेन त्रिजगतां पाछियत्रि! तथा स्तन्यामृतदानेन साधकानां मोक्षदात्रि च । मातः! तव प्रत्येकं वा द्रयं वा त्रयमिप च, परम; अत्यन्तगुद्धं सक्छं सगुणं बीजं तव प्राव्नतेजसिविश्वाख्यव्यष्टिरूपम । तथा ईश-सूत्र-विराडाख्यसमिष्टभूतमूर्तीश्च भावयन्तः जपन्ति । श्रवण-मनन-निदिध्या-सनात् सदा चिन्तयन्ति । तेषां ज्ञानयोगिनां, नेत्रारिवन्दे कमछा विहरितः, तेषां कृपादृष्टि-पातेन अन्येषामिप धनैश्चर्यं भवित, का कथा आत्मनामिति भावः । वक्तशुक्रांशुक्षिम्बे; वाग्देवी विहरित । तेषां गद्यपद्यमयी वाणी भवतीति भावः । अथवा हे मातः! ये जनाः तव सकछं सगुणं शब्दब्रह्मयरूपं स्वात्माभेदेन चिन्तयन्तः, इमान् मन्त्रान् जपन्ति, तेषां साधकानां नेत्रारिवन्दे इत्यादि सर्वं पूर्ववत् ॥ ६ ॥

गतासूनां बाह्यकरकृतकाश्रीपरिलस-क्षितम्बां दिग्वस्त्रां त्रिभुवनविधात्रीं त्रिणयनाम्। इमशानस्ये तल्पे शवहृदि महाकालसुरत-प्रयुक्तां त्वां ध्यायन् जननि जडचेता अपि कविः॥ ७॥

¹ पश्चाश्चद्वर्णमुण्डालीगलद्वधिरचर्चिताम् । निरुत्तरतन्त्रम् ।

मम कण्ठे स्थितं बीजं पश्चाशद्वर्णमद्भुतम् । कामभेनुतन्त्रम् ।
तथा च विश्वसारतन्त्रे—
परानन्दमयं वद्या शब्दवद्याविभूषितम् ।
श्वात्मनो देहमध्ये तु सर्वमन्त्रात्मकं प्रिये ॥ इति ॥
राधातन्त्रे च—
अकारादिश्वकारान्ता पश्चाग्नमातृकाश्चरा ।
अव्यया अपरिच्छिका विपुराकण्ठसंस्थिता ।
शुक्तामा रक्षवर्णामा पीतामा कृष्णकपिणी ॥
श्राहस्तु कारणात्मा स्थात् सूक्ष्मदेही तु तैजसः ।
स्थ्लदेही तु विश्वाख्यस्त्रिविशः परिकीर्तितः ॥
एवमीशोऽपि संप्रोक्त ईश-सूत्र-विराट्-पदैः ।
प्रथमो व्यष्टिस्पस्तु समष्टपात्मा परः स्मृतः ॥ देवीगीता ॥
स्पर्धासुद्ध्य कमळा वाग्वेवीमन्दिरे मुखे ।
पौत्रान्तं स्थैर्यमास्थाय भवसत्येव निक्षितम् ॥ श्रीरवतन्त्रे ॥

टीका

गतास्नामिति । हे जननि ! तिजगतां सृष्टिकति ! गतास्नां ; मृतानाम् । बाहुप्रकरकृतकाञ्चीपरिलसित्नतम्बाम् ; करसम्हरचितकि टिभूषणशोभमानितम्बाम् । दिग्वस्नाम् ; दिगम्बरीम् । त्रिभुवनविधात्रीम् ; त्रिजगतां भोगमोक्षविधानकत्रीम् । त्रिभुवनविधात्रीम् ; त्रिजगतां भोगमोक्षविधानकत्रीम् । त्रिणयनाम् ; शशिस्याभिनेत्राम् । समशानस्थे शवहृदि तल्पे ; स्मशानस्थशवरूप-सदाशिवशय्यायाम् । महाकालस्रतप्रयुक्ताम् ; परमशिवेन सह रितकी डाभिः निविष्टाम् त्वां ध्यायन् चिन्तयन् जनः जडचेताः ; मन्दबुद्धिः सन्निप, कविः ; काव्यरचनाकुश्रलो भवति ॥ ७ ॥

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गतासूनामिति। हे जनि! चराचराणामुत्पादियति! गतासूनाम्; मृतानां, बाहुप्रकरकृतकाञ्चीपरिलसितम्बाम् ; सर्वे जीवाः कल्पावसाने स्थूलदेहान् त्यक्त्वा स्वस्वकर्मिभः सह लिक्कदेहमात्रित्य सगुणब्रह्मरूपिण्याः कारणदेहस्य अविद्यामयांशे पुनः कल्पारम्भपर्यन्तमामोक्षमवितष्ठन्ते । अत एवात्र मृतजीवानां प्रधानकर्मसाधनभूतैः करणसमृहैः
विराङ्कपिण्याः महादेव्याः गर्भधारणयोग्यनिम्नोदरस्य तथा योनिश्च ऊर्ध्वस्थितकिटप्रदेशे
काञ्ची कल्पिता इति भावः । दिग्वस्त्राम्; वस्त्रं मायावरणं, तेन शून्यां मायातीतामित्यर्थः ।
त्रिमुवनविधात्रीम्; पुनः कल्पारम्भे जीवानां स्वस्वसंचितकर्मानुसारेण पुनर्जन्मनां
मोगानां च विधानकर्त्रीम् । त्रिणयनाम्; त्रिकाल्ज्ञाम् । श्मशानस्थै ; महाप्रल्ये

² द्याचित्पूर्यादिभिनेतेरिखलं कालिका जगत् । संपर्वति वतस्तस्मात् कल्पितं नवनत्रयम् ॥ महानिर्वाखतन्त्रम्॥

कर्मणा जायते जन्तुः कर्मणैव विलीयते ।
 देहे विनष्टे तत्कर्म पुनर्देहे प्रस्थयते ॥ महानिर्यायतम्त्रम् ॥
 श्रीहेवीगीतायां च—

तस्यां कर्माणि जीवानां जीवाः काळाव्य संचरे । अभेदेनाविळीनाः स्युः सुषुतौ व्यवहारवत् ॥ साहं सर्वे जगत् सङ्घा तदन्तः प्रविशास्यहम् । माबाकर्मादिसहिता गिरे प्राणपुरःसरा ॥

महान्खपि च भूतानि प्रख्ये समुपस्थिते ।
 शेरतेऽत्र श्रवो भूत्वा श्मशानं तु ततो भवेत ॥

सर्वभूतानि शवरूपै: शेरते छीयन्ते यस्मिन् तत्स्थानं तस्मिन् महाकाशे । शवहदि तरूपे; शव: निर्गुणब्रह्म, तरूपे आधारे, निर्गुणब्रह्मरूपाधारे; निर्गुणब्रह्मरूपस्त्रीयपदे अवस्थिता सतीत्यर्थ: । महाकाछसुरतप्रयुक्ताम्; करूपावसाने सृष्ट्यादिकार्याभावात् निष्क्रियत्वाच परमिश्चेन सह अभिनतया अखण्डानन्दमनुभवतीम् । एवं ध्यायन् सिचदानन्दरूपिणीं त्वां चिन्तनेन प्रत्यक्षीकुर्वन् । जडचेता:; विषयरागीपहतचित्तो जनोऽपि, कवि: महाझानी भवतीति भाव: ॥ ७॥

शिवाभिर्घोराभिः शवनिवहमुण्डास्थिनिकरैः
परं संकीर्णायां प्रकटितचितायां हरवधूम् ।
प्रविष्टां संतुष्टामुपरिसुरतेनातियुवतीं
सदा त्वां ध्यायन्ति कचिदपि च न तेषां परिभवः ॥ ८॥

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श्विवाभिरिति । घोरामिः ; मीमाभिः । शिवाभिः ; शृगालैः । शवनिवहमुण्डा-स्थिनिकरैः ; शवसमूहानां कपालैः कङ्कालैश्च । परम् ; अत्यन्तम् । संकीर्णायाम् ; संकुलायाम् । प्रकटितचितायां प्रविष्टाम् ; कृतप्रवेशाम् , श्मशानविद्वमध्यस्थामित्यर्थः । उपरिसुरतेन संतुष्टाम् ; महाकालेन सह विपरीतिवहारेण आनन्दिताम् । अति-युवतीम् ; वाल्यवार्धन्याद्यसंस्प्रष्टाम् । हरवधूम् ; कालमोहिनीम् । त्वां सदा ध्यायन्ति, अविश्रामं चिन्तयन्ति । तेषाम् ; त्वत्साधकानाम् । कचिदपि इहामुत्र वा परिभवः ; अनादरः न स्यादित्यर्थः ॥ ८ ॥

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शिवाभिरिति । घोराभि: ; मयंकराभि: अतीव दुर्घर्षाभि: । शिवाभि: ; शिवप्रकृतिभि:, अपश्रीकृतमहाभूतैरित्यर्थ: । शवनिवहमुण्डास्थिनिकरै: ; अत्र अस्थिकङ्कालानां श्वेतवर्णत्वेन

¹ श्चव इत्यक्षरे ब्रह्मवाचकः प्रेतनिर्णयः । गायत्री तम्ब्रम् । गम्बर्वतम्त्रे च—

बा शय्बा परमेशानि स एव श्रीसदाशिव: । तस्योपरि महेशानि सूक्ष्मां त्रिपुरसुन्दरीम् ॥ इति ॥

⁹ जाबाप्यशेषजगतां नवयौवनासि । शारदातिसकम् ।

सस्वगुणं सूचितम्। अत एव महाप्रख्ये मृतानां जीवानां सस्वादिगुणसमृहै:। परं संकीणांयाम्; अव्यन्तसंकुछायां युक्तायाम्। प्रकटितचितायाम्¹; स्वप्रकाशरूपायां चिच्छकौ। प्रविष्टाम्; अधिष्ठिताम्। उपरिसुरतेन संतुष्टाम्²; परमिशावमिभभूय स्वेच्छया सृष्टि-स्थिति छ्यादिकार्येषु रममाणाम्। अतियुवतीम्; सदैव एकभावापन्नाम्, अध्यया-मित्यर्थः। हरवधूम्; तत्त्वज्ञानप्रदानेन जीवानां त्रितापं हरतीति हरः, तस्य वधूः शक्तिः तां, जीवानां मुक्तिदात्रीमित्यर्थः। एवंभूतां चिदानन्दमर्थी त्वां ये साधकाः सदा ध्यायन्ति, अहरहः निश्चछचेतसा प्रत्यक्षीकुर्वन्ति। तेषां कविदिप कस्यामिप योनौ; परिभवः; इत्थंभूतं जन्म पुनर्जन्म न भवति, ते निर्वाणमोक्षं छमन्त इत्थर्थः॥ ८॥

वदामस्ते किं वा जननि वयमुवैर्जडिधयो न घाता नापीशो हरिरपि न ते वेत्ति परमम् । तथापि त्वद्गक्तिर्भुखरयति चासाकममिते तदेतत्क्षन्तव्यं न खल्ळ पशुरोषः ससुचितः ॥ ९ ॥

टीका

बदाम इति । हे अमिते! इयत्तारहिते! हे जननि! त्रिजगतामुत्पाद-यित्रि । ते ; तव, परमं ; यथार्थतत्त्वम् । घाता; ब्रह्मा, न वेत्ति ; न जानाति । ईशः ;

अधःकृरवा तु पुरुषं इकारार्धस्वरूपिणी । विपरीतेन रमते बडीन्द्रकस्वरूपिणी ॥ इति ।

निरुत्तरतन्त्रे च---

विपरीतरता काली निर्गुणा सगुणा यदा । इति । वासिष्ठरामाथयो च—

अस्वभावात्मता सर्गः स्वभावेकात्मता शिवः । इति ।

अमा स्यानिर्गुणे सापि अनिरुद्धसरस्वती । निरुत्तरतन्त्रम् ।
 महाकाससंहितायाम्—

अचिन्त्यामिताकारशक्तिस्वरूपा प्रतिब्यक्त्यधिष्ठानसत्त्वेकमूर्तिः । ग्रणातीतविर्द्धन्त्रवोधेकगम्या त्वमेका परब्रह्मरूपेण सिद्धा ॥ इति ॥

¹ चितिरूपेण या कृत्स्नमेतद्व्याप्य स्थिता जगत् । श्रीचय**डी** ।

³ बामा या दक्षिणं जित्या महामोक्षप्रदायिनी । निर्वाणतन्त्रम् । सथा राज्यवैतन्त्रे---

रूद्रः, अपि न जनाति । हरिः; विष्णुः, अपि न वेति । उचैः; अत्यन्तम् । जडिधयः; मन्दबुद्धयः । वयं ते तव संबन्धे किं वदामः कथयामः । तथापि; अञ्चलेऽपि । त्वद्भक्तिः; तव स्तवनोद्देश्यकप्रवृत्तिः । अस्मान्; मुख्रयति स्तुतिवचनेषु प्रेरयति । तत्; तस्माद्धेतोः । अस्माकमेतत् तदयोग्यं कर्मे । क्षन्तव्यम्; सहनीयम् । ख्छ; निश्चितम् । पशुरोषः; अञ्चानेषु कोपः, न समुचितः; न योग्यो भवति ॥ ९ ॥

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हे अमिते! गुणपरिच्छेदरिते! निर्गुणे इत्यर्थः । हे जननि¹! हे ब्रह्मिक्णुहद्रादीनामस्माकं च उत्पादियति । अत एव ते; तव, परमम्; परमतत्त्वम्, धाता; जीवानां कर्मानुसारेण जन्मादिविधानकर्ता, ब्रह्मा; न वेत्ति न जानाति । ईशः; ऐशीशिक्तिसंपन्नहद्रोऽपि न वेत्ति । हरिः; जीवानां त्रितापहारकः विष्णुरिप न वेत्ति । यतः त्वं तेषामिप जननी । अत एव जगन्मातुस्तव स्वरूपतत्त्वस्य ज्ञानमेतेषु कथं संभवति ! स्वस्वजनन्याः जन्मकर्मादिवेदनं संतानानामतीवासंभविमत्यर्थः । उचैः जडिधयो वयम् ते किं वदामः! यत् ब्रह्मादयो देवेशाः तव स्वरूपं न जानन्ति; किंचिछौकिकमात्रज्ञानवन्तः वयं तव स्वरूपकथने कथं समर्या भवाम इति मावः । तथापि त्वद्रक्तिर्मुखरयितः; तव गुणकथने अयोग्याः, तथापि तव विषयिणी मिकःः किंचित् गुणकथने अस्मान् प्रेरयित । तत्; अस्माकमेतत् क्षन्तव्यम् । पशुरोषः; न समुचितः, न योग्यो भवति ॥ ९ ॥

