

## KAALA BHAIRAV ASHTAKAM

Deva-Raaja-Sevyamaana-Paavana-Angghri-Pangkajam  
Vyaala-Yajnya-Suutram-Indu-Shekharam Krpaakaram |  
Naarada-[A]adi-Yogi-Vrnda-Vanditam Digambaram  
Kaashikaa-Pura-Adhinaatha-Kaalabhairavam Bhaje || 1 ||

Bhaanu-Kotti-Bhaasvaram Bhavaabdhi-Taarakam Param  
Niila-Kannttham-lipsita-Artha-Daayakam Trilocanam |  
Kaala-Kalam-Ambuja-Akssam-Akssa-Shuulam-Akssaram  
Kaashikaa-Pura-Adhinaatha-Kaalabhairavam Bhaje || 2 ||

Shuula-Ttangka-Paasha-Dannda-Paannim-Aadi-Kaarannam  
Shyaama-Kaayam-Aadi-Devam-Akssaram Nir-Aamayam |  
Bhiimavikramam Prabhum Vicitra-Taannddava-Priyam  
Kaashikaa-Pura-Adhinaatha-Kaalabhairavam Bhaje || 3 ||

Bhukti-Mukti-Daayakam Prashasta-Caaru-Vigraham  
Bhakta-Vatsalam Sthitam Samasta-Loka-Vigraham |  
Vi-Nikvannan-Manojnya-Hema-Kingkinnii-Lasat-Kattim  
Kaashikaa-Pura-Adhinaatha-Kaalabhairavam Bhaje || 4 ||

Dharma-Setu-Paalakam Tvadharmam-Maarga-Naashakam  
Karma-Paasha-Mocakam Su-Sharma-Daayakam Vibhum |  
Svarnna-Varnna-Shessa-Paasha-Shobhitaangga-Mannddalam  
Kaashikaa-Pura-Adhinaatha-Kaalabhairavam Bhaje || 5 ||

Ratna-Paadukaa-Prabhaabhi-Raama-Paada-Yugmakam  
Nityam-Advitiiyam-Isstta-Daivatam Niramjanam |  
Mrtyu-Darpa-Naashanam Karaala-Damssttra-Mokssannam  
Kaashikaa-Pura-Adhinaatha-Kaalabhairavam Bhaje ||6||

Atttta-Haasa-Bhinna-Padmaja-Anndda-Kosha-Samtatim  
Drsstti-Paata-Nasstta-Paapa-Jaalam-Ugra-Shaasanam |  
Asstta-Siddhi-Daayakam Kapaala-Maalikaa-Dharam  
Kaashikaa-Pura-Adhinaatha-Kaalabhairavam Bhaje ||7||

Bhuuta-Samgha-Naayakam Vishaala-Kiirti-Daayakam  
Kaashi-Vaasa-Loka-Punnya-Paapa-Shodhakam Vibhum |  
Niiti-Maarga-Kovidam Puraatanam Jagatpatim  
Kaashikaapuraadhinaathakaalabhairavam Bhaje ||8||

Kaalabhairavaassttakam Patthamti Ye Manoharam  
Jnyaana-Mukti-Saadhanam Vicitra-Punnya-Vardhanam |  
Shoka-Moha-Dainya-Lobha-Kopa-Taapa-Naashanam  
Prayaanti Kaalabhairava-Amghri-Sannidhim Naraa Dhruvam ||9||

Meaning:

1.1: (Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava) Whose Lotus-Feet is Served by Indra, the King of the Devas.

1.2: Who has a Snake as His Sacrificial Thread, Moon on His Head and Who is Extremely Compassionate.

1.3: Who is Praised by sage Narada and other Yogis, and Who is Digambara (Clothed by Sky, signifying that He is Ever-Free).

1.4: Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava Who is the Supreme Lord of the City of Kasi.

Meaning:

2.1: (Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava) Who has the Brilliance of a Million Suns, Who Rescues us from the Ocean of Worldly Existence and Who is Supreme.

