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Significance of the auspicious number 1008

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Abstract

The two numbers 108 and 1008 are considered spiritually very auspicious in many religions including Hinduism, Jainism and Christianity etc. According to the ancient Hindu scriptures we are advised to do chanting (*japa*) of God's name or a particular mantra for 108 or 1008 times for a greater impact. In some religions, like in Jainism, many enlightened sages have prefixes as 108 or 1008 before their names. These numbers (108 and 1008) have also relevance in astronomy, astrology and architecture etc. Whereas many workers, including this author, have interpreted the significance of the spiritual and scientific significance of the number 108 [1], not enough work has been reported on the second auspicious number, that is, 1008. This paper describes the significance of this number, 1008 in Hinduism, Jainism, and Christianity, astronomy, astrology and architecture.

Keywords: Number 1008, Spirituality, Religion, Significance.

1. Introduction

We are often advised by our elders or masters (Gurus) or by our ancient scriptures to chant the name of God or a particular Mantra for 108 or 1008 times for a greater effect. Even a rosary (maala) has got 108 beads. In some religions, like in Jainism, many enlightened sages have prefixes as 108 or 1008 before their names. These numbers (108 and 1008) have also relevance in astronomy, astrology and architecture etc. Whereas many workers, including this author, have interpreted the significance of the spiritual and scientific significance of the number 108 [1], not enough work has been reported on the second auspicious number, that is, 1008. This paper describes the significance of this number, 1008 in Hinduism, Jainism, and Christianity, astronomy, astrology and architecture.

2. Number 1008 in Hinduism

2.1 1008 names of Maa Kaali

Following are the 1008 names of Maa Kali, along with the meaning/attribute of each name [2] for the purpose of making the chanter/devotee to pray on these aspects of Maa Kali:

- 1] Smanakalika: She who is the Remover of Darkness from the Cremation Grounds or from Death.
- 2] Kali: She who is the remover of Darkness.
- 3] Bhadrakali: She who is the Excellent Remover of Darkness.
- 4] Kapalini: She who is the Bearer of the Skulls of Impurity.
- 5] Guhyakali: She who is the Hidden or Secretive Remover of Darkness.
- 6] MahaKali: She who is the Great Remover of Darkness.
- 7] Kurukullavirodhini: She who confronts the Forces of Duality.
- 8] Kalika: She who is the cause of removing darkness.
- 9] Kalaratrisca: She who is the Dark Night of Egotism.
- 10] Mahakalanitambini: She who is the Eternal Mother of Great Time.
- 11] Kalabhairavabharya ca: She who is the Wife of the Fearfulness of Infinite Time.
- 12] Kulavartmaprakasini: She who illuminates the whole world family.
- 13] Kamada: She who is the giver of All Desire.
- 14] Kamini: She who is the giver of This Desire.
- 15] Kamyā: She who is desired.
- 16] Kamaniyasvabhavini: She who is the Intrinsic Nature of that which is desired.
- 17] Kasturirasaliptangi: She whose Limbs are Anointed with the Juice of Musk.
- 18] Kunjaresvaragamini: She who Moves like, the Lord of Elephants.
- 19] Kakaravarnasarvangi: She who is All the Limbs of the Letter "ka", the cause.
- 20] Kamini: She who is This Desire
- 21] Kamasundari: She who is Beautiful Desire.
- 22] Kamarta: She who is the Object of Desire.
- 23] Kamarupa ca: She who is the Form of Desire.
- 24] Kamadhenuh: She who is the cow which fulfills all desires.
- 25] Kalavati: She who is the