मातस्त्वत्परमं इपं न च जानाति कथन । काल्यादिस्थूलं बहुपं तदर्चन्ति दिवीकसः ॥ इति ॥

पुनः महाकाखीस्तोत्रे च---

बदा नैव भाता न विष्णुर्न स्द्रो न काळी न वा पश्चमूतानि वासन् । तदा कारणीभृतसत्वैकमूर्तिस्त्वमेका परम्झस्पेण सिद्धा ॥ इति ॥

¹ एकानेका सूक्ष्मस्याविकारा ब्रह्मण्डनां कोटिकोटिं प्रसृषे । कोटहं विष्णुः को परो वा शिवाख्यो देवाबान्ये स्तोतुमीशा भवेम ॥ देविस्क्रम् ॥ तथा च देवीमाडास्म्ये—

विण्णोः शरीरप्रहणमहमीशान एव च । कारितास्ते बतोऽतस्त्वां कः स्तोतुं शक्तिमान् भवेत् ॥ इति ॥ विष्णयाम्ये च---

समन्तादापीनस्तनजघनघृग्यौषनवती-रतासक्तो नक्तं यदि जपति भक्तस्तव मनुम् । विवासास्त्वां घ्यायन् गलितचिकुरस्तस्य वदागाः समसाः सिद्धौघा सुवि चिरतरं जीवति कविः ॥ १० ॥

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समन्तादिति । हे मातः ! वीराचाररतः तव साधकः । यदि नक्तं ; निशीये । समन्तादापीनस्तनज्ञधनधृग्योवनवतीरतासक्तः ; सर्वतः सम्यक् धीवरस्तन-जधनधारिण्या युवत्या सह मैथुनरतः सन् आनन्दमयो मूत्वा । विवासाः ; दिग-म्बरः । गल्तिचिकुरः ; मुक्तकेशः सन् । त्वाम् ; महाकालेन सह, सदा सुरता-नन्दिनरतां ध्यायन् , स्वीयहृदि चिन्तयन् प्रत्यक्षीकुर्वन् । तव मनुम् ; तव पूर्वोक्त-मन्तराजं जपति । समस्ताः सिद्धोधाः ; सर्वार्धसिद्धयः । तस्य ; वीरसाधकस्य ; वशाम्द्राः ; वशीभृता भवन्ति । स च कविः सन् , भृवि पृथिव्याम् । चिरतरं ; सुदीर्घकालं व्याप्य जीवति ॥ १०॥

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अस्मिन् लययोगो वर्ण्यते । समन्तादिति । हे मातः ! जननि ! मक्तः ; दिव्या-चाररतः योगी साधकः । यदि नक्तम् ; निशायाम् , ब्रह्मविद्यालक्षणायां सर्वभूतिनशायां

अभिवेककृतो मन्त्री कुळपूजां समाचरेत् ।
 कुळाचारं विना देवि कालीमन्त्रं न सिष्यति ॥ निरुत्तरतन्त्रम् ॥
 रात्रौ नम्न: श्रवानथ मैथुने सुन्यवस्थितः ।
 अथ वा सुक्तकेशक्ष तस्य सर्वार्थसिद्धयः ॥ फेट्कारियातिन्त्रम् ॥
 काखीकमे च—
 स्वाचारनिरतो नित्यं दिवा छक्षं जपेत् पशुः ।
 दिख्यो वाप्यथवा वीरो रात्रौ छक्षजपं चरेत् ॥ इति ॥
 कुजिकातन्त्रे च—
 पशुमावरता वे च केवळं पशुक्पिणः ।
 रात्रौ मन्त्रं च माळां च न स्पृक्तेतु कदाचन ॥ इति ॥
 वा निशा सर्वमतानां तस्यां जागर्ति संबमी । अगवद्गीता ।

समाः सुस्थीभूतो जपित विपरीतां यदि सदा विचिन्त्य त्वां ध्यायन्नतिशयमहाकालसुरताम् । तदा तस्य क्षोणीतलविहरमाणस्य विदुषः कराम्भोजे वश्या पुरहरवधु सिद्धिनिवहाः ॥ ११ ॥

टीका, स्वरूपन्याख्या च

समा इति । हे पुरहरवधू! हे त्रिपुरहरसुन्दिरि! सुस्थीभूतः; निश्चल-चित्तः । यदि विपरीतामः ; विपरीतभावापत्राम् । अतिशयमहाकालसुरतामः ; कामेश्वर-

<sup>श्वीनमुद्रां समासाद्य स्वयं शिक्तमयो भवेत् ।
सुश्वाररसेनैव विहरेत् परमात्मिन ।
स्वानन्दमयः संभूय ऐक्यं ब्रह्मणि सम्भवेत् ॥ घेरण्डसंहिता ॥
तथा च गोरचसंहितायाम्—
जीवेन सहितां शिक्तं समुत्थाप्य शिरोम्बुजें ।
स्वयं शिक्तमयो भूत्वा शिवेन च सुसङ्गमम् ।
नानासुसं विहारं च चिन्तयेत् परमं पदम् ॥ इति ॥
श्व्यायेत् कृण्डलिनीं देवीमिष्टवेवस्वरूपणीम् ।
सदा योडशवर्षीयां पीनोन्नतपयोधराम् ।
श्वामां सूक्ष्मां सष्टिक्षां सिक्टि-स्थिति-ल्यात्मिकाम् ॥ तन्त्रकष्यद्वमः ॥
श्वान्तः शुचिमिताहारो भूशायी भिक्तमान् वशी ।
निर्द्रन्दः स्थिरधीमें नी संयतात्मा जपेत् प्रिये ॥ कृक्षार्थवतस्यम् ॥</sup>

महाकालेन सह अत्यर्थे रतानन्दिनरतां, सृष्टग्रुनमुखीं त्वां ध्यायन् सन्, तव मन्तार्थे चिन्तयन् । समाः ; संवत्सरं व्याष्य, सदा ; सर्वदा विचिन्त्य, त्वां ध्यायन् जपिते तव मन्त्रजपं करोति । तदा ; तिहं, क्षोणीतलविहरमाणस्य ; भूतले मुखेन निवसतः विदुषः ; पण्डितस्य । तस्य कराम्भोजे ; करकमलतले, सिद्धि-निवहाः ; श्रीविद्यायाः इच्छासिद्धचादिशक्तिसमूहाः । वहयाः ; वशीभूता भवन्ती-स्यर्थः । महासिद्धिनिवहा इति पाठे, सालोक्य-सारूप्य-सायुज्य-निर्वाणाख्याः, तस्य आयत्ता भवन्तीत्थर्थः ।। ११ ॥ इत्यस्य स्वरूपव्याख्या च ॥

प्रस्ते संसारं जनि भवती पालयित च समस्तं क्षित्यादि प्रलयसमये संहरित च। अतस्त्वं धातासि त्रिभुवनपितः श्रीपितरिप महेशोऽपि प्रायः सकलमिप किंस्तौमि भवतीम्॥ १२॥

टीका, स्वरूपव्याख्या च

प्रसूत इति । हे जगतामुत्पादियिति ! संसारम्; जगत् प्रपञ्चम् प्रसूते भवती जनयति । अतस्त्वं धाता ब्रह्मा; तस्य सृष्टिशक्तिरित्यर्थः । भवती जगतीं पालयति च बिभितिं च । अतः अस्माद्धेतोः स्वं त्रिभुवनपतिः श्रीपतिरिप तिलोकिश्वरः विष्णुर्भवति ; तस्य जगत्पालनकारिणी वैष्णवीशक्तिः स्वमसीस्यर्थः । प्रलयसमये ; जगत्संहारसमये । समस्तं क्षित्यादि ; पञ्चमहाभूतात्मकं जगत् । संहरति ; स्वीयकारणदेहे लीनं करोति । अतस्त्वं महेशोऽपि रुद्ध भवसि ; स्वं संहार-शक्तिरिति भावः । सकलमि , स्थावरजङ्गमात्मकजगतः निमित्तकारणमुपादान-कारणं चासीति भावः । अतः भवतीं जगदेककारणभूतामद्वितीयां स्वां किं स्तौिम ?

¹ जपस्यादौ शिवां ध्यायेत् ध्यानस्यानते पुनर्जपेत् । जपच्यानसमायकः शीघ्रं सिध्यति साधकः ॥ कौळावळीतस्त्रम् ॥

[ै]मनसा मन्त्रवर्णस्य चिन्तनं मानसं स्मृतम् । बाचिकस्य शतं हेयमेकोत्तरमुपांशुना । तस्माच्छतगुणं प्रोक्तं मानसं जपमुत्तमम् ॥ कीखावखीतन्त्रम् ॥

तव स्वरूपारूयानं किं करोमि । स्वमेव वाचातीतेति भावः । उक्तं च त्रिपुटास्तोत्रे-

" क्षितिस्त्वं विधाता जगत्मृष्टिकत्रीं त्वमापोऽपि विष्णुर्जगत्पालिका च । त्वमभिस्तु रुद्रो जगत्क्षोभकत्रीं त्वमैर्थैर्यरूपा वियद्वायुरूपा ॥ "

इति । तथाच स्तोलान्तरे-

" उत्पत्तिस्थितिसंहृतीर्घटियेतुं धत्ते त्रिरूपां तनुं त्रेगुण्याज्जगतस्त्वदीयविकृतिर्बद्याच्युतः शूल्भृत् ॥"

इति ॥ १२ ॥

अनेके सेवन्ते भवदधिकगीर्वाणनिवहान् विमृहास्ते मातः किमपि न हि जानन्ति परमम्। समाराध्यामाद्यां हरिहरविरिश्चादिविबुधैः प्रपन्नोऽस्मि स्वैरं रतिरसमहानन्दिनरताम् ॥ १३॥

टीका, स्वरूपव्याख्या च

अनेक इति । हे मातः ! अनेके बहवो जनाः । भवदिधकगीर्वणनिवहान् ; स्वदितिरिक्तदेवसमूहान् आराधयन्ति । विमूदाः ; विचारशून्याः ते जनाः किमिष परमं ; किचिदिष परमतत्त्वम् , न हि जानन्ति न विदन्ति । हरिहरविरिश्वादि-

क्मंपुराखे श्रीकूर्म उवाच— सर्ववेदान्तवेदेषु निश्चितं ब्रह्मवादिभि:। एकं सर्वगतं सृक्ष्मं कूटस्थमचलं ध्रुवम्। अनन्तमक्षरं ब्रह्म केवलं निष्कलं परम्। थोगिनस्तत् प्रपश्यन्ति महादेख्याः परं पदम्॥ परात्परतरं तत्त्वं शाश्चतं शिवमच्युतम्। अनन्तं प्रकृतौ लीनं देख्यास्तत्परमं पदम्॥ श्रुमं निरक्षनं श्रुद्धं निर्णुणं द्वैतवर्जितम्। आत्मोपलिष्यविषयं देख्यास्तत्परमं पदम्॥ इति॥

विबुधैः; वश्वविष्णुरुद्रादिसुरेशैः। समाराध्याम्; सदा उपास्याम्। आधाम्; जगतः आदिकारणभूताम्। रतिरसंग्महानन्दिनरताम्; महाककेन सह रतिः विपरीतरमणं, तथा रसं मद्यपानं ताभ्यामुरपन्नं यन्महानन्दं तस्मिन् निरताम्। त्वां नशाधैराराध्यां चिदानन्दरूपिणीं भवतीं स्वैरमितशयेन। प्रपन्नोऽस्मि शरणागतोऽस्मि॥ १३॥

घरित्री कीलालं शुचिरिप समीरोऽपि गगनं त्वमेका कल्याणी गिरिशरमणी कालि सकलम्। स्तुतिः का ते मातर्निजकरणया मामगतिकं प्रसन्ना त्वं भूया भवमनु न भूयान्मम जनुः॥ १४॥

टीका, स्वरूपव्याख्या च

धरित्रीति । हे कालि! कालभयनिवारिणि! त्वं घरित्री क्षिति:; कीलालं

तत्रैव व श्रीदेवीवचनम्---बत्तु मे निष्कलं रूपं चिन्मयं केवलं परम् । सर्वोपाधिविनिर्भक्तमनन्तममृतं पदम् ॥ बानेनैकेन तहाम्यमक्षेशेन परं पदम् । बानमेव प्रपश्यन्ती मामेव प्रविद्यन्ति ते ॥ इति ॥ तथाच योगिनीतम्त्रे---परमानन्दकं रूपं जगतां कारणं महत्। तस्या देव्यास्तु तद्र्पमुद्यास्तविवर्जितन् ॥ इति ॥ ¹ महामहानद्यविद्या विद्येये कालिका मता । बामासाय च निर्वाणमुक्तिमेति नराधमः ॥ इति ॥ तया च प्रगंखास्तोत्रे-चतुर्भुजें चतुर्वक्संस्तुते परमेश्वरि । ॥ ² पीत्या कुलरसं वीरो ब्रह्मच्यानमुपाश्रयेत् । ब्रह्मध्यानं महेशानि ब्रह्मनिर्वाणकारणम् ॥ योगिनीतन्त्रम् ॥ ⁸त्वं भूमिस्त्वं जलौषस्त्वमसि हुतवहस्त्वं जमहायुक्ता त्वं चाकाशो मनव प्रकृतिरपि महत्पूर्विकाहंकृतिवा । भारमा नैवासि मात: परमपि भवती त्वत्परं नैव किंचित धन्तम्बो मेऽपराधः प्रकृटितरद्वे कामक्पे कराके ॥ ग्रुक्षार्व्यसन्त्रम् ॥ जलम्; शुचिः अग्नः; अपि समीरः वायुः; अपि गगनम्, आकाश्चम्; एका अद्वितीया; करुयाणी; निर्वाणमोक्षदानेन जीवानां मङ्गलविधायिनी। गिरिश्चरमणी; शिवानी; गिरौ कूटे शेते इति गिरिशः कूटस्थनस्, तस्य रमणी हादिनीश्चक्तिः। स्वं निर्विकारापि स्वकीयाघटनघटनापटीयसीमायया क्षित्यादिचतुर्विश्चतितत्त्व-रूपिणीत्यर्थः। सकलं; सर्वे चराचरं च "सर्वे खिल्वदं न्नस्य" इति श्रुतिः, "सर्व-स्वरूपे सर्वेशे सर्वशक्तिसमन्विते" इति चण्डी। हे मातः; ते तव स्तुतिः का! सर्वस्वरूपायास्तव स्तुतिने संभवतीति भावः। त्वं निजकरुणया; स्वीयासाधारणकृपया। अगतिकम्; साधनहीनत्वादनुपायम्। मां प्रति प्रसन्ना भूयाः प्रसीद, भवमनु; संसारे इत्यर्थः। मम जनुः; जन्म न भूयात् न भवतु; मां स्वीयाभयपदे कीनं कुर्वित्यर्थः॥ १४॥

