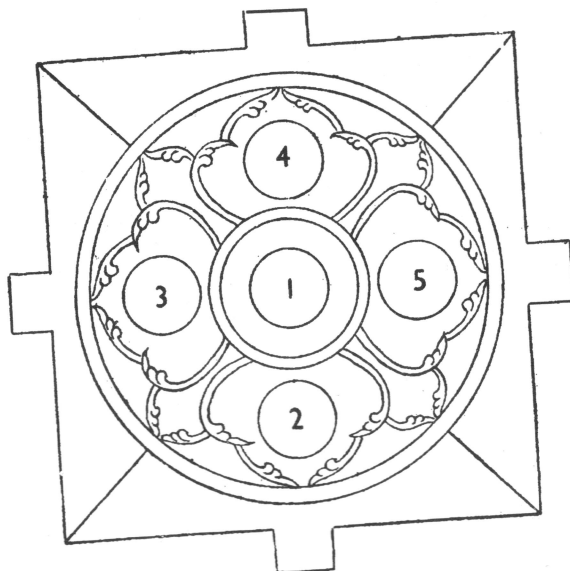


9. Maṅḍala of Mahāmāya



The central deity of this maṅḍala is Mahāmāya (Sgyu ḥphrul chen po¹), an epiphany of Heruka. He is four-faced, four-armed and his Prajñā is Buddhaḍākinī of the Akṣobhya family. He is surrounded by Vajraḍākinī (Rdo rje mkhaḥ ḥgro ma²), Ratnaḍākinī (Rin chen mkhaḥ ḥgro ma³), Padmaḍākinī (Padma mkhaḥ ḥgro ma⁴) and Viśvaḍākinī (Sna tshogs mkhaḥ ḥgro ma⁵) in the four cardinal directions.

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