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Repository of All Qualities or Arts 26] Kanta: he who is Beauty Enhanced by love. 27] Kamasvarupa ca: She who is the intrinsic form of desire. 28] Kamakhya: She whose name is Desire. 29] Kulapalini: She who protects Excellence, 30] Kulina: She who is excellence. 31] Kulavatyamba: She who is the Repository of Excellence, 32] Durga: She who is the Reliever of Difficulties. 33] Durgartinasini: She who is the destroyer of all various difficulties. 34] Kumari: She who is ever pure. 35] Kulaja: She who gives birth to excellence. 36] Krsna: She who manifests all action. 37] Krsnadeha: She who had a dark body. 38] Krsodara: She who holds aloft all action. 39] Krsamgi: She who embodies all actions 40] Kulisamgi ca: She who is the embodiment of Excellence. 41] Krimkari: She who causes dissolution of the subtle body in to the causal body. 42] Kamala: She who is lotus (Laksmi) 43] Kala: She who is art or all attributes. 44] Karalasya: She who has a gaping mouth. 45] Karali ca: She who dissolves all into her being. 46] Kulakanta-parajita: She whose excellent beauty is undefeated. 47] Ugra: She who is terrible. 48] Ugraprabha: She whose light is Terrible. 49] Dipta: She who is light. 50] Vipracitta: She whose objects of consciousness are varied. 51] Mahanana: She Who has a Great face. 52] Nilaghana: She Who has the Complexion of a Dark Cloud. 53] Valaka ca: She Who Exemplifies the Freedom of a Swan. 54] Matra: She Who is Verse. 55] Mudramitasita: She whose positions of Her Limbs are Extremely Elegant. 56] Brahmi: She Who is Creative Energy. 57] Narayani: She Who is the Exposer of Consciousness 58] Bhadra: She Who is Excellent. 59] Subhadra: She Who is the Excellent of Excellence 60] Bhaktavatsala: She Who Nourishes All Devotees. 61] Mahesvari ca: She Who is the Great Seer of All. 62] Camunda: She Who Moves in the Paradigm of Consciousness. 63] Varahi: She Who is the Boar of Sacrifice. 64] Narasimhika: She Who is the Ferocious Half Human Half lion of Courage. 65] Vajrangi: She Who has limbs of Lightning. 66] Vajrakankali: She whose head Shines like lightning. 67] Nrmundasragvini: She Who is adorned by a Garland. 68] Siva: She Who is the Energy of the Consciousness of Infinite Goodness. 69] Malini: She Who wears a Garland of Skulls. 70] Naramundali: She Who holds the Head of a Man. 71] Galatrudhirabhusana: From the Garland of Skulls around Her Neck Fall Drops of Blood 72] Ratkacandanasiaktangi: She whose Limbs are covered by red. 73] Sindurarunamastaka: She whose Forehead is Marked with the Vermillion of Love which Brings the Light of Wisdom 74] Ghorarupa: She Who is of Fearful Form. 75] Ghoradamstra: She Whose Teeth are Fearful 76] Ghoraghoratara: She Who is Auspicious which Takes beyond Inauspiciousness. 77] Subha: She Who is Pure. 78] Mahadamstra: She Who has Great Teeth. 79] Mahamaya: She Who is the Great Definition of Consciousness. 80] Sundanti: She Who has Excellent Teeth. 81] Yugadantura: She Who is Beyond the Ages of Time. 82] Sulocana: She Who has Beautiful eyes 83] Virupaksi: She Whose Eyes are of indescribably form. 84] Visalaksi: She Who has Great Eyes. 85] Trilocana: She Who Has three Eyes. 86] Saradenduprasannasya: She Who is pleased as the Autumn Moon. 87] Sphuratsmerambujeksana: She whose Purity Shines in Her Lotus Eye. 88] Attahasaprasannasya: She Who has Great Laugh in Extreme pleasure. 89] Smeravaktra: She Who Speaks Words of Remembrance. 90] Subhasini: She Who has Excellent Expression. 91] Prasannapadmavadana: She Whose Lotus Lips Smile. 92] Smitasya: She Whose Face is Always Happy. 93] Piyabhasini: She Who is the Beloved Expression of Love.