इमशानस्थः सुस्थो गलितचिक्करो दिक्पटघरः सहस्रं त्वकीणां निजगलितवीर्येण कुसुमम् । जपंस्त्वत्यत्येकं मनुमपि तव ध्याननिरतो महाकालि स्वैरं स भवति धरित्रीपरिवृद्धः ॥ १५ ॥

टीका

इमशानस्य इति । हे महाकालि ! महाकालशक्ते ! तु ; पुनः, यो जनः इमशानस्यः ; पेतमूमो अवस्थितः । सुस्थः ; स्थिरचित्तः । गलितचिकुरः ; मुक्तकेशः । दिक्पटधरः ; दिगम्बरः सन् । तव ध्याननिरतः ; त्वदीयम् , "मेघाझीं विगताम्बरा" इत्यादिस्थूलुरूपं चिन्तयन् । त्वत् ; तव मनुमपि मन्त्रराञ्जी च जपन् उचारयन् । निजगलितवीर्येण ; स्वीयस्वलितशुकेण तदनुलिसमित्यर्थः । अर्काणां

¹ एकानेका सूक्ष्मरूपाविकारा ब्रह्माण्डानां कोटिकीटिं प्रसूचे । देवीस्क्रम् ।

[ै] रमशानस्थो भवेत् ग्रुस्थो गलितं चिकुरं चरेत् । दिगम्बरः सहस्रं च सूर्थपुष्पं समर्पयेत् ॥ स्ववीर्येण युतं कृत्वा प्रत्येकं प्रजपन् हुनेत् । स्वात्वाम्बर्स्य महाभक्त्या कुलाकापः स्तवं पठेत् ॥ सहाकाखसंहिता ।

सूर्यपुष्पाणाम् आकन्द इति ख्यातानाम् । सहसं कुछुमं; दशशतसंख्यानि पुष्पाणि । प्रत्येकमः; एकैकं त्वामुह्दिश्य ददतीति शेषः । स साधकः स्वैरम्; अनायासेन, धरित्रीपरिवृदः; मूपतिर्भवति ॥ १५ ॥

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इमशानस्थ इति । तु पुनः दिव्यानां पक्षे । हे महाकाि ! परब्रह्मरूपिण ; यो जनः रमशानस्थः ; महाप्रलयसमये सर्वभूतािन शवरूपेण लीयन्ते यस्मिन् तत् रमशानं परब्रह्म, तस्मिन् आसक्तिचित्तः ब्रह्मपरायण इत्यर्थः । सुस्थः ; स्थिरचित्तः, दिक्पट-धरः ; मायावरणरहितः, निर्विकारचित्तः । तव ध्यानिरतः ; त्वदीयसिचदानन्दरूपं चिन्तयिन्तर्थाः । उक्तं च रुद्रयामले—

" चिद्रूपां ज्ञाननिलयां चैतन्यानन्दविप्रहाम् । कोटिसौदामिनीमासां सर्वतत्त्वस्वरूपिणीम् । आश्रित्य प्रजपेन्मन्त्रं कुलमार्गाश्रयो नरः ॥ ''

इति । तव मनुमपि जपन् त्वदीयमन्त्रराजं मनसा उच्चारयन् सन् । निजगिलतवीर्येण ; सहस्रारकमळात् स्वाभाविकक्षरितं यत् अमृतं तेन सह । अर्काणां सहस्रं कुसुमं; ब्रह्मतन्त्रावस्थितं आदित्याख्यचित्तोद्भवानि, चित्तवृत्तिरूपाणि दयाज्ञानक्षमादिरूपमाव-

¹ इत्यद्ममासनं द्यात् सहस्रारच्युतामृतै: ।
पायं चरणयोर्द्यात् मनस्त्वर्ध्यं निवेदयेत् ।
चित्तं प्रकल्पयेत्युष्टपं भूगं प्राणान् प्रकल्पयेत् ॥ सहानिर्वायातम्त्रम् ॥
त्रद्वरम्प्रचन्त्रपात्रात् तर्पयेत् तारिणीं पराम् ।
तत्रस्थसूर्यपात्रास् अर्ध्यं द्यान्मनोहरम् ॥
द्वाङ्गनक्षमापुष्टपं पुष्पमिन्द्रियनिप्रहम् ।
ङ्गानदानपुण्यपुष्पमहिंसापुष्पमृत्तमम् ॥
आनन्दपुष्पं दातव्यं पुष्पं च साधकार्यनम् ॥
दशपुष्पं यः प्रद्यात् स गच्छेत् तारकं पदम् ॥ ताहारहत्यम् ॥
दशपुष्पं यः प्रद्यात् स गच्छेत् तारकं पदम् ॥ ताहारहत्यम् ॥
दशपुष्पं वसते चित्तं चन्द्रापे जीवितं प्रिये । ज्ञायसंक्रविजितन्त्रम् ।
तथा च याज्ञवरम्यसंहितायाम् —
इशायां चन्द्रमा हेयो पिक्नकार्या रविः स्मृतः । इति ।

पुष्पाणि । प्रत्येकम् ; एकैकं त्वामुद्दिश्य ददाति मानसोपचारविधिना चिद्द्र्यो तुभ्यं समर्पयित । स दिब्यसाधकः स्वच्छन्देन धरित्रीपरिवृद्धः ; धरित्रयाः पृथिब्याः पार्थिव-देहस्य इन्द्रियादिवृत्तीनामिधपो भूत्वा सहजावस्थां प्रामोतीति भावः ॥ १९ ॥

गृहे संमार्जन्या परिगलितवीर्य हि चिकुरं समूलं मध्याहे वितरित चितायां कुजदिने। समुचार्य प्रेम्णा मनुमपि सकृत्कालि सततं गजारूढो याति क्षितिपरिवृदः सत्कविवरः॥ १६॥

टीका

गृह इति । हे कालि ! कालनाशिनि ! यो जनः वीरसाधकः । गृहे । संमार्जन्या परिगलितवीर्यम् ; संमार्जनी लिक्कम् , स्वशक्त्या रमणजनितनिःस्तं शुक्रम् । तथा समूलं चिकुरं ; मूलेन सह उत्पाटितं केशं च । कुजदिने ; मक्कलवासरे । मध्याहे ; दिनमध्यभागे , अर्धरात्रे वा । प्रेम्णा ; भक्त्या । तव मनुम् ; ते मन्त्रं समुचार्य । चितायाम् ; इमशाने । सकृदिप ; एकवारमपि । वितरति, तुभ्यं निवेदयति ।

उक्तं च प्राणामिहोत्रे—

तत्र सूर्योऽप्रिनीम सूर्यमण्डलाकतिः सहस्ररिमिमः परिवृतः एक ऋषिर्मूत्या स हि तिष्ठति ॥ इति ॥

¹ उत्पन्नशक्तिनेधस्य त्यक्तिःशेषकर्मणः ।

योगिनः सहजावस्था स्वयमेवोपजायते ।
कालिका तनुतामेति निदादिखप्रकाशनात् ॥ महोपनिषत् ॥
उत्तमा सहजावस्था मध्यमा ध्यानधारणा ।
जपस्तुतिः स्यादधमा होमप्जाधमाधमा ॥ कुखार्यांचे ॥
² नसं केशं स्ववीर्यं च ययत्संमार्जनीगतम् ।
गुक्केशो दिशावासो मूलमन्त्रपुरःसरः ॥
कुजवारे मध्यरात्रे होमं इत्वा श्मशानके ।
पठेजामसहसं यः पृथ्वीशाकर्षणं चरेत् ॥ ककारक्टारहस्थम् ॥
² सदाशिक्ते देवेशि सणमात्रं रमेत् प्रिये ।
अग्रतं जायते देवि तत्क्षणात् परमेश्वरि ॥
तदुद्रवामृतं देवि स्थारस समायुतम् ।
तेनामृतेन देवेशि तर्पवेत् परदेवताम् ॥ गम्थवैमाविकायाम् ॥

हि ; निश्चितम्। स जनः, सत्कविवरः ; सत्कविश्रेष्ठः, क्षितिपरिवृदः ; भूपतिश्च सन्। सततम् ; सर्वदा। गजारूढः ; हस्त्यारूढः सन् , याति ; सर्वत्र विचरतीत्यर्थः ॥ १६॥

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गृह इति। हे कालि! कालभयनिवारिण! यो जनः दिव्याचाररतः साधकः। गृहे ; सहस्रदलकमलक्षपत्रहासदने । संमार्जन्या परिगलितवीर्यः परमिशिवेन कुलकुण्डलिन्या रमणोद्भृतं वीर्यामृतम् । समूलं चिक्र्रः; चाञ्चल्यादिवृत्तिसिहतं मनः । कुजदिने ; मङ्गल-वासरे । मध्यान्हे ; द्विप्रहरे रात्रौ दिवसे वा । प्रेम्णाः परया भक्त्या । तव मनुं मन्त्रं समुश्चार्य । सकृदिपः; एकवारमिष । चितायाः ; चिद्रूपायां त्विय, वितरित विलीनं करोति, निर्वीजसमार्धि करोतीति यावत् । स मुक्तिं मुक्तिं च लभत इत्यर्थः ॥ १६ ॥

खपुष्पैराकीर्णं कुसुमघनुषो मन्दिरमहो
पुरो ध्यायन्ध्यायन् यदि जपति भक्तस्तव मनुम् ।
स गन्धर्वश्रेणीपतिरपि कवित्वासृतनदीनदीनः पर्यन्ते परमपदलीनः प्रभवति ॥ १७ ॥

टीका

स्वपुष्पैरिति । हे मातः ! भक्तः वीरसाधकः । यदि स्वपुष्पैराकीर्णम् ; स्वयंभूकुसुमैः व्याप्तम् । कुसुमधनुषो मन्दिरम् ; योनिम् । पुरः ; अमे । ध्यायन् ध्यायन् ; पुनः पुनश्चिन्तयन् । तव मनुम् ; अयुतसंख्याकमन्त्रं जपति । अहो ; आश्चर्यम् । स गन्धर्वश्रेणीपतिः ; गायकश्रेष्ठः । अपि च कवित्वामृतनदीनदीनः । कवित्वामृतस्य नद्यः तासां नदीनः समुद्रः, अशेषकविद्याधारः । पर्यन्ते ; देहाव-

³ सर्वेष्टतिमिरोधात् निर्वीजसमाधिः । पातक्षसस्तम् ।

² मात्काभेदतन्ते---

विवाहिताबाः कन्याबाः प्रथमे ऋतुसंभवे । तच्छोणितं महेशानि स्वपुष्पं सर्वमोहनम् ॥ इति ॥ रजःकीर्णे भगं नार्याः ध्यायम् योऽयुतमाजपेत् । स कवित्वेन रम्बेण जनान्मोहयति ध्रुवम् ॥ तन्त्रकरपृष्ट्यः ॥

साने । परमपदलीनः प्रभवति ; तव उत्कृष्टपदे विलीनः सन् , सृष्टचादि कार्ये समर्थो भवतीति भावः ॥ १७ ॥

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स्वपुष्पेरिति । अस्मिन् योनिमुद्रासाधनं वर्ण्यते । उक्तं च शाकागमे---

" मन्त्रार्थं मन्त्रचैतन्यं योनिमुद्रां न वेत्ति यः । लक्षकोटिजपेनापि तस्य विद्या न सिध्यति ॥ ''

इति । हे मातः! भक्तः दिव्याचाररतः योगी साधकः । यदि स्वपुष्पैराकीणम्; स्वयंमू-िक्ररूपकुसुमेनाधिष्ठितम् । कुसुमधनुषो मन्दिरम्; मूलाघारस्थितिक्रोणमण्डलं, इत्पद्म-स्थितिक्रोणमण्डलं वा । उक्तं च शिवसंहितायां—

> "तस्मिन्नाधारपाथोजे कर्णिकायां सुशोभना । त्रिकोणा वर्तते योनिः सर्वतन्त्रेषु गोपिता ॥"

इति । पुनस्तत्रैव चतुर्थपटले-

"ब्रह्मयोनिगतं ध्यात्वा कामं बन्धूकसंनिभम् । सूर्यकोटिप्रतीकाशं चन्द्रकोटिसुशीतलम् ॥ तस्योध्वे तु शिखा सूक्ष्मा चिद्रूपा परमा कला । तया पिहितमात्मानमेकीभृतं विचिन्तयेत् ॥ "

इति । वथा च तारारहस्ये--

"स्वकीयहृदये ध्यायेत् योनिमण्डलमुत्तमम् । रजोभिश्व समोपेतं त्रिकोणं सर्ववर्णकम् ॥"

इति । पुरः ; निजाप्रे, ध्यायन् ध्यायन् ; चिन्तयन् । तव ; मन्त्रार्थघटितरूपं तस्मिन् भावयन् । उक्तं च भूतशुद्धितन्त्रे—

> "यस्य यस्य च मन्त्रस्य उद्दिष्टा या च देवता । चिन्तियत्वा तदाकारं मनसा जपमाचरेत् ॥"

इति । कुलार्णवे च---

"तिनष्टस्तद्गतप्राणस्तिश्चत्तस्तत्परायणः । तत्पदार्थानुसंभानं कुर्वन् मन्त्रं जपेत्प्रिये ॥" इति । तव मनुम्; तव मन्त्रराजम् जपितः; शनैः शनैः मनसा जपित । उक्तं च तत्रैव—"शनैः शनैरिवस्पष्टं न दुतं न विल्लाम् " इति । स गन्धर्वश्रेणीपितः; गायकश्रेष्ठः, "गानात् परतरं न हि" इति दर्शनात् । अथवा चित्ररथगन्धर्वराज इव । अपि च कवित्वामृतनदीनदीनः; महाकविः कालिदास इव भवित । अपि च पर्यन्ते; देहावसाने । परमपदलीनः प्रभवितः; सिचदानन्दरूपायां त्विय विलीनः सन् निर्वाणपदं लभत इति भावः । योनिमुद्रासाधनफलं शिवसंहितायां—" अभ्यासाज्ञायते सिद्धि-रम्यासान्मोक्षमाप्नुयात्" इति । ॥ १७ ॥

