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ಓಂ ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ಮಹಾಕಾಯ ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ಜಗತೃತೇ । ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ಮಹಾಯೋಗಿನ್ ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ನಮೋSಸ್ತು ತೇ ॥ ೧॥ ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ಮಹಾದೇವ ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ಮಹಾಪ್ರಭೋ । ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ಮಹಾರುದ್ರ ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ನಮೋ ( ا ೨ ॥ ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ಮಹಾಜ್ಞಾನ ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ತಮೋऽಪಹನ್ । ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ನಮೋ (5ಸ್ಸು ತೇ ॥ ೩॥ ಭವಾಯ ಚ ನಮಸುಭ್ಯಂ ಶರ್ವಾಯ ಚ ನಮೋ ನಮಃ । ರುದ್ರಾಯ ಚ ನಮಸ್ಸುಭ್ಯಂ ಪಶೂನಾಂ ಪತಯೇ ನಮಃ ॥ ೪॥ ಉಗ್ರಾಯ ಚ ನಮಸ್ತುಭ್ಯಂ ಮಹಾದೇವಾಯ ವೈ ನಮಃ । ಭೀಮಾಯ ಚ ನಮಸುಭ್ಯಂ ಈಶಾನಾಯ ನಮೋ ನಮಃ ॥ ೫॥ ಈಶ್ವರಾಯ ನಮಸ್ಕುಭ್ಯಂ ತತ್ಪುರುಷಾಯ ವೈ ನಮ: ॥ ೬॥ ಸದ್ಯೋಜಾತ ನಮಸ್ತುಭ್ಯಂ ಶುಕ್ತವರ್ಣ ನಮೋ ನಮಃ । ಅಧಃ ಕಾಲಾಗ್ನಿರುದ್ರಾಯ ರುದ್ರರೂಪಾಯ ವೈ ನಮಃ ॥ ೭॥ ಸ್ಥಿತ್ಯುತೃತ್ಮಿಲಯಾನಾಂ ಚ ಹೇತುರೂಪಾಯ ವೈ ನಮಃ । ಪರಮೇಶ್ವರರೂಪಸ್ತ್ವಂ ನೀಲ ಏವಂ ನಮೋ (ಸ್ತು ತೇ ॥ ೮॥ ಪವನಾಯ ನಮಸ್ಸುಭ್ಯಂ ಹುತಾಶನ ನಮೋSಸ್ಗು ತೇ I ಸೋಮರೂಪ ನಮಸ್ತುಭ್ಯಂ ಸೂರ್ಯರೂಪ ನಮೋSಸ್ತು ತೇ ॥ ೯॥ ಯಜಮಾನ ನಮಸ್ತುಭ್ಯಂ ಆಕಾಶಾಯ ನಮೋ ನಮಃ । ಸರ್ವರೂಪ ನಮಸ್ಕುಭ್ಯಂ ವಿಶ್ವರೂಪ ನಮೋSಸ್ತು ತೇ ॥ ೧೦॥ ಬಹ್ಮರೂಪ ನಮಸ್ತುಭ್ಯಂ ವಿಷ್ಣುರೂಪ ನಮೋSಸ್ತು ತೇ I ರುದ್ರರೂಪ ನಮಸ್ತುಭ್ಯಂ ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ನಮೋSಸ್ತು ತೇ ॥ ೧೧॥ ಸ್ಥಾವರಾಯ ನಮಸುಭ್ಯಂ ಜಂಗಮಾಯ ನಮೋ ನಮಃ ।

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ನಮಃ ಸ್ಥಾವರಜಂಗಮಾಭ್ಯಾಂ ಶಾಶ್ವತಾಯ ನಮೋ ನಮಃ ॥ ೧೨॥
ಹುಂ ಹುಂಕಾರ ನಮಸ್ತುಭ್ಯಂ ನಿಷ್ಕಲಾಯ ನಮೋ ನಮಃ ।
ಅನಾದ್ಯಂತ ಮಹಾಕಾಲ ನಿರ್ಗುಣಾಯ ನಮೋ ನಮಃ ॥ ೧೩॥
ಪ್ರಸೀದ ಮೇ ನಮೋ ನಿತ್ಯಂ ಮೇಘವರ್ಣ ನಮೋSಸ್ತು ತೇ ।
ಪ್ರಸೀದ ಮೇ ಮಹೇಶಾನ ದಿಗ್ವಾಸಾಯ ನಮೋ ನಮಃ ॥ ೧೪॥
ಓಂ ಹ್ರೀಂ ಮಾಯಾಸ್ವರೂಪಾಯ ಸಚ್ಚಿದಾನಂದತೇಜಸೇ ।
ಸ್ವಾಹಾ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣಮಂತ್ರಾಯ ಸೋSಹಂ ಹಂಸಾಯ ತೇ ನಮಃ ॥ ೧೫॥
॥ ಫಲಶ್ರುತಿ ॥
ಇತ್ಯೇವಂ ದೇವ ದೇವಸ್ಯ ಮಹಾಕಾಲಸ್ಯ ಭೈರವಿ ।
ಕೀರ್ತಿತಂ ಪೂಜನಂ ಸಮ್ಯಕ್ ಸಾಧಕಾನಾಂ ಸುಖಾವಹಮ್ ॥ ೧೬॥
॥ ಶ್ರೀಮಹಾಕಾಲಭೈರವಸ್ತೋತ್ರಂ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣಮ್ ॥
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(verse 6 has one line in print. The text was without verse numbers in some.) It is said that Bhagavan Mahakal narrated this to Bhagavati Bhairavi. The chanting of this stotra achieves benefits of performing pUjA of Mahakal and gives happiness.

Commentary about the equivalence if Mahakal and Mahakalabhairava:

Bhagwan Maheshwara assumes the form of a Linga which itself has as many as 25 variations in terms of different shastras and agamas. These include somAskanda, kalyanasundara, trimurti, bhairava and so on. Bhairava occupies the 21st position in the aforesaid 25 variations. There are five major forms of Bhairava viz., Bhairava, vaTuka, kshetrabalaka, AbatdutdAranar, and brahmashirascheta (who removes one of the heads of Bhagwan Brahma to remove the latter's arrogance). According to this sampradaya, Bhairava is Maheshwara Himself.

Per the scripture AbhidanachintAmani, Kali Devi assumes a form derived from a spark out of Mahadeva's third eye. This spark gets smeared with the (AlakAla) poison and becomes Kali Devi to kill TarakAsura. The fire emanating from the anger of Kali killed Tarakasura; it later became a child to be fed by Her. Mahadeva integrated both Kali and Her son into

Himself. Thereafter, Mahadeva released the 8 forms of Bhairava from Himself. At the time when this yuga is sought to be dissolved (sarva samhAram), as per instructions of Mahadeva, Bhairava would roam around with His vedagnALi (dog) and decimate the world with the fire emanating from His eyes.

Since Bhairava has been created by Mahadeva, he is one of the five shivakumArA-s : Ganapati, Bhairava, vIrabhadra, skandA and ayyanAr. kAla Bhairava is one of the forms of bhairava. He rules Kasi. He is called Kala Bhairava because he holds the kAlachakra that controls the nine planets. He holds the Brahma kapala in His hands; He wears the snake as the holy thread.

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- From Sri Bhairavar in Tamil by Swarnapuri Sridharan.

We call Kala Bhairava as Maha Kala Bhairava with a superlative.

Sri Mahakala of Ujjain is one of the jyotrilinga-s of Mahadeva. He is Bhagwan Himself in a different form and not His son. Bhairava acts at the instance of Mahadeva.

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