2.2: Who has a Blue Throat, Who Bestows us with Worldly Prosperity which we Wish for and Who has Three Eyes.

2.3: Who is the Death of the Death [i.e. beyond death], Who is Lotus-Eyed, Whose Trident Supports the Three Worlds and Who is Imperishable.

2.4: Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava Who is the Supreme Lord of the City of Kasi.

Meaning:

3.1: (Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava) Who has Trident, Hatchet, Noose and Club in His Hands and Who is the Primordial Cause of the Universe.

3.2: Whose Body is Dark, Who is the Primordial Lord, Who is Imperishable and Who is beyond Diseases [of the World],

3.3: Who is the Lord with Terrific Prowess and Who Loves the Strange, Vigorous Tandava Dance.

3.4: Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava Who is the Supreme Lord of the City of Kasi.

Meaning:

4.1: (Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava) Who is the Giver of Worldly Prosperity and Liberation and Who has an Auspicious Pleasing Form.

4.2: Who is Kind and Loving to His Devotees and Who Stands Firm as the Deity of All the Lokas.

4.3: Who has Shining Golden Bells around His Waist which Jingles Creating a Variety of Pleasing Sounds.

4.4: Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava Who is the Supreme Lord of the City of Kasi.

Meaning:

5.1: (Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava) Who Guards the Established Institution of the Eternal Dharma and Destroy the Paths of Adharma which are averse to the Eternal Dharma (by leading the devotee towards the Eternal Dharma).

5.2: Who is the Lord who Frees us from the Fetters of Karma (binding impressions of work on our minds accumulated during several births) thereby Giving us [by Revealing] the Great Joy [of the Soul].

5.3: Who is Adorned with Golden-Coloured Serpents encircling His Body.

5.4: Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava Who is the Supreme Lord of the City of Kasi.

Meaning:

6.1: (Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava) Whose Charming Beautiful Pair of Feet Shine with Sandals Studded with Gems.

6.2: Who is the Eternal, Non-Dual, Ishtha Devata and Who is Stainless and Pure.

6.3: Who Destroys the Pride of Death (manifested as Fear within us) and Whose Large Terrible Fangs Liberate us (from the Fear of Death).

6.4: Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava Who is the Supreme Lord of the City of Kasi.

Meaning:

7.1: (Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava) Whose Loud Terrific Laughter Shatters the Continuity of the Sheath of Creation (delusion of our mind) of the Lotus-Born Brahma from the Primeval Egg.

7.2: Whose Terrific Glance Destroys the Net of the Powerful and Mighty Rule of Sins (in our mind).

7.3: Who Bestows the Eight Siddhis and Who Wear a Garland of Skulls.

7.4: Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava Who is the Supreme Lord of the City of Kasi.

Meaning:

8.1: (Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava) Who is the Ruler of Ghosts and Goblins and Who Bestows Great Glory to us (by revealing the Glory of the Self).

8.2: Who is the Lord who Purges both the Merits and the Sins of the Persons Dwelling in Kasi (thus revealing the Self in its pristine beauty).

8.3: Who is Skilled in Guiding us in the Path of Righteousness and Who is the most Ancient (i.e. Eternal) Lord of the Universe.

8.4: Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava Who is the Supreme Lord of the City of Kasi.

Meaning:

9.1: (Salutations to Sri Kalabhairava) Those who Read the Eight Verses on Sri Kalabhairava with Devotion which is Heart-Stealing and Charming,

9.2: Will be Lead straight to the Goal of Knowledge and Liberation and Will result in the Rise of Various Auspicious Qualities.

9.3: And Which Destroys (mental) Sorrows and Afflictions, Delusions and Infatuations, Wretchedness and Depressions, Passions and Anger and (mental) Heat and Burns.

9.4: And after Death the Devotee will Surely Attain the Feet of Sri Kalabhairava.