त्रिपश्चारे पीठे शवशिवहृदि स्मेरवदनां महाकालेनोचैर्मदनरसलावण्यनिरताम् । समासक्तो नक्तं खयमपि रतानन्दनिरतो जनो यो ध्यायेश्वामयि जननि स स्यात् स्मरहरः ॥ १८॥

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त्रिपद्धार इति । अयि जनि । हे मातः । यो जनः ; साधकः, नक्तम् ; रात्रौ । समासकः ; स्विय आसक्तचितः । स्वयम् ; आत्मनापि । रतानन्दिनरतः ; सुरतानन्दयुक्तः सन् । त्रिपञ्चारे पीठे ; पञ्चदशकोणयुक्ते यन्त्रे । शवशिवद्ददि ; शवरूपसदाशिवद्दये । स्मेरवदनाम् ; स्मितमुखीम् । महाकालेन ; परमशिवेन सह । उचैः ; अत्यन्तम् । मदनरसलावण्यनिरताम् ; विपरीतरितमाधुर्यासकाम् । स्वां ध्यायेत् चिन्तयेत् । सः साधकः स्मरहरः स्यात्, साक्षात् शिवो भवेदिस्यर्थः ॥१८॥

¹ देवीगीतायां देवीवाक्यम्— तदैव तस्य चिन्माये मद्रूपे विख्यो भवेत् । इति । अपरं (१३) स्टोकस्य टीकायां दृष्टव्यम् ॥ ॰ आदौ त्रिकोणं विन्यस्य त्रिकोणं तद्वहिन्यंसेत् । ततो वै विलिखेन्मन्त्री त्रिकोणत्रयमुत्तमम् ॥ मध्ये तु वैन्दवं चक्रं बीजमायाविभूषितम् । बट्कोणानु बहिर्वृत्तं ततोऽष्टदलकं न्यसेत् ॥ बहिर्वृत्तेन संयुक्तं भूपुरैकेन संयुतम् । बात्वेव मुक्तिमाप्नोति बन्त्रराजं न संशयः ॥ काखीतन्सम् ॥

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त्रिपश्चार इति । अयि जननि ! अस्माकमुत्पादयित्रि ! यो जनः नक्तम् ; अर्धरात्रौ । उक्तं च—

"महानिशायां बाह्ने वा मुहूर्ते ध्यानतत्पर: । तद्र्पं परमानन्दं तदा पश्यति निश्चितम् ॥"

इति । समासकः; त्विय एकाप्रचितः । स्वयम्; आत्मनापि । रतानन्दिनरतः '; योनिमुद्रामवल्यस्य स्वयं शिक्तमयो भूत्वा परमात्मना सह लयरूपरतानन्दासकः सिन्नत्यर्थः । त्रिपञ्चारे पीठे '; अविद्यारूपवृत्तवेष्टिते; क्षित्याद्यष्टप्रकृतिरूपाष्टदल्युक्ते, पञ्चज्ञानेन्द्रिय-पञ्चक्रमेन्द्रिय-पञ्चप्राणरूपत्रिकोणविशिष्टे, शुद्धसत्वात्मिकामायाप्रतिबिम्बि-तचैतन्यरूपविनद्वात्मकवीजभूषिते, क्षित्यादिपञ्चभूतात्मक 'भूपुरान्विते स्वदेहयन्त्रे इत्यर्थः । शविशवहृदि; शववत् निष्क्रियस्य शिवस्य हृदये, स्वकीयनिर्गुणब्रह्मपदे स्थिता सती, इच्छा-क्रिया-ज्ञानयुक्तया मायया शिवशक्तिवभागेन चणकाकारवत् द्विधा भूत्वेत्यर्थः । महाकालेनोचैर्मदनरसल्वावण्यनिरताम् '; सगुणब्रह्मपरमशिवेन सह विपरीत-

- ¹ वोनिसुद्दां समासाय स्वयं शक्तिमयो भवेत् । सुश्द्वज्ञाररसेनैव विहरेत् परमात्मनि । कानन्दमय: संभूय ऐक्यं ब्रह्मणि संभवेत् ॥ वेरण्डसंहिता ॥
- ⁸ तथा मन्त्रात्मकं चकं देवतायाः परं वपुः । शिवशक्त्यात्मकं यन्त्रकपिणी ब्रह्मकपिणी ॥ निजदेहारूययन्त्रं तु सर्वयन्त्रात्परं स्मृतम् ॥ गम्धर्वतम्बम् ॥
- ³ म्मिरपोऽनलो बायुः सं मनो नुद्धिरेव च । अहंकार इतीयं मे मिन्ना प्रकृतिरष्टथा ॥ गीताबाम् ॥ तथा च गम्धर्वतन्त्रे—

पश्चप्राणमनोबुद्धिर्दशेन्द्रियसमन्त्रितम् । अपबीकृतभूतोत्थं सूद्भानं भोगसाधनम् ॥ अनास्रविद्यानिर्वाच्या कारणोपाधिक्च्यते । उपाधित्रितयादन्यदास्मानमवधारय ॥ इति ॥

बदा सा परमा शक्तिः स्वेच्छवा विश्वक्रपिणी ।
 अवः इत्वा तु पुरुषं सङ्घमेच्छामवत्तदा ॥
 तदाकम्य स्वयं देवी भैरवोपरि संस्थिता ।
 सहजानन्यसंदोहेर्निजानन्यप्रवर्षिनी ॥

भावेन नियतयुक्ताम् । स्मेरवदनाम् ; सदानन्दमयीम् ; त्वाम् ; ब्रह्मरूपिणीं यो ध्यायेत्¹ ; स्वीयदेहयन्त्रे चिदाभासरूपेण स्थितत्वात् स्वात्मामेदेन त्वां चिन्तयेत् । उक्तं च वेवीमाहात्म्ये—"या देवी सर्वभूतेषु छायारूपेण संस्थिता ।" इति । गन्धर्वतन्त्र च—

'' निर्छेपं निर्गुणं शुद्धं स्वात्मानं त्रिपुरामयम् । आत्माभेदेन संचिन्त्य याति तन्मयतां नरः ॥ ''

इति । स स्मरहरः स्यात् ; अद्वैतभावसंपन्नः साधकः परमात्मनि त्विय छीनो भूत्वा कैवल्यपदं छमेदित्यर्थः ॥ १८ ॥

सलोमास्थि स्वैरं पललमि मार्जारमसिते
परं चोष्ट्रं मैषं नरमहिषयोइछागमि वा।
बिलं ते पूजायामिय वितरतां मर्त्यवसतां
सतां सिद्धिः सर्वा प्रतिपदमपूर्वा प्रभवति॥ १९॥

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सलोगेति । असिते ! हे कालिके ! ते तव पूजायां नैमित्तिकार्चनायास् । मार्जारं ' मार्जारसंबन्धि, औष्ट्रं उष्ट्रसंबन्धि, मैषं मेषसंबन्धि, नरमिह्वयोः नरमिह्व-संबन्धि; अपि वा; अथवा छागं छागसंबन्धि, सलोमास्थि लोमास्थिसिहतम् । परम्; उत्कृष्टं, पल्लं; मांसं, बर्लि; पूजोपहारं, स्वैरं; स्वच्छन्दं, वितरतां; ददतां साधकानां, प्रतिपदं पदे पदे, अपूर्वा; आश्चर्या, सर्वा, सर्वविधा सिद्धिः कर्मसफलता, प्रभवित प्रकर्षेण संपद्यते ॥ १९ ॥

अथवाद्वैतभावेन वात्मानं तन्मयं स्मरेत् । अद्वैतभावसंपत्रक्षिपुरीकृतविष्ठहः । आत्मन्येव वजेहेवीमुपचारैर्वथाविथि ॥ गम्धर्वतम्बम् ॥ अध्यकोमस्वचा युक्तं मांसं मार्जारमेषयोः । उष्ट्रस्य महिषस्यापि वर्लि यस्तु समर्पयेत् । मातेव दक्षिणा तस्यं मातेव हितकारिणी ॥ श्यामारहस्ये ॥

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सलोमेति । यय यसिते ! न सिता बद्धा असिता, नित्यमुक्तस्वभावा । ते ; तव, प्वायाम् ; अन्तर्यागिवधौ, मानसपूजायामित्यर्थः । मार्जरादिसंबिन्ध सलोमास्थिपल्लम् ; सर्वावयवसमन्वितान् षडरिपुरूपमार्जरादिपशून् श्रद्धः । अत्र छागः कामः, मिहषः क्रोषः, मार्जारः लोभः, नरः मदः, मेषः मोहः, उष्ट्रः मार्त्सर्यमिति गुणसाम्यात् बोध्यम् । विलि वितरताम् ; कामादीनां विनाशकामनया चिद्रूपायां त्विय पूजोपहाररूपेण ददताम् । सतां मर्त्यवसताम् ; साधुशीलानां जनानाम् । प्रतिपदम् ; पदे पदे, यथाक्रममित्यर्थः ; अपूर्वा ; सर्वोत्कृष्टा । सर्वा सिद्धिः ; पञ्चविधा मुक्तिः । प्रभवित प्रकर्षण संपद्यते । प्रविधाः साधकाः सालोक्यादिका मुक्तीः लभन्त इत्यर्थः ॥ १९ ॥

बन्नी स्टक्षं मन्त्रं प्रजपित हविष्याद्यानरतो दिवा मातर्युष्मबरणयुगस्याननिषुणः। परं नक्तं नम्रो निधुवनविनोदेन च मनुं जपेस्टक्षं स स्यात् स्मरहरसमानः क्षितितस्रे॥ २०॥

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वशिति । हे मातः ! यो जनः वशी जितेन्द्रियः । हविष्याशनरतः ; ज्ञणान्ते हविष्याशी सन् । दिवा ; दिवसे । युष्मचरणयुगलध्याननिपुणः ; तव पाद-पद्मद्वयचिन्तायाम् , एकान्तनिरतः सन् । लक्षं ; लक्षसंख्याकं मन्त्रं प्रजपति । परम् ; पुनश्च । नक्तम् ; रजन्याम् । नमः ; विवस्तः । निधुवनविनोदेन च ; सुरतप्रमोदेन

¹ षिक् बन्धने---फः=सितः । बद्धार्जुनौ सितौ । इत्यमर: ।

² कामकोधी छागबाही बलिं दत्त्वा प्रपृजयेत् । **असदाकरुपे** ।

² धर्माधर्महिवदींहा वात्मामी मनसा स्रुचा । सुषुत्रावत्र्मना नित्यमक्षवृत्तीर्जुहोस्यहम् ॥ स्वाहा । बृहस्रीक्षतम्त्रम् ।

[ै] सालोक्यमपि सारूप्यं साष्ट्रयं सायुज्यमेव च । कैवस्यं चेति तां विद्धि सुर्फि राचव पक्षधा ॥ श्रीशिवगीता ॥

[ै] बो इविष्याशनरतो दिवा देवीं स्मरन् जपेत्। नकं निधुवनासको छक्षं स स्यात् धरापतिः॥ सम्ब्रकस्पद्वमः॥

⁹ भवेत्रिधुवनं कम्पे घुरते च नपुंसकम् । मेदिनी ।

विशिष्टः सन् । रूक्षं मनुम् ; रूक्षसंख्यकमन्त्रं जपेत् । स क्षितितरू ; पृथिव्याम् । स्मरहरसमानः ; शिवतुल्यः स्यात् भवेत् । " सम्यक् " इति पाठे तु यथोक्तविधानेन सेतुमहासेतुकुल्कुकादिकं जस्वा इत्यर्थः ॥ २०॥

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वशीति । यो जितेन्द्रियः हिविष्याशी; साधकः । दिवा; दिवसे, पश्चाचारेण तव पादपद्मिनतायाम् एकान्तासकः सन् । छक्षम् ; छक्षसंख्याकं तव मन्त्रं प्रजपति । पुनः नक्तम् ; रजन्यां कुळाचारेण, नग्नः ; मायावरणरहितः निर्विकारः सिन्नवर्थः । निधुवन-विनोदेन च ; निधुवनिवनोदः रमणं तेन विशिष्टः सन् , परशक्त्यात्मिभ्रुनसंयोगानन्दरतः सिन्नवर्थः । तव छक्षसंख्याकं मन्त्रं जपेत् ; स पृथिव्यां स्मरहरसमानः ; शिवसदशः, जीवनमुक्तो भवेदिवर्थः ॥ २० ॥

इदं स्तोत्रं मातस्तव मनुसमुद्धारणजनुः स्वरूपाख्यं पादाम्बुजयुगलपूजाविधियुतम् । निशार्धं वा पूजासमयमधि वा यस्तु पठति प्रलापस्तस्यापि प्रसरति कवित्वामृतरसः ॥ २१ ॥

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इदिमिति । हे मातः ! यस्तु यो जनः पुनः । तव मनुसमुद्धारणजनुः ; तव मनुनां मन्त्राणां समुद्धारणे सम्यगुद्धारणे जनुः उत्पत्तिर्यस्य तत् । पादाम्बुजयुगल-पूजाविधियुतम् ; तव श्रीपादपद्मस्य पूजानियमसिहतम् । स्वरूपाल्यम् ; तव स्वरूपस्य स्वस्य आत्मनो रूपं तस्य, विजनिर्गुणसगुणभेदेन स्थूल सूक्ष्म-कारण-त्रीयात्मकथ्यानस्य आल्या कथनं यस्मिन् तत् । इदं स्तोत्रं, निशार्धम् ; मध्यरात्रं

¹ परशक्त्यात्मिश्चनसंयोगानन्दनिर्भरः । य आस्ते मैथुनं तत्स्यादपरे सीनिषेवकाः ॥ कुलार्यंचतन्त्रम् ॥ ² यस्तीवत्रद्वाणोरेक्यं सोऽहमस्मीति वेदनम् ।

यमावत्रहाणारक्य साउहमस्मात वदनम् । तहेव निर्गुणं ज्यानमिति ब्रह्मविदो विदुः ॥ शिवार्चमवनित्रका ॥

पूजासमयं वा अघि अधिकृत्य पठिति उचैरुदीरयति । तस्य प्रलापः ; अनर्थ-कवाक्यमपि । कवित्वामृतरसः ; कवित्वरूपसुधास्वादपूर्णः । प्रसरित, निःसरित ; तस्य गद्यपद्यमयी वाणी भवतीत्यर्थः ॥ २१ ॥

कुरङ्गाक्षीवृन्दं तमनुसरित प्रेमतरलं वदास्तस्य क्षोणीपतिरिप कुबेरप्रतिनिधिः। रिपुः कारागारं कलयित च तं केलिकलया चिरं जीवन्सुक्तः प्रभवति स भक्तः प्रतिजनुः॥ २२॥

