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OBEISANCE

To Kālī the spouse of Kāla, who destroys all sin and is Kāla.¹⁶⁵ She who is Tārā the Saviour the Supreme Brahmaidyā who is adored by the Lotus-born Deva.¹⁶⁶

She who is Śrīvidyā, desirous of the welfare of Sādhakas, on the path of Liberation, to whom Hari and Hara¹⁶⁷ 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 Karpūrādyā 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.

OM̐, TAT SAT, OM̐

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¹⁶⁵ The first Kāla is Mahākāla and the second is the produced Kāla.

¹⁶⁶ Brahmā.

¹⁶⁷ Viṣṇu and Rudra.