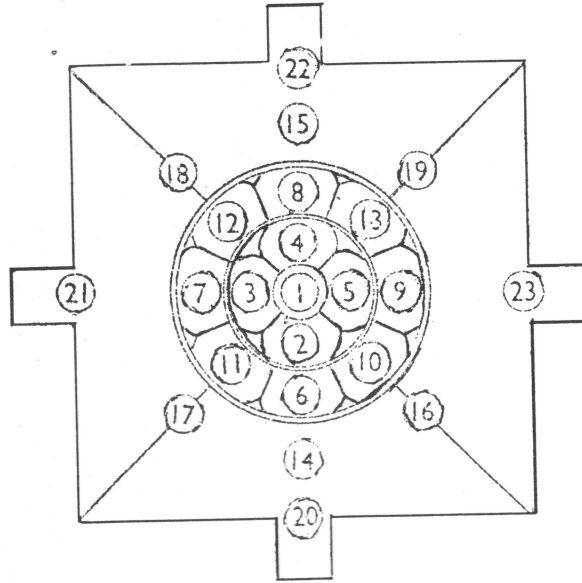


## 6a. Maṅḍala of Nairātmā



The 23deity Nairātmā (Bdag med ma<sup>1</sup>) is surrounded by Vajrā (Rdo rje ma<sup>2</sup>), Gaurī (Gau rī<sup>3</sup>),..... (Chun ma<sup>4</sup>), and Vajraḍākini (Rdo rje mkhaḥ ḥgro ma<sup>5</sup>), in the petals (दल).

In the second circle (द्वितीयपुट) are the eight goddesses: Gaurī<sup>6</sup>, Caurī<sup>7</sup>, Vetālī<sup>8</sup>, Ghasmarī<sup>9</sup>, Pukkasi<sup>10</sup>, Śabari<sup>11</sup>, Caṇḍālī<sup>12</sup>, and Ḍombī<sup>13</sup>. In Tibetan the Sanskrit names have not been translated but transcribed.

Above and below are Khecarī (Mkhaḥ spyod ma<sup>14</sup>) and Bhūcarī (Sa spyod ma<sup>15</sup>). In the corners (कोण) are Vamśā<sup>16</sup>, Viṇā<sup>17</sup>, Mukundā<sup>18</sup> and Murajā<sup>19</sup>.

The four gates are guarded by Hayāsyā (Rta gdon ma<sup>20</sup>), Śūkarāsyā (Phag gdon ma<sup>21</sup>), Śvānāsyā (Khyi gdon ma<sup>22</sup>), and Siṃhāsyā (Señ gdon ma<sup>23</sup>).

15deity Nairātmā is similar to the above except in variations of colour, āyudhas and in having only the first 15 goddesses.