> इति श्रीमन्महाकालविरचितं श्रीमहक्षिणकालिकायाः स्वरूपाख्यं स्तोत्रं समाप्तम्

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कुरङ्गाक्षीति । कुरङ्गाक्षीवृन्दम् ; मृगनयनारमणीसमूहः । प्रेमतरलम् ; अनुरागचञ्चलम् । तम् ; साधकम् , अनुसरित ; अनुगच्छिति । क्षोणीपितः ; क्षितीश्वरोऽिष,
तस्य वशः ; तद्वशीभूतः । कुवेरपितिनिधिः ; सः कुवेरतुल्यः धनवान् भवित ।
रिपुः ; तस्य शत्रुः । तम् ; एतत् स्तोत्रपाठकं कारागारं बन्धनागारवत् भीषणम् ।
कलयित ; गणयित । सः प्रतिजनुः ; जन्मिन जन्मिन, भक्तः ; त्विय भक्तिमान्
सन् , चिरम् ; बहुकालं व्याप्य, केलिकलया ; अनायासेन, जीवन्मुक्तः ; विदेहमुक्तो
भवित । अथ वा स भक्तः केलिकलया क्रीडाकौतुकेन चिरं दीर्घकालं व्याप्य जीवन्
प्राणान् धारयन् , मुक्तः देहानते मुक्तिं प्राप्तः सन् , प्रतिजनुः ; प्रतिनिवृत्तं जनुः
जन्म यस्य सः ; पुनर्जन्मरिहतो भवित, स ब्रह्मनिर्वाणं प्रामोतीति भावः ॥ २२॥

¹ मनसा पठितं स्तोत्रं वाचा वापि मनुं जपेत् । उभयोनिष्पलं देवि भिन्नभाण्डोदकं यथा ॥ विद्युद्धेश्वरतम्ब्रम् ॥

[ै] बस्येकवारपठनात् सर्वे विद्राः समाकुलाः । नश्यन्ति दहने दीप्ते पतन्ना इव सर्वतः । गद्यपद्यमयी वाणी तस्य गन्नाप्रवाहबत् ॥ काकीकुकसर्वस्ये ॥

⁸ महाकालख्दोदितस्तोलमेतत् सदा भक्तिभावेन योऽध्येति भक्तः । न चापत्र शोको न रोगो न मृत्युभवेत्सिदिरन्ते च कैवल्यलामः ॥ महाकाससंहिता ॥

या काली कालकान्ता कलयति कलुपं कीर्तिता कालहन्त्री या तारा तारक्रपा कमलजमहिता ब्रह्मविद्या परा च । श्रीविद्या मोक्षपन्था हरिहरनिमता साधकानां हितार्था

सा देवी सर्वेरूपा जनयतु जननी स्तावकानां शुभानि ॥
येनैव स्तवराजेन महाकालेन वर्णितम् ।
कालिकायाः स्वरूपं च भक्तानन्दिवधायकम् ॥
कर्पूराद्यं हि यस्तोत्रं वासनापिरसेवितम् ।
व्याख्यान्तरेण भणितं सरलार्थविशोभितम् ॥
मुनिनेत्रभूधरेन्दुशाके माने मया कृता ।
साधकानां विबोधाय विमलानन्देन घीमता ॥
व्याख्येयं स्वरूपार्था च विमलानन्ददायिनी ।
पठतामपि भक्तानां सदा कण्ठे विराजतु ॥
कोटालिपाडनगरे शुनकान्ववाये

गोष्ठीपतिर्हरिहरो महतां गरिष्ठः ।
कालीप्रसाद इति तत्वुलजो महात्मा
तस्यात्मजो रघुमणिर्विहितिकयावान् ॥
तत्पुत्त्रो विमलानन्दस्वामी तच्चरणानुगः
सतीशचनद्ररायाख्यश्चौधुरीपदभ्षितः ॥
कर्पूरादिस्तोत्रटीका तत्कृता कृतिनां मुदे ।
वर्त्ततां कालिकाप्रीत्यै चापि संजायतामियम् ॥

अस्य टीका विमलातन्ददायिनी स्वरूपव्याख्या च समाप्ता

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ओं नम: कालिकाये

कर्पूरस्तवराजव्याख्या रहस्यार्थसाधिका

अथ भगवानादिपुरुषो महाकालः परमकृपया घोरेऽस्मिन् संसारे संतप्तानां साधकानां सुखोपायेन मुक्तयुपायं चिकीर्षुराद्याशकः अनन्तगुणायाः कतिपयगुणगुम्भित-स्मधारिखरिणीच्छन्दोनिर्मितेन पद्येन नानामतेन स्तुतिमुपक्रमते— महाकाल उवाचिति। अत्र आदिबीजावयववर्णनवाचकत्वेन तद्वर्णनचिन्तनवाच्यत्वेन च त्रिगुणीकृत्य तस्य जपादेव सर्वसिद्धिसंपत्करत्वं कवित्वकुशलत्वं च कल्यति— कपूरिमिति । कपूरिमिति स्वरूपम्, मध्यमान्त्यस्वररिहतम्, मध्यमस्वरौ ककारपकारोत्तरावकारौ, अन्त्यस्वरो रेपात्परोऽकारः, परौ पकाररेषौ तै रिहतम्। तेन क इति भवति। कीदशं तत् १ सेन्दुवामाक्षियुक्तम्; चन्द्रबिन्दुसिहत ईकारः, तेन युक्तम्। अनेन क्रीमिति भवति। हे मातः! हे त्रिपुरहरवधु! हे ध्वान्तधाराधररुचिरे! ध्वान्तमन्धकारम्, धाराधरः मेघः, तयोः रुचिरिव रुचिरं रूपं यस्याः; ते; तव, एतद्वीजं त्रिःकृतम्; त्रिवारात्मकं कृत्वा, ये जपन्ति। तेषां; साधकानाम्। कीदशानाम् १ सर्वसिद्धं गतानाम्; अणिमादिसर्व-सिद्धं प्राप्तानाम्, वाचः; वाक्यानि गद्यानि पद्यानि च, मुखकुहरात्; मुखविवरात् स्वछन्दं यथा तथा, उल्लसन्त्येव; आयासं विनापि स्वयमाविर्भवन्येवेति॥ १॥

ओं नमः कालिकाये

कर्पूरादिस्तोत्रटीका

नत्वा श्रीकालिकां मक्त्या गुरुं च गुणवारिधिम् । स्वरूपस्तवराजस्य व्याख्यां कुर्वे सुबोधिनीम् ॥ तत्र प्रथमं त्मवदाद्यबीजस्योद्धारमाह — कर्पूरिमिति । हे जनि ! मध्यमान्ति - मस्वरपरहीनं सान्जं दक्षिणेतरनेत्रयुतं कर्पूरिमिति पदं ति पूर्वं बीजं ज्ञेयम् । हे त्रिपुरासुरारिमहिले ! एतरपूर्वोक्तं ते बीजं त्रिभिरावर्तितं ये भक्ताः जपन्ति, तेषां गद्यरूपाणि च संस्कृतानि, श्लोकरूपाणि च पद्यानि वदनकंदरात् निष्कामन्त्येव । हे गाढितिमिरकंघररुचिरुचिरे ! निखलिसिद्धं प्राप्तानां तेषां स्वतन्त्रं वाण्यो सुखकुहरा- दुलसन्तीति मन्त्रमयसूक्ष्मरूपेण वर्णयति ।। १ ।।

कूर्चबीजमन्त्रोद्वारकथनेन तदाकृतिध्यानकीर्तनेन च तद्द्वन्द्वजपात् मदनतुल्यता वा वितेषु विजयितां विकासयति—ईशान इति । हे महिशि ! हे चन्द्रार्धचूढे !
चन्द्रस्यार्धं चूडायां यस्याः सा । हे महाघोरवाणावतंसे ! वाति गच्छतीति वाणं शरीरम्,
घोरौ भयानकौ शरीरौ अवतंसौ कर्णभूषणे यस्याः सा । ईशानः ; हकारः, सेन्दुवामश्रवणपरिगतः ; इन्दुः अर्धन्द्रः, तेन सह वामश्रवणं दीर्घ उकारः, तेन युक्तम् । अनेन
हूमिति भवति । द्वन्द्वम् ; द्विगुणं कृत्वा । कदाचित् शुभे अशुभे वा काले, मन्दचेताः ;
जडो जनः, वारम् एकं यदि जपति, तदा वाचामधीशम् ; वाचस्पतिम् , सुरगुरुं
विद्यया, धनदमि ; कुबेरमि संपदा जित्वा, अम्बुजाक्षीबृन्दम ; अम्बुजस्येव पद्मदल्लस्येव आक्षिणी यासां तासां बृन्दं समूहं मोहयन् मुग्धीकुर्वन् सन् , चिरं चिरकालं
ब्याप्य प्रभवति प्रभुभवति ॥ २ ॥

द्वितीयबीजस्योद्धारमाह—ईशान इति । "महाकालो महेश्वरः" इहि श्रुतेः, है उत्पित्तिस्थितिप्रलयसाक्षिमहेशद्यिते ! स शशाङ्कः वामश्रोत्रमिलित ईशान इति पदं त्वदीयं पूर्वोक्तबीजात् अन्यत् कूर्चबीजं बालिशोऽपि जनः कस्मिश्चित्काले द्विरावृत्तं (हूंहूं) इत्येवंरूपमेकवारमि यदि जपित, तिहे वाण्विलासैः बृहस्पितम्, धनवैभवित्लासैः धनदमपि जित्वा, हे विकसितिहिमकरखण्डमौले ! हे भयजनकशावा-भरणे ! कमलनयनायूथं मोहयति च, परं स सर्वस्यापि जगतः प्रशुभवतीति जपे कालिनयमामावजपफलप्रदर्शनपुरःसरं कूर्चबीजद्वयसुद्धरित ॥ २ ॥

¹ अत्र कर्पूरपदे मध्यमौ स्वरौ 'क', मध्यस्थोऽकारः 'पूं' मध्यस्थ ऊकारः ; अन्त्यस्वरश्च 'र' मध्यस्थोऽकारः तैर्हीनम् । पुनश्च पराभ्यां हीनमित्येवं कृते कू मात्रं रेफमात्रं चावशिष्यते । तदेव सामुस्वारं वामनेत्रेण दीर्षेकारेण युतम् ; एतावता क्रीमिति भवति ।

⁸ अत्र बिन्दुशिरस्कवामनेत्रेण दीर्घेकारेण च सहित ईशानो हकार:, इति कृते हुमिति भवति ।

इदानीं मायाबीजाङ्गशोधकत्वेन तद्भूपध्यानत्वेन च तस्य द्विगुणीकृतजपात् शत्रुनाशकत्वं संसारविशत्वं च विभावयित—ईश इति । ईशः; हकारः, वैधानरस्थः; रेफस्थः, चन्द्रः; बिन्दुः, तेन विल्सत् वामनेत्रम्, ईकारः, तचुक्तम् । तेन हीमिति भवित । हे विगलितिचक्तरे ! विशेषेण गलितः चिकुरः केशो यस्याः । हे कालिके ! कृष्णवर्णे ! हे सृक्कद्वन्द्वास्त्रधाराद्वयधरवदने ! सृक्कद्वन्द्वे अस्रधारा रक्तधारा तद्द्वयं भियते येन वदनेन, एशंभूतं वदनं यस्याः । हे दक्षिणे ! मुक्तिदानिपुणे ! कालिके ! जगत्संहारिणि ! अतिप्रकर्षेण महाप्रलयकारिणीति यावत् । तेन वामबीजं द्वन्दं द्विगुणं कृत्वा ये जपन्ति; ते द्वेष्टारम्; शत्रुं प्रन्ति च, वै; निश्चयेन अभितः सर्वतो भावेन मुवनं वश्यभावं नयन्ति च ॥ ३ ॥

तृतीयबीजस्योद्धारफलमाह — ईश इति । हे विकीर्णकेशकलापे ! मृगाङ्कविलस-हक्षिणेतराक्ष्णा युतो वैश्वानरस्थः ईश इति पदं पूर्वोक्तादन्यत् त्वदीयं द्विरावृत्तं (ह्रीं ह्रीं) इत्ये इं रूपं मायाबीजम् ; हे कालिके ! ये साधका जपन्ति, ते प्रत्यर्थिनो निघ्नन्ति ; हे सृक्तयुग्मरक्तप्रवाहयुगलधरमुखि ! च परं, त्रिलोकीमपि स्वाधीनतां नयन्तीति मायाबीजोद्धारप्रदर्शनपुरःसरमाह ।। ३ ।।

अभिमुखाभिधानतयाननमुजास्त्रसंस्थानाभिधायकतया च तज्जपादिष्टसिद्धं करस्थां विद्धाति—ऊर्ध्वमिति । हे अम्ब! हे मातः! हे प्रकटितवदने! प्रकटितं विस्तारितं वदनं यस्याः। हे त्रिजगदमहरे! त्रयाणां जगताम् अवं पापं हरित नाशयित । ऊर्ध्वं वामे वामोध्वं हस्तपद्मे कृपाणं खङ्गम्; तथा अधःकरकमळतळे नृमुण्डम्; सब्ये दक्षिणोध्वं हस्तप्रमे च अभीः अभयमुद्रा; अभीरिति, "सुपां सुलुक्" इत्यनेन द्वितीयार्थे प्रथमा । तथा अधःकरपद्मे वरम्, वरमुद्रां च; मनुविभवम्; मन्त्रघटकी-मूतम्; 'दिक्षणे काळिके' चैतन्ताम जहवा, तव एतद्रूपं वा निश्चयेन ये जना भावयन्ति चिन्तयन्ति, तेषां जनानाम्, त्रयम्बकस्य; शिवस्य, अष्टौ सिद्धयः; अणिमाद्यष्टसिद्धयः, करस्था भवन्ति ॥ ॥

नामाक्षरविन्यासफलमाह—ऊर्ध्व इति । हे त्रितयलोककिल्बियनाशिनि ! हे प्रकटीकृतवक्त्रे ! हे मातः ! वामपाणितले ऊर्ध्व खङ्गम् , अधःकरे छित्रं शिरः, तथा

³ मृगाह्वेन बिन्दुना शोभमानो दक्षिणेतराक्ष्णा दीर्घेकारेण युक्तव परं वैश्वनरस्थो रेफ्युको हुकारः । एतावता इकाररकारविन्दुदीर्घेकारैर्मिकितं हीमिति भवति ।

