

कालभैरवाष्टकम्

श्रीगणेशाय नमः

देवाराजसेव्यमानपावनाङ्घ्रिपंकजं व्यालयज्ञसूत्रमिन्दुशेखरं कृपाकरम् ।
नारदादियोगिवृन्दवन्दितं दिगंबरं काशिकापुराधिनाथ - कालभैरवं भजे ॥ १ ॥

भानुकोटिभास्वरं भवाब्धितारकं परं नीलकण्ठमीप्सितार्थदायकं त्रिलोचनम् ।
कालकालमंबुजाक्षमक्षशूलमक्षरं काशिकापुराधिनाथकालभैरवं भजे ॥ २ ॥

शूलटङ्कपाशदंडपाणिमादिकारणं श्यामकायमादिदेवमक्षरं निरामयम् ।
भीमविक्रमं प्रभुं विचित्रतांडवप्रियं काशिका ॥ ३ ॥

भुक्तिमुक्तिदायकं प्रशस्तचारुविग्रहं भक्तवत्सलं स्थितं समस्तलोकविग्रहम् ।
विनिक्वणन्मनेज्जहेमकिङ्किणीलसत्कटिं काशिका ॥ ४ ॥

धर्मसेतुपालकं त्वधर्ममार्गनाशकं कर्मपाशमोचकं सुशर्मदायकं विभुम् ।
स्वर्णवर्णशेषपाशशोभिताङ्गमण्डलं काशिका ॥ ५ ॥

रत्नपादुकाप्रभारामपादयुग्मकं नित्यमद्वितीयमिष्टदैवतं निरञ्जनम् ।
मृत्युदर्पनाशनं करालदंशमोक्षणं काशिका ॥ ६ ॥

अट्टहासभिन्न-पद्मजाण्डकोशसन्ततिं दृष्टिपातनष्टपापजालमुग्रशासनम् ।
अष्टसिद्धिदायकं कपालमौलिकन्धरं काशिका ॥ ७ ॥

भूतसङ्घनायकं विशालकीर्तिदायकं काशिवासलोकपुण्यपापशोधकं विभुम् ।
नीतिमार्गकोविदं पुरातनं जगत्पतिं काशिका ॥ ८ ॥

कालभैरवाष्टकम् पठन्ति ये मनोहरं ज्ञानमुक्तिसाधनं विचित्रपुण्यवर्धनम् ।
शोकमोहदैन्यलोभकोपतापनाशनं ते प्रयान्ति कालभैरवाङ्घ्रिसन्निधिम् नार ध्रुवम् ॥ ९ ॥

इति श्रीमच्छङ्कराचार्यविरचितं कालभैरवाष्टकम् सम्पूर्णम् ।

Kālabhairavāṣṭakam

śrīgaṇeśāya namaḥ

devārājasevyamānapāvanāṅghripaṅkajaṃ vyālayajñasūtraminduśekharaṃ kṛpākaram ।
nāradādiyogivṛndavanditaṃ digambaraṃ kāśikāpurādhinātha - kālabhairavaṃ bhaje ॥ १ ॥

bhānukoṭibhāsvaraṃ bhavābdhitāraṃ paraṃ nīlakaṅṭhamīpsitārthadāyakaṃ trilocanam ।
kālakālamambujākṣamakṣaśūlamakṣaraṃ kāśikāpurādhināthakālabhairavaṃ bhaje ॥ २ ॥

śūlaṭaṅkapāśadaṃḍapāṇimādikāraṇaṃ śyāmakāyamādi devamakṣaraṃ nirāmayam |
bhīmavikramaṃ prabhuṃ vicitratāṃḍavapriyaṃ kāśikā || 3 ||

bhuktimuktidāyakaṃ praśastacāruvighraṃ bhaktavatsalaṃ sthitaṃ samastalokavighraṃ |
vinikvaṇanmanejñahemakinīṅīlasatkaṭiṃ kāśikā || 4 ||

dharmasetupālakaṃ tvadharmamārganāśakaṃ karmapāśamocakaṃ suśarmadāyakaṃ vibhum |
svaṇavarṇaśeṣapāśaśobhitāṅgamaṇḍalaṃ kāśikā || 5 ||

ratnapādukāprabhābhīrāmapādayugmakam nityamadvitīyamiṣṭadaivataṃ nirañjanam |
mṛtyudarpanāśanaṃ karāladaṃśamokṣaṇaṃ kāśikā || 6 ||

aṭṭahāsabhinna-padmajāṅḍakośasantatiṃ dṛṣṭipātanaṣṭapāpajālamugraśāsanam |
aṣṭasiddhidāyakaṃ kapālamaulikandharam kāśikā || 7 ||

bhūtasāṅghanāyakaṃ viśālakīrtidāyakaṃ kāśivāsalokapūṇyapāpāśodhakaṃ vibhum |
nītimārgakovidam purātanam jagatpatiṃ kāśikā || 8 ||

kālabhairavāṣṭakam paṭhanti ye manoharam jñānamuktisādhanaṃ vicitrapūṇyavardhanam |
śokamohadainyalobhakopatāpanāśanam te prayānti kālabhairavāṅghrisannidhim nāra dhruvam || 9 ||

iti śrīmacchaṅkarācāryaviracitaṃ kālabhairavāṣṭakam sampūraṇam |

The Kāla Bhairava Aṣṭakam

1. I worship Kāla Bhairava, the Supreme Lord of Kāśī, the sky-clothed, extolled by Nārada and many other yogis, the compassionate one, the moon-crested one whose sacred thread is a snake, whose sanctified feet are served by the King of Gods.
2. I worship Kāla Bhairava, the Supreme Lord of Kāśī, the undying, the lotus-eyed, [who appears with] dice and a trident, vanquisher of death, blue-throated bestower of the desired aim, the supreme, deliverer from the ocean of worldly existence, who is as brilliant as ten thousand suns.
3. I worship Kāla Bhairava, the Supreme Lord of Kāśī, lover of the wonderful tāṇḍava dance, the eternal, the terribly powerful, imperishable bestower of wellness, the primal cause, who has a trident, an ax, and a noose in hand.
4. I worship Kāla Bhairava, the Supreme Lord of Kāśī, granter of fruition and liberation, of a laudable, pleasing form, kind to his devotees, steadfast, who extends and pervades the whole world, whose hips are adorned with shining golden bells which jingle pleasantly.
5. I worship Kāla Bhairava, the Supreme Lord of Kāśī, whose remaining limb-adorning golden cords are themselves serpents, the ethereal, bestower of refuge and protection, protector of Dharma and destroyer of the Adharmic path.

6. I worship Kāla Bhairava, the Supreme Lord of Kāśī, upon whose two feet bejeweled slippers shine splendidly, who is steadfast and unsurpassed, the desired object of worship who is without blemish, destroyer of death's conceit, whose dreadful fangs rend fetters.
7. I worship Kāla Bhairava, the Supreme Lord of Kāśī, giver of the eight powers whose neck is garlanded with skulls, whose striking glance destroys the evil web of the cruel precepts, whose loud laughter shatters the egg of Brahmā which is the limit of the expanse.
8. I worship Kāla Bhairava, the Supreme Lord of Kāśī, ruler of the universe, the primeval, the ethereal, chief of the consortium of demons, bestower of great fame, whose abode is Kāśī: the universe's sacred space and the purgative of the accursed.
9. Those who read the Kāla Bhairava Aṣṭakam - this fascinating means to [achieve] liberation - will advance the growth of beautiful virtue and the destruction of torment, anger, greed, affliction, ignorance, and sorrow.