94] Kotaraksi: She Whose Eyes are Infinite. 95] Kulasresta: She Who is the Excellent of Excellence or of Excellent Family. 96] Mahati: She Who has a Great Mind. 97] Bahubhasini: She Who Has Various Expressions. 98] Sumatih: She Who has an Excellent Mind. 99] Kumatih: She Who has a Devious Mind. 100] Canda: She Who has Passion. 101] Candamundativegini: She Who destroys passion, Meanness and other negativities. 102] Pracandacandika: She Who is Great Terrible Passion. 103] Candi: She Who Tears Apart Thoughts. 104] Candika: She Who is the Cause of Tearing Apart All thought. 105] Candavegini: She who destroys all passion 106] Sukesi: She Who has beautiful hair. 107] Muktakesi ca: She Who had unbound Hair. 108] Dirghakesi: She Who has long hair. 109] Mahatkuca: She Who has large breasts. 110] Pretadehakarnapura: She Who has the ears of the Cosmic Body. 111] Pratapanisumekhala: She Who has the hands and Waist of the Cosmic Body. 112] Pretasana: She Who sits with disembodied spirits. 113] Priyapreta: She Who is the Beloved of Disembodied Spirits. 114] Pretabhumikrtalaya: She Who is the Land Where Disembodied Spirits Reside 115] Smasanavasini: She Who resides in the Cremation Grounds. 116] Punya: She Who is Merit 117] Punyada: She Who is the Giver of Merit. 118] Kulapandita: She Who is the One of Excellent Knowledge. 119] Punyalaya: She Who is the Residence of Merit. 120] Punyadeha: She Who Embodies Merit. 121] Punyasloka ca: She Who every Utterance is Merit. 122] Pavini: She Who Blows Like a Fresh Breeze. 123] Puta: She Who is the Daughter. 124] Pavitra: She Who is pure. 125] Parama: She Who is Supreme. 126] Purapunyavibhusana: She Who Illuminated the Fullest Merit. 127] Punyanamni: She Whose Name is Meritorious. 128] Bhitihara: She Who takes away fear and Doubt. 129] Varada: She Who is the Grantor of Boons. 130] Khangapalini: She Who Has the sword of Wisdom in Her Hand. 131] Nrmundahastastaca: She Who Holds the Skull of Impure Thought. 132] Chinnamasta: She Who holds the severed head of Duality. 133] Sunasika: She Who Has an Excellent Organ of Scent. 134] Daksina: She who looks to the South; She who is the Offering Made in Respect for Guidance. 135] Syamala: She Who has a Dark Complexion. 136] Syama: She Who is Dark. 137] Santa: She Who is Peace. 138] Pinonnatastani: She Who raises the Trident in Her Hands. 139] Digambara: She Who Wears Space. 140] Ghorarava: She whose sound in terrible. 141] Srkkanta: She whose beauty creates. 142] Raktavahini: She Who is the Vehicle of passion. 143] Ghorarava: She Whose Sound is Terrible. 144] Sivasamgi: She who is with Siva. 145] Visamgi: She Who is without any other. 146] Madanatura: She Who is the Ultimate intoxication. 147] Matta: She Who is the Great Mind or Thinker. 148] Pramatta: She Who is the Foremost Mind or Thinker. 149] Pramada: She Who is the Giver of Preeminence. 150] Sudhasindhunivasini: She Who Resides in the Ocean of Purity. 151] Atimatta: She Who is Extremely Great Mind. 152] Mahamatta: She Who is the Great Mind. 153] Sarvakarsanakarini: She Who is the Cause of All Attraction. 154] Gitapriya: She Who is the Beloved of Songs. 155] Vadyarata: She Who is Extremely Pleased by Music. 156] Pretanrtyparayana: She Who is the Eternal Dance of Disembodied Spirits. 157] Caturbhujā: She Who Has four Arms. 158] Dasabhujā: She Who Has Ten Arms. 159] Astadasabhujā tatha: She Who Has Eighteen Arms also. 160] Katyayani: She Who is ever pure. 161] Jaganmata: She Who is the Mother of the Perceivable Universe. 162] Jagatam Paramesvari: She Who is the Supreme Ruler of the