सन्यकरे जर्ष्वाधः अभयं वरं च, (दघती त्वां ध्यात्वा) पश्चात् दक्षिणे कालिके ! इत्येतवामवर्णे जप्त्वा, ते मन्त्रविभवं ये मावयन्ति, तेषां साधकानां दक्षिणामूर्तिशिव-संबन्धिन्योऽष्टाविणमाद्याः सिद्धयो हस्तगता एवेति । बीजसप्तककथनान्ते दक्षिणे कालिके चेति विन्यस्यति ॥ ४ ॥

सप्तजीजेन विद्वजायां....स्थिरीभूताभावप्रतियोगित्वमवतारयति—वर्गाद्यमिति । हे मातः! हे स्मितमुखि! ईषद्वास्यमुखि! हे स्मरहरमिहेले! कामाङ्गहरविनते! वर्गाद्यम् ; ककारम्, विद्वसंस्थम्; रेफम्, विधुः; चन्द्रिबिन्दुः, रितः; ईकारः, ताभ्यां विलंतं भूषितं तम्; तेन क्रीमिति बीजं स्यात् । ततः कूर्चबीजद्वयम्, मायाद्वयं च; ततः पश्चात् स्वाहां योजयित्वा, ते तव रूपं भावयन्तः सन्तः ये जयन्ति; ते लक्ष्मी-लास्यलीलाकमलदलदशः; लक्ष्म्या नृत्तलीलायुक्तकमलदलतुल्यनेत्राः सन्तः कामरूपा भवन्तीत्यर्थः ॥ ६॥

कालिकोपनिषदुक्तमन्त्रोद्वारमाह—वर्गाद्यभिति । हे स्मेरवदने ! क्रशानुसहितं चन्द्ररितलितं वर्गपूर्वे रकारदिधेकारानुस्वारैमीलितं वर्गाद्यमक्षरं ककारमिति क्रते क्रीमिति सिद्धम् ; त्रिरावृत्तम् क्रीं क्रीं क्रीमिति । कूर्चद्वयं हूं हूमिति । ततश्च लब्बाद्वन्द्वं हूं हूमिति । तदश्चः ठद्वयं स्वाहा इति योजयित्वा, हे अम्ब ! हे मारहरग्रहिणि ! त्वरप्रमं चिन्तयन्तो ये ये पुरुषा जपन्ति, ते ते रमानृत्यनिधुवननिलनदलाक्षाः कंदर्यस्ता भवन्तीति । तथा च "अथ हैनां ब्रह्मरन्त्रे ब्रह्मरूपिणीमामोति सुमगां कामरेफेन्दिराबिन्दुमेलनरूपामेतत् त्रिग्रणितामादौ, तदनु कूर्चद्वयं भुवनाद्वयं दक्षिणे कालिके इत्यस्ति मुख्यता, तदनु बीजसप्तकमुचार्यं वृहद्वानुजायामुचारयेत्, स तु शिवमयो भवेत्, सर्वसिद्धीयरो भवेत्, गितस्तस्याकुण्डिता भवेत्, स तु नारीश्वरः, स तु वागीश्वरः, स तु देवेश्वरः, स तु सर्वेश्वरः" इत्यादिकालिकाश्रुत्युक्तमन्त्रोद्धारसा-म्यार्थं पुनरेतदीजसप्तकं स्वाहान्तं मनुमुद्धरित ॥ ५ ॥

मन्त्रभेदजपेन यत्समानाधिकरणात्यन्ताभावत्वसिद्धः, तिच्छ्याः सामानाधिकरण्यं प्रतिपादयति—प्रत्येकमिति । हे देवि ! देदीध्यमाने ! हे मुण्डस्नगतिशयलसत्किण्ठ ! मुण्डस्नजा मुण्डमाल्या सतिशयविकासिनः कण्ठो यस्याः । हे पीनस्तनाढवे ! पीनौ

स्यूली स्तनी ताभ्याम्, आढ्या संपन्ना। प्रत्येकं वा एकमेकं पृथकपृथक् बीजरूपम् एकाक्षरम्, तेन आदिबीजं कूर्चबीजम्; मायाबीजं ठद्वयं वा, आदिबीजद्वयं कूर्चबीजद्वयं वा, परं; श्रेष्ठम्; आदिबीजत्रयमत्यन्तगुद्धं च, प्रत्येकमिप त्वनाम्ना यो जिपत्वा, सकलमिप; सकलं पूर्वोक्तं सकलम्, नेत्रारिवन्दे विहरित कमला; नेत्रस्य कमलदलतुल्यत्वात् लक्ष्म्याः कमले निवासत्वाच तेषां नेत्रकमले कमला लक्ष्मीः विहरित । वक्त्रशुआं- शुक्षिम्बे! वक्त्रस्य चन्द्रसादृश्यत्वात् मुखळ्पचन्द्रमण्डले वाग्देवी सरस्वती विहरित ॥ ६ ॥

बीजत्रयं त्वनाम्ना सह जपतां फलमाह—प्रत्येकमिति । हे नरमुण्डमाला-विलसद्गीवामांसवक्षोजयुते ! हे देवि ! प्रत्यक्षरं द्वयं वा त्रितयमिप, अथवा सकलं चातिगोप्य बीजं त्वनाम्ना योजयित्वा, सदा ध्यायन्तः सन्तः ये जपन्ति, तेषां जापकानां नयनारविन्दे ऽरविन्दालया विहरति ; च परं, वदनशीतांशुबिम्बे भाषा विलसतीति परमकारुण्यं द्योतयन्नाह ।। ६ ।।

प्रलयेऽपि प्रकृतिपुरुषयोरवस्थानध्यानफलं ज्ञापयित —गतासूनामिति। हे जनि ! स्मशानस्थे तल्पे; श्मशानस्थमस्मशय्यायां, शवहृदि; शवाकारशिवहृदि, महाकालस्य सहान्त्रात्रयुक्तां त्वां ध्यायन्, जडचेता:; मूर्खोऽपि कितः पण्डितः स्यात्। त्वां कीटशीम् ! गतासूनाम्; मृतानाम्, बाहुप्रकरकृतकाञ्ची-परिलसिन्नतम्बाम्; बाहुसमूहेन कृतकाञ्ची, तया परिलसत् नितम्बो यस्याः। पुनः किंभूताम् ! दिग्वस्त्राम्; दिगेव वस्त्रं यस्याः। पुनः किंभूताम् ! त्रिमुवनविधात्रीम्; त्रिमुवनकर्त्रीम्, त्रिणयनाम्; त्रिलोचनाम्।। ७॥

अतिमृदस्यापि तव ध्यानात्कवित्वप्राप्तिमाह — गतास्नामिति । हे अम्ब ! अत्यन्तिलगुरपि शवानां भुजनिकररिषतकितिस्त्रविलसञ्चघनां ककुष्प्रावरणां त्रैलोक्यस्य कत्री व्यम्बकां शवदहनभूमिस्थां गतप्राणहृदयशस्थायां महेश्वरविषरीतरतात्यासकां त्वां चिन्तयन् सन् कविर्भवतीति ॥ ७॥

प्रलयप्रकटरूपिण्याः परकृताः परमपुरुषेण परमानन्दध्यानयोगाभ्यासपूर्वे प्रदर्श-यन्नाह्—शिवाभिरति । ये जनाः त्वाम् अतियुवतीम् स्थिरयौवनाम् । उपरिसुरतेन; विपरीतरमणेन संतुष्टां सदा नित्यं ध्यायित । तेषां किचिदिप ; कुत्रापि, परिभवः ; पराजयं म भवित । त्वां किभूताम् ? हरवधूम् ; शिवसुन्दरीम् ; पुनः किभूताम् ? शिवाभिः घोराभिः ; भयानकाभिः, शवनिवहमुण्डास्थिनिकरैः ; प्रेतसमूहस्य मुण्डानामस्थनां च निकरैः समृहैः, परं ; केवछं, संकीर्णायां ; व्याप्तायाम् , प्रकटितचितायां प्रविष्टां ; संस्थितामिति ॥ ८॥

ध्यानासक्तस्य भक्तस्य न कदाचिदिप परामव इत्याह — शिवाभिरिति । हे शिवपित ! मयजनकाभिः कोष्ट्रीभिः गतासुसमूहसुण्डास्थिकरप्रकरैः अत्यन्तं व्याप्तायां ज्वलचितायां प्रविष्टां तत्रैवोपिर सुरतक्रीडया अतिसंतुष्टां यौवनवर्ती (वातिक्रान्त-सुवतीम्)त्वां निरन्तरं ये साधकाः चिन्तयन्ति, तेषां साधकानां सर्वदेशेष्विप नििखलजगन्नाशकाले;

"यथा ध्यानस्य संसर्गात्कीटको अमरायते । तथा समाभ्रियोगेन ब्रह्मीभूतो भवेचरः ॥"

इत्युक्तेः संप्राप्तशिवरूपत्वाचास्ति तिरस्कार इत्याह ॥ ८ ॥

गुणमूर्तयोऽिप ब्रह्मादयः ते परमं न वेतारः, कुतोऽन्ये ? तथात्वेऽिप स्तोतन्य-मित्यत बाह्—वराम इति । हे असिते ! कालिके ! तव परमम्; औत्कर्ण्यं धाता ब्रह्मा न वेत्ति ; ईशः शिवोऽिप न ; हिरः विष्णुरिप न वेत्ति ; न जानाति । उचैः ; अतिशयेन, जडिधयः मन्दबुद्धयः वयं ; ते तव किं वदामः । तथािप त्वद्भक्तिः ; तव विषये भिक्तः, अस्माकं मुखरयित ; स्तोतुं प्रकटयित । अस्माकिमिति द्वितीयार्थे षष्ठी । हे जनि ! तत् त्वयात्र तदसंभावनीयं क्षन्तव्यं महाम्, खलु निश्चितम् । पशुरोषः ; पशौ पशुतुल्ये रोषः क्रोधः न समुचितः, न न्याय्यः । तेन क्रुतार्था वयमिति भावः ॥ ९ ॥

नहादीनामप्यगोचरे मद्रूपे वाक्यप्रयोगाय प्रवर्तमानस्य तवायं दीर्घापराधः क्यं क्षन्तव्य इत्याशङ्कासमाधानपूर्वकमाह—हे मातः! त्वदीयं पारमार्थिकं मनो-वागतीतं रूपं सकलप्रपञ्चस्रष्टा धाता यायातथ्येन न वेति ; च परम् , सकलप्रञ्च-संहर्ता महेशोऽपि न वेति ; तथा सकलप्रपञ्चपालको हरिरपि न वेति । तथा

बालिशा वयय् आतेतरं ते रूपं प्रति कि वादमः । हे कालिके ! तथापि वकुमयोग्यान् अस्मान् त्वदीया भक्तिरेव वाचालं करोतीत्येतत्प्रवर्तनं सोढव्यम् । पशुरोष इति ;

> " ष्टणा लजा भयं शङ्का जुगुप्ता चेति पञ्चमी । कुलं शीलं तथा जातिरष्टौ पाशा इमे स्मृताः ॥ पाशबन्धः पशुः प्रोक्तः पाशमुक्तः स्वयं शिवः ।"

इत्युक्तेः पशुष्विवया पाशाष्टकेषु माहशेषु पामरजनेषु रोषो न योग्यः । किलेति संमावनायाम् ॥ ९ ॥

लतालक्षणाविच्छन्नतया महाचीनक्रमस्य साधनान्तावच्छेदकतया च सर्वसिद्धिव-शित्वं सूचयति —समन्तादिति । यदि भक्तः विवासाः; दिगम्बरः, गलितचिकुरः समन्तादापीनस्तनजधनधृग्यौवनवतीरतासक्तः; समन्तात् सर्वतः, आ सम्यक् पीनौ स्थूलौ स्तनौ जधनौ च ध्रियेते यया, तस्यां यौवनवत्यां रतासक्तः क्रीडासक्तः सन् नक्तं रात्रौ त्वां ध्यायन्, तव मनुं मन्त्रं जपित, तस्य समस्ताः सिद्धौधाः सिद्धिसमूहाः अणिमादयो वश्गा भवन्ति । भुवि; पृथिव्यां चिरकालं जीवित क्रविभविति ॥ १०॥

प्रयोगान्तरेण नक्तं ध्यायतो फलमाह — समन्तादिति । हे परितः मांसलकुचिनतम्बधृग्यौवनवति । दिगम्बरः, विकीर्णचिकुरकलापः रात्रौ सुरतपरः (यद्वा
परितः मांसलकुचिनतम्बधृग्यौवनवतीसुरतासक्तः) भक्तः, (यद्वा परितः मांसलकुचनितम्बधृग्यौवनवतीं) त्वां चिन्तयन् सन् तावकीनं मन्त्रं जपित, तस्य भक्तस्य
निलिलाः सिद्धिनिचयाः स्वाधीना भवन्ति । पृथिव्यां किर्वभूत्वा दीर्घसमयं जीवतीति
पठान्तरकत्यना च याथातथ्येनोह्या निलिलतन्त्रस्वतन्त्रमनीषिभिः ॥ १०॥

तत्र तावत्परप्रकृतेः प्रधानतया साधनभेदादनायासेन महासिद्धिसमूह्वदातां साधयति—समाः स्वस्थीभूत इति । हे हरवधु ! यदि ; भक्तः, समाः ; संवत्सरम् अविच्छेदेन, सदा ; सर्वकाले, स्वस्थीभूताम् ; आत्मरूपावस्थितां विचिन्त्य, विपरीताम्

¹नासं वर्षुं जटिषवणात्वादितिभावः ।

ध्वितशयम् अत्यन्तम्, महाकाछेन सुरतां त्वां ध्यायन् पूर्वोक्तमन्त्रं जपित, सदा तस्य क्षोगीतछविहरमाणस्य; क्षोणी पृथिनी तस्याः तछे उपिर यत्र कुत्र गच्छतो विदुषः ध्यानपण्डितस्य, कराम्भोजे; करतछे, महासिद्धिनिवहाः; खेचरत्वादिसिद्धिसमूहाः, वश्याः; वशीभूताः तिष्ठन्तीत्यर्थः॥ ११॥

वैपरीत्येन जपतः सर्वसिद्धिप्रदत्वमाह—समास्विति । हे मृडानि ! अति-निश्चलमानसः (यद्वा समानकायशीर्षः, स्वस्थचित्तः) नार्यायितः (पुरुषायितां वा) षहु महेश्वरनिधुवनां त्वां सर्वदा विचिन्त्य चिन्तयन् सन् यदि जपति, तर्हि सर्वै-सहातलक्रीडमानस्य ज्ञानिनः पाणिपग्ने निलिलसिद्धिप्रकराः वशगाः स्युरिति ॥ ११॥

मूळप्रकृते: सृष्टिस्थितिप्रळयकारणत्वात् रजःसत्त्वतमोगुणमूर्त्यादीनां कार्यत्वाञ्च कार्यकारणयोरमेदं दर्शयति — प्रसूते संसारमिति । हे जननि ! रजोगुणरूपेण भवती संसारं प्रसूते ; प्रसवं करोति । सत्त्वगुणरूपेण जगतीं पाळयति । वेति चार्थे । तमोगुणरूपेण समस्तब्रह्माण्डं, तत्कारणं क्षित्यादि च संहरति । अतः त्वं धाता ; ब्रह्मापि । त्रिमुवनपतिः श्रीपतिः ळक्ष्मीपतिरपि । महेशोऽपीति । प्रायः ; विशेषेण ईशादि विभूतिरूपं, सामान्येन च सकळं कळ्या सह वर्तमानं नरादिजगद्वति रूपमिप भवतीं किं स्तौमि ! ॥ १२ ॥

हरिहरिबिरिक्चादयोऽपि त्वां स्तोतुमसमर्था इत्याह—प्रस्त इति । हे मातः ! भवती भवं जनयति । यिविखिलं वसुमत्यादि तदिप पाति च, संहारकाले वसुमत्यादि सर्वे मवती हरित । अतो जत्स्रष्टा धाता, जगद्रक्षको रमापित:, जगवाशकः शिवोऽपि प्रायः भवतीं साकल्येन स्तौति किम् ? अत्र काक्येन देवत्रस्यपि त्वत्स्तवनेऽसमर्थेति सूचयित ।। ? २ ।।

जगत्कारणत्वाविष्ठकत्वेनापरिष्ठिकपूर्णनित्यज्ञानं यतः कार्यताविष्ठकत्या परिष्ठिकापूर्णानित्यज्ञानसाधनं दूषयति—अनेक इति । हे मातः! भवत्या अधिकाः भवद्धिकाः, भवद्धिकाश्च ते गीर्वाणिनवहाश्च भवद्धिकगीर्वाणिनवहाः, तान् भवद्धिक-गीर्वाणिनवहान् देवसमूहान्, अनेके; अज्ञानिनः सेवन्ते । विमृद्धाः; विशिष्टकानहीनाः, किमिप परमं विशेषतत्त्वं न हि जानन्ति । कथिमियाह—समेति । यतः त्रिलोक्यां प्रधानैः हरिहरविरिश्वादिविश्वधैः; विष्णुशिवन्नसादिदेवैः, समाराध्याम्; सम्यगाराध्याम्, आद्याम् सर्वेषामादिभूताम्, अतोऽहं स्वैरम् स्वच्छन्दं यथा स्यात्तथा, रितरसमहानन्दिनिरताम् । प्रपन्नोऽस्मि शरणं बजामि ॥ १३॥

त्वद्वयतिरिक्तदेवतोपासनाया निष्फलत्वमाह — अनेक इति । हे मातः ! (यद्वा हे हरग्रहिणि!) लोकाः निलिम्पयूथान् (यद्वा भवत्या अधिका देवा इति मत्वा निलिम्पयूथान्) भजन्ति, ते वैधेयाः परमार्थवस्तुमूतं त्वत्त्वरूपं किमपि न हि जानन्ति । अहं तु ब्रह्मविष्णुमहेश्वरप्रभृतिभिराराध्यमानां रितरससंतोषतत्परां पूर्वो स्वच्छन्दत्तयैव शरणागतोऽस्मीति ।। १३ ।।

कार्यकारणभेदात् व्यष्टिरूपायाः परायाः प्रकृतेः स्तुतेरवकाशत्वं कथयति— धरित्रीति । हे काळि ! त्वम् एकाः अद्वैतरूपाः कल्याणीः सर्वमङ्गळा, गिरिशरमणीः सदाशिवमनोहारिणीः धरित्रीः पृथ्वीरूपाः त्वं कीळाळम्ः जळम्, त्वं शुचिरिपः अग्निरिपः त्वं समीरोऽपिः वायुरिपः, गगनमः अगकाशस्त्वम् , सकळमः तत्त्वसमूहोऽपि त्वम् । अतः ते तव का स्तुतिः ! अधिकाविधकगुणकथनम् । हे मातः ! तव करुणयाः, अगतिकं ज्ञानहीनं मामुहिश्य त्वं प्रसन्ना भूयाः प्रसन्ना भव । भवमनुः संसारं ळक्ष्यीकृत्यः, मम जनुः ; जन्म न भूयात् ॥ १४ ॥

प्रसन्नाया देव्या अनुप्रहेण पुनर्जन्माभावमाह—धीरत्रीति । हे असिते ! भद्रगुणशालिनी रुद्राणी त्वमेवाद्वितीया पृथिव्यतेजोवाय्वाकाशरूपासि किल ! हे मातः ! हप्टान्तोपमादीनां त्वद्वपतिरिक्तत्वामावात् का त्वदीया स्तुतिः ? अतः स्वकारुण्येन अनन्यगतिकं मां त्वं प्रसन्धा भूयाः ; मम जननं पुनर्जन्माभावमनुभूयचेति मावः ॥ १४॥

जगतः कर्ममूलकत्वात् महानीलक्षमसाधने अधुनापि महत्कलं प्रदर्शयति— इमशानस्थ इति । हे महाकालि! यो जनः श्मशानस्थः; शवानां शयनं श्मशानम् तत्रस्थः, स्वस्थः; सुखासीनः, गल्विचिकुरः; मुक्तकेशः, दिक्पटधरः; दिगम्बरः, तव ध्याननिरतः सन्, आकीर्णं सहस्रं कुसुमं; पुष्पं, निगिलतिवीर्येण युक्तं मनुं मन्त्रं जपन्, प्रत्येकं त्वत् तुभ्यं ददाति त्वदिति चतुर्थ्यथं पश्चमी । अपि निश्चयेन । स्वैरं, स्वच्छन्दं, धरित्रीपरिबृढः; पृथ्वीपतिर्भवति ॥ १९॥

तान्त्रिकप्रयोगमाह—श्मशानस्थ इति । हे महाकालिके ! महाश्मशानस्थो निश्चलान्तःकरणः कीर्णकेशः दिगम्बरः ते ध्यानासक्तः अर्कसिमधां सहस्रं स्वगलित-शुक्रेण युतं कुसुमं (लता कामलता स्वस्नीरजश्च) एतत्सर्वमेकीकृत्य मन्त्रमि जपन् प्रत्येकं जुहोति, स भक्तः स्वेच्छ्यैव सकलपृथिवीनायको भवतीति स्तैति ॥ १५॥

महाचीनमहानील्साधनाभ्यामुभाभ्यामैहिकामुष्मिकातिशयापूर्व प्रपञ्चयित—गृहे इति । हे कालि! गृहे; योन्याक्षेषे, संमार्जन्या:; शिश्वस्य, परिगल्तिबीजं; रत्यवसान-गिलतिबीयम्, योनिशिश्वगिलतिबीजयुक्तं समूलं चिकुरं योनिशिश्वलोमिवशेषशब्दसा-मान्यपरत्वम् । प्रेम्णा; भक्त्या, मनुं; मन्त्रं, समुचार्य, सकृदिपः; एकवारमिप, कुजिदिने; मक्कल्वासरे, मध्याह्रे; अहनशब्दस्य अहोरात्रिवाचकतया नील्साधनस्य रात्रिकृततया च तिह्वसीयसायंकाले चितायां वितरित । हि निश्चयेन, सततं निरन्तरं, क्षितिपरिबृढः; पृथिव्या अधिपः, सत्कविवरः; कवीनां श्रेष्ठः सन् गजारूढो याति ॥ १६ ॥

प्रकारान्तरेणाह — ग्रहे इति । हे कालि ! ग्रहे संमार्जनं कर्म कर्न्याः अविच्छिनं परितः स्ववीर्यसक्तं केशं भक्त्या असकृत् मनुं पठित्वा, मध्याह्नकाले मङ्गलवासरे चितायां यः समर्पयिति ; स भक्तः पृथ्वीपालको नागारूढः सन् निरन्तरं महाकवि– प्रतीक्ष्यभ्य भवति ।। १६ ॥

गन्धर्वाख्यक्रमसाधनेन फलविशेषविधानं करोति—स्वपुष्पेरिति। यः; भक्तः, कुसुमधनुषः; कंदर्पस्य, मन्दिरम्; स्वपुष्पेः आकीर्णम्; रजोयुक्तम्, पुरोऽमे, ध्यायन् ध्यायन्; ध्यात्वा ध्यात्वा, यदि तव मनुं जपति, स गन्धर्वश्रेणीपतिरिप, अपिः-सकामे, गन्धर्वश्रेणीपतिः स्यात्। स कवित्वामृतनदीनदीनः; कवित्वरूपामृतप्रवाहनदीनः समुद्रः, गभीराशय इति यावत्। पर्यन्ते परमपदलीनः; परि सर्वतोभावेन, अन्ते अन्तकाले परमपदे लीनः, प्रभवति प्रकर्षण लीनो भवतीत्यर्थः॥ १७॥

पुनरपि प्रयोगान्तरेण फलं दर्शयति द्वाम्याम् स्वपुष्पैरिति । अहो इत्य-

स्युत्क्रष्टसंबोधने, यः साधकः, स्वरजोभिः पूर्णं मदनमन्दिरं पुरो ध्यात्वा ध्यात्वा, यदि तव परमं मनुं जपति, स साधको देवगायकपङ्क्तिनायक इव कवित्वपीयूषवाहिनी-वाहिनीनः ;

तथा च कालीतन्त्रे---

" कुलागारं पुष्पिताया ध्यात्वा यो जपते नरः । अयुतैकप्रमाणेन साधकः स्थिरमानसः । केवलं गुप्तभावेन स तु विद्यानिधिर्भवेत् ॥ "

इत्युक्तदिशा स भक्तः विद्यानिधिर्भवति । अपि च ;

" संस्थाप्य वाममागे तु शक्ति स्वामिपरायणम् । रक्तत्रस्वपरीधानां शिवमन्त्रधरां शुमाम् ॥ या शक्तिः सा महादेवी हररूपस्तु साधकः । अन्योन्यचिन्तनाद्देवि देवत्वसुपपद्यते ॥ "

इति रुद्रयामलोकेः स्वस्नीविषय एवेदम् , "तयोरिप बिले बलात्" इति दक्षिणा-चारतन्त्रवाष्याच । अत्र निरुत्तरतन्त्रवचनं प्रमाणम्—

> "दक्षवामकुलाचारा अन्योन्यं ते विरोधिनः । तस्मात्तैस्तैर्य आचारः सैव माह्यो न चान्यया ॥ "

इति । अन्तकाले परमपदे श्रीमहाकालमहाकालीसारूप्यपदे लीनो मवतीति ॥ १७॥

पुनर्ध्यानमेदेन चीनसाधनमेदादुपचयाधिक्यं प्रतिपादयति— त्रिपचारे पीठ इति । अयि जननि ! त्रिपचारे ; पच्चत्रिकोणात्मकयन्त्रे पीठे, शवशिवहृदि ; शवाकार-शिवहृदि, स्थितामिति शेषः । स्मेरवदनाम् ; ईषद्भास्यमुखीम् , उचैः ; अतिशयेन, मदनग्सलावण्यनिरताम् ; महाकालेन सह शृङ्काररसनिमग्नाम् , यो जनः भक्तः, स्वयमि रतानन्दनिरतः समासक्तः ; अत्यन्तं निमग्नः सन् , नक्तम् ; रात्रौ, त्वां ध्यायेत् , स स्मरहरः ; शिव एव स्यात् ॥ १८॥ त्रिपञ्चार इति । हे अम्ब! त्रिपञ्चारे पीठे; पञ्चत्रिकोणात्मकयन्त्रे । तल्लक्षणमाह कालिकश्रुतौ, "त्रिकोणं नवकोणं पद्मम् " इति । अन्यचः

> "आदौ त्रिकोणं विन्यस्य त्रिकोणं तद्वहिर्न्यसेत्। ततो वै विलिखेन्मन्त्री त्रिकोणत्रयमुत्तमम्।। ततो वृत्तं समालिख्य लिखेदष्टदलं ततः। वृत्तं विलिख्य विधिवल्लिखेद्गूपुरमेककम्।।"

इति कालीतन्त्रोक्तेः, ''मध्ये तु बैन्दवं चकं बीजं माया विमूषितम्'' इति कुमारीकल्पवचनात्, ''पश्चशक्तिं समालिल्य अधोवक्त्रीं सुलक्षणाम्'' इति नीलातन्त्रोक्तेश्व । एवंविधोक्ते पञ्चदशारे पीठ इत्यर्थः । अत्र शवरूपमहेश्वरवक्षिति महाकालेन सहोचकैः सुरतकीडासौन्दर्यासक्तां भक्तः स्वयमि रात्रावत्यासको रितरसानन्दतत्परः सन् त्वां चिन्तयेत्, स भक्तः ;

''जीवः शिवः शिवो जीवः स जीवः केवलः शिवः । पाशबद्धस्तथा जीवः पाशमुक्तः सदाशिवः ॥''

इति स्कन्दोपनिषदुक्तेः पाशाष्टकपरिच्छेदनेन स्मरहरः शिव एव भवति । किलेति प्रसिद्धयर्थे ॥ १८ ॥

विहितबिट्दानेन विविधित दर्शयनाह—सङोमास्थीति। अयि असिते! कािले ! अय वा न सिता न बद्धा, सितं बन्धने, त्वया सर्वे बद्धाः, त्वां न कोऽपि बद्धं शक्त इत्यर्थः। स्वेरम्; स्वच्छन्दं यथा स्यात्तथा; मार्जारं पल्लं मांसं सलोमास्थि; लोमास्थियुक्तम्, परं च औष्ट्रम्; उष्ट्रसंबन्धि, मेषं; मेषसंबन्धि, नरमिहषयोः पल्लं वा, छागस्य पल्लं वा, ते; तव पूजायां बिं वितरतां, मर्त्यवसताम्; मर्त्यलोके वसनां साधूनाम्, प्रतिपदं; स्थाने स्थाने सर्वा अपूर्वा अचिन्तनीया सिद्धः, प्रभवति प्रकर्षण भवतीत्यर्थः॥ १९॥

वामदक्षिणमार्गव्यवस्थाक्रमेण बलिदानव्यवस्थामाह—सलोमास्थीति । हे कालि! सकचकुत्यं वैदालं च कामेलकं छागं नृष्ठुलाययोराजं वा मांसं तव पूजासमये ये साघकाः बिल समर्पयन्ति, तेषां मृत्युलोकनिवासिनां साघकानां प्रतिक्षणं समस्त-सिद्धिनिकरो नवनवः प्रादुर्भवति । अत्र तन्त्रोक्तानि बिलदानप्रतिपादकानि वचनानि क्षत्रियपराणि । त्राह्मणस्य साक्षात्पश्चबिलदानं नास्ति । कि तुः—

> "बाह्मणस्य बिलर्यत्र तत्रायं विहितः क्रमः । कृत्वा घृतमयं सिंहं नरं व्याघ्रं च भैरव ॥ अथ वा पूपविकृतं यवक्षोदमयं च वा । घातयेचन्द्रहासेन येन मन्त्रेण संस्कृतम् ॥ अवश्यविहितं यत्र मद्यं तत्र द्विजः पुनः । नारिकेलजलं कांस्ये ताम्रे वा विस्रजेन्मधु ॥ नापद्यपि द्विजो मद्यं कदाचिद्विस्रजेदपि ।"

इति कालिकापुराणवचनात्।

"पायसं तु गंजत्वेन मार्जारत्वे कुलुत्थकम् । वृन्ताकं कुक्कुटत्वेन मेषत्वेन च तुम्बिकाम् ॥ माहिषत्वे मसूराचमुष्टृत्वेन च तुम्बिकाम् ॥"

इति बृहत्तन्त्रराजोक्तेः।

" वामदक्षिणमार्गों हि कालीताराविधौ स्मृतः । द्राविडो दक्षिणः प्रोक्तो गौडो वामः प्रकीर्तितः ॥"

इति शक्तिसंगमतन्त्रवचनप्रामाण्याच बलिदाने वामदक्षिणमार्गव्यवस्था मुरूयत्वेनाव-लोकनीयेति भावः ॥ १९॥

गुरुपारंपर्यमेदेन पुरश्वरणपरिपार्टी प्रतिपादयित—वशी लक्षमिति । हे मातः! वशी; जितेन्द्रियः, हिवष्यान्नरतः दिवा युष्मचरणयुगलध्यानिषुणः लक्षं मन्त्रं प्रजपित । परम्; अपरम्, नक्तम्; रात्रो, नग्नः; दिगम्बरः, निधुवनिवनोदेन चरित, स्त्रीसङ्ग- हर्षेण तत्त्वेन पाठकालविधायकत्वेन च, सम्यक् अखण्डं मनुं लक्षं लक्षसंख्यं जपेत्, स श्वितितले; पृथिव्यां, स्मरहरसमानः; शिवतुल्यः स्यात् । किलेति प्रसिद्धौ ॥ २०॥

मोगव्यवस्थां रात्रिदिवमेदेन, द्विविधं पुरश्वरणं च दर्शयति—वशीति । हे मातः! हविष्यात्रमक्षणपरो नियतेन्द्रियो मक्तः, तव पादपङ्कुजचिन्तनपरः सन् , दिवसे लक्षसंख्याकं मूलमन्त्रं जपति । च पुनः, रात्रौ नमः सन् सुरतक्रीडया लक्षसंख्यापरि-मितं मन्त्रं द्वृतविलम्बादिदोषराहित्येन यो जपेत् , स पृथिव्यां शिवतुत्येश्वयौं भवेत् । तदुक्तम्—''भोगः स्वकीयकान्ताभिर्दक्षिणाचार इत्ययम्'' इति दक्षिणाचारतन्त्र-राजवचनाचेति भावः ॥ २०॥

मन्त्रोद्वारसिहतत्वेन पाठकाळे विधायकत्वेन च महाकवित्वफलमुपपादयित— इदं स्तोत्रमिति । हे मातः! यः; भक्तः, इदं तव स्वरूपाल्यम्; स्वरूपकथनं स्तोत्रम्, निशार्धम्; निशीथम्, अथ वा पूजाकाळे पठित । तुरवधारणे, तस्य आलापोऽपि; अनर्थकवचनमि, कवित्वामृतरसः सन् प्रसरित । तव मनुसमुद्धारणजनुः, तव मनूनां मन्त्राणां समुद्धरणस्य जनुः जन्म स्थानम्, पादम्बुजयुगलपूजाविधियुतम्; पादाम्बुज-युगलस्य पूजाया विधिः, तेन युतमित्यर्थः ॥ २१॥

स्तोत्रस्यास्य पठनफलमाह—इदमिति । हेमातः ! इदम् ; त्वदीयद्वार्वि-शत्यक्षरात्मकमूलमन्त्रप्रादुर्भावं चरणकमलयुगलनमस्यासिहतं स्वरूपारूयं स्तोत्रम् । अत्र पूजाशब्देन ध्यानं लक्ष्यते ; पूजायाः कुत्राप्यनुक्तत्वात् । निशीथकाले, अथ वा पूजासमये यः पठित, तस्य अननुसंघानेन यित्किचिद् भाषणमि किनत्विपीयूषसिर-दूपैव प्रसरतीति भावः ॥ २१ ॥

अनेन स्वरूपाख्यस्तोत्रपाठेनेहामुत्र च भोगमोक्षौ मनोऽभिलिषितं फलं च लभत इत्याह—कुरङ्गाक्षीबृन्दभिति । तम्; स्तोत्रपाठम्, प्रेम्णा तरलं; चञ्चलम्, कुरङ्गाक्षीबृन्दम्; स्त्रीसमूहः, अनुसरित अनुगच्छति । कुवेरप्रतिनिधिः; कुवेरतुल्यः, क्षोणीपितरिप तस्य वशः; वशवर्ती । तस्य रिपुः कारागारं कलयित गच्छति । तत्तस्य केलिकल्या; लीलाविनोदेन, स्वेच्छयेति यावत् । चिरं जीवन्मुक्तः; चिरं चिरकालम्, जीवन् सन् मुक्तः कैवल्यं प्रामोति । स यदि मुक्तिं नेच्छति, तिई प्रतिजनुः जन्मिन जन्मिन, भक्तश्च प्रभवति प्रकर्षण भवतीत्पर्थः ॥ २२ ॥

सर्वगुणायाः सकलगुणकथनात्स्वरूपाख्यं स्तोत्रमुपसंहरति—इति महाकाल-विरचितमिति।

इति श्रीकर्पूरस्तवराजस्य व्याख्या रहस्यार्थसाधिका समाप्ता

सामान्येन देव्या नामकीर्तनादेव बन्धकत्विनवृत्तिः, किमु साधकतयेति फलश्रुतिमाह — कुरङ्गाक्षीति ! प्रेमचपलं सुन्दरीयूथं तं साधकमनुसरित च, कुवेरतुल्यः
सकलसर्वेसहानायकः तस्य आज्ञाकारी भवति । तस्य क्रीडालेशेनाहितोऽपि बन्दिग्रहं सेवते । "बहूनां जन्मनामन्ते ज्ञानवान् मां प्रपद्यते" इति स्मृतेः । स
साधकः प्रतिजन्म चिरं जीवन् सन् देवताप्रसादाधिगतपरमार्थज्ञानेन मुक्तपाशाष्टकतया मुक्तो भवति ।

"कलौ काली महाविद्या कलौ काली तु सिद्धिदा। कलौ काली सुसिद्धा च कलौ काली वरप्रदा।। कलौ काली विहायाथ यः कश्चित्सिद्धिकामुकः। स तु शक्तिं विना देवि रितसंभोगिमिच्छिति।।"

इति महाकालसंहिता वचनात्। तथान्यत्र,

"युगादिसमये देवि शिवं परगुणोत्तरम् । तदिच्छानिर्गुणं शान्तं सचिदानन्दविग्रहम् ॥ शाश्वतं सुन्दरं शुभ्रं सर्वदेवयुतं वरम् । आदिनाथं गुणातीतं काल्यासंयुतमीश्वरम् ॥ विपरीतरतं देवं सामरस्यपरायणम् ।"

इत्यादि ।

" बाह्यणेन तथा कार्य बाह्यण्यं न विनश्यति । बाह्यणो मदिरां दृष्ट्वा बाह्यण्यादेव हीयते ।। प्राणावरं प्रयच्छन्तु बाह्यणो नार्चयेत्सुराम् ।"

इति शक्तिसंगमतन्त्रोक्तेः।

"यो दाक्षिण्यं विना विप्रो महाकालीं प्रपूजयेत्। स पापी स्वर्गलोकात्तु च्युतो मवति रोगघृक्॥

विप्रो यः पूजको वामः सोऽन्यायी पुण्यवर्जितः।"

इति कालिकापुराणत्।

"स्वपन् तिष्ठन् व्रजन्मार्गे प्रलपन् भोजने रतः। कीर्तयेत्सततं देवीं स वै मुच्येत बन्घनात्।।"

इति पद्मपुराणावचनाच देव्युपासनाया महामहिमातिशयं प्रदर्शितमिति शिवम् ॥२२॥

इति श्रीकपूरस्तवराजटीका सुबोधिनी समाप्ता

कर्पूरस्तवराजीयन्याख्यानयुगळं मुदा । त्वदीयचरणाम्मोजे जगदम्ब समर्पये ॥

APPENDIX II

श्लोकार्घानामनुक्रमः

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APPENDIX III

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अमर:	गम्य॰ मा॰ त॰	पात॰ स्॰	रा॰ त॰
अर्ग॰ स्तो॰	गा॰ त॰	সা ण• उ ०	হ র •
असिता•	गुप्ता॰ त॰	फेट्॰ त॰	वर्णा०
कठ० उ०	गोर॰ सं॰	बृह• त•	वासि॰ रा•
कु॰ र॰	घेर० सं•	बृह० रा०	वि० चू०
काम॰ त॰	छा॰ उ॰	महा॰ उ॰	विशु० त०
कामा॰ त॰	ज्ञानसं• त•	ज़ ० बि० उ०	विश्व० त०
কা॰ ক॰	तन्त्र०	भ० गी०	वि० या०
का॰ उ॰	तन्त्राभि ॰	भूत० त०	शक्ति॰ त॰
का॰ त॰	तारा॰ क∙	भै॰ त•	হাকি •
का॰ पु॰	तारा• र•	महा• सं•	যাক্ত ব॰
काली॰ स॰	तोड॰ त॰	महा॰ स्तो॰	शार॰ ति॰
কা॰ খ্ৰু•	সি ণু टा ৹	महा० नि० त०	शि० गी०
का० ह०	সিg• स•	मातृ॰ त॰	शि० घ०
कुब्जि॰ त॰	द० त•	मार्क० पु०	शि॰ सं॰
कुमा॰ क॰	दे• गी॰	महो ॰	शি॰ च॰
कुल॰ त•	दे॰ मा॰	मुण्ड॰ उ॰	श्या॰ क॰
कूर्म •	दे॰ स्•	मे॰ को॰	श्या॰ र॰
केवस्य०	निष्० त०	याज्ञ ॰ सं ॰	स॰ स्तो॰
কীজা॰ ব॰	नि• त•	याम•	स्तो•

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	पुटसंख्या	gटसं ख ्या	
अद्भुतरामायणम्	9०३	क्रमस्तोत्रम् ९९, १०१, १०२, १०५, १०८	
अन्दाकल्प:	976	गन्धर्वतन्त्रमू९७,१०२,११२,११३,१२६,१२७	
अमर:,	926	गन्धर्वमालिकातन्त्रम् १२२	
अर्गलास्तोत्रम्	999	गायत्रीतन्त्रम् ११२	
अ सितास्तोत्रम्	१०३	गुप्तार्णवतन्त्रम् ११९	
क्ठोपनिषत्	१०२	गोरक्षसंहिता ११६	
क कारकूटारहस्यम्	922	घेरण्डसंहिता ११६, १२६	
कामघेतुतन्त्रम्	990	छान्दोग्योपनिषत् १२०	
कामाख्यातन्त्रम्	१०४, १४२	ज्ञानसंकलिनीतन्त्रम् १००, १२१	
कालिकापुराणम्	188, 184, 186	तन्त्रकल्पह्रमः १००, ११६, १२३, १२८	
कालिकाश्रुति:	९७, १०९, १४३	तन्त्रान्तरम् १०५	
कालिकोपनिषत्	909, 906	तन्त्राभिधानम् १०२, १०३, १०७	
काली ङ् लसर्वस्वम्	१०७, १३०	ताराकल्पः १०५, ११६	
कालीकम:	994	तारारहस्यम् ९८, १०२, १२१, १२४	
कालीतन्त्रम्	१२५, १४२, १४३	तोडलतन्त्रम् १००	
कालीहृदयम्	50	त्रिपुटास्तोत्रम् ११८	
कुव्जिकातन्त्रम्	994	त्रिपुरासारसमुख्यः १००	
कुमारीकल्प:	१४३	दक्षिणाचारतन्त्रराजम् १४२, १४५	
कुलार्णवम् ११६,	१२२, १२४,, १२५,	देवीगीता १०१, १०४, ११०, १११, १२५	
	928, 930, 930, 936	देवीमाहात्म्यम् ९७, १०८, ११३, ११४,	
कूर्मपुराणम्	994, 998	97. 970	
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वद्मपुराणम्	940	राधातन्त्रम्	990
पात ज्ञ लस् त्रम्	923	रु यामलम्	१२१, १४३
प्राणामिहोत्रोप निष र	1 923	वर्णाभिधानम्	900
फे ट्कारिणीतन्त्रम्	994	वासिष्ठरामा यणम्	99३
बृहत्तन्त्र राजम्	988	विवेकचूडामणि:	१०२
बृहन्नीलतन्त्रम्	१०४, १२८	विशुद्धेश्वरत न्त्र म्	130
बहाबिन्द् पनिषत्	900	विश्वसारतन्त्रम्	109, 990
ब ह्योपनिषत्	१०२	विष् णुया मलम्	998
भगवद्गीता	११५, १२६, १४६	शक्तिसङ्गमतन्त्रम्	144
, भूतशुद्धितन्त्रम्	१०९, १२४	शक्तागम:	928
भैरवतन्त्रम्	106, 190	शाकानन्दतरङ्गिण।	100, 188
महाकालसंहिता ९	९, ११३, १२०, १३०,१४६	शार दातिलकम्	992
महाकालीस्तोत्रम्	998	शिवगीता	१२८
महानिर्वाणतन्त्र म्	102, 111, 112, 121	शिवधर्मो त्तरम्	906
महोपनिषत्	922	शिवसंहिता	१२४, १२५
मातृकामेदतन्त्र <u>म</u> ्	१२३	शिवार्चनचन्द्रिका	925
मार्क ंडे यपुराणम्	9•६	रयामाकवचम्	906
मुण्ड कोपनिषत्	9 0 8	रयामारहस्यम्	920
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अभ्यासाज्ञायते सिद्धः, १२५, शिव० सं० ४-९
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