Perceivable Universe. 163] Jagadhandhuh: She Who is the Friend of the Perceivable Universe. 164] Jagadhatri: She Who creates the Perceivable Universe. 165] Jagadanandakarini: She Who is the Cause of Bliss in the perceivable Universe. 166] Jagajjivamayi: She Who is the Manifestation of All Life in the Universe. 167] Haimavati: She Who is Born of Himalayas. 168] Maya: She Who is the Great Measurement of Consciousness. 169] Mahamahi: She Who is the Great expression. 170] Nagayajnopavitangi: She Who is the sacred thread on the body of the snake, the adornment of Kundalini. 171] Nagini: She who is the snake. 172] Nagasayini: She who rests on snakes. 173] Nagakanya: She Who is the daughter of the snake. 174] Devakanya: She Who is the Daughter of the Gods. 175] Gandharvi; She Who sings Celestial divine tunes. 176] Kinnaresvari: She Who is the Supreme Ruler of Heavenly Beings. 177] Moharatrih: She Who is the Night of ignorance. 178] Maharatrih: She Who is the Great Nights. 179] Daruna: She Who supports all. 180] Bhasvarasuri: She Whose Radiance Destroys Duality. 181] Vidyadhari: She Who Grants Great Knowledge. 182] Vasumati: She Who has Wealth. 183] Yaksini: She Who Gives Wealth. 184] Yogini: She Who is Always in Union. 185] Jara: She Who is old. 186] Raksasi: She Who is the Mother of all Demons. 187] Dakini: She Who is the Female Demonic Being. 188] Vedamayi: She Who is the Expression of Wisdom. 189] Vedavibhusana: She Who illuminated wisdom. 190] Srutih: She Who is that which has been heard. 191] Smrtih: She Who is that which is remembered. 192] Mahavidya: She Who is Great Knowledge. 193] Guhyavidya: She Who is Hidden Knowledge. 194] Puratani: She Who is the Oldest. 195] Cintya: She Who is thought. 196] Acintya: She Who is unthinkable. 197] Svadha: She Who is oblations of Ancestral Praise. 198] Svaha: She who is Oblations of I am one with God. 199] Nidra: She Who is sleep. 200] Tandra ca: She Who is partially awake. 201] Parvati: She Who is the Daughter of the Mountain. 202] Aparna: She Who is without parts. 203] Niscala: She Who cannot be divided. 204] Lola: She Who has a Protruding Tongue. 205] Sarvavidya: She Who is All Knowledge. 206] Tapasvini: She Who is the Performer of Purifying Austerities. 207] Ganga: She Who is the Holy river. 208] Kasi: She Who is the Banaras. 209] Saci: She Who is the Wife of Indra. 210] Sita: She Who is the wife of Rama. 211] Sati: She Who is the wife of Siva. 1008] Varnajapamalavidhyini: She Who is the giver of the Garland of all expressions which can be recited.

1008 names of Lord Shiva

Following are the 1008 names of Lord Shiva, along with the meaning/attribute of each name^[3] for the purpose of making the chanter/devotee to pray on these aspects of Lord Shiva

1. Shiva-Pure,
2. Hara-Destroyer
3. Mrda-Gracious
4. Rudra-Terrible
5. Puskara-Nourisher
6. Puspalocana-Of Flowery Eyes
7. Arthigamya-Accessible To The Suppliants
8. Sadacara-Of Noble Conduct
9. Sarva-All-in-all
10. Mahesvara-Great Lord
11. Candrapida-With Moon For The Diadem
12. Candramauli-With Moon For Its Crest-jewel
13. Visva-Universe
14. Visvambhavesvara-Lord Of The Earth
15. Vedantasarasandoha-The Essence Of Vedanta Philosophy

16. Kapalini-With A Skull In The Hand
17. Nilalohita-Blue-blooded
18. Dhyanaadhara-Object Of Meditation
19. Aparicchedya-Inexplicable
20. Gauribhartr-Husband Of Gauri
21. Ganesvara-Lord Of Ganas
22. Astamurti-Having Eight Cosmic Bodies
23. Visvamurti-Universe-bodied
24. Trivarga – Bestower Of Virtue, Wealth And Love
25. Sargasadhana-Achiever Of Creation
26. Jnanagamya-Accessible To Perfect Knowledge
27. Drdhaprajna-Of Steady Intellect
28. Devadeva-Lord Of Gods
29. Trilocana-Three-eyed
30. Vamadeva-Lovely God
31. Mahadeva-Great God
32. Patu-Efficient
33. Parivrdha-Chief
34. Drdha-Firm
35. Visvarupa-Multiformed
36. Virupaksa-Odd-eyed
37. Vagisa-Lord Of Speech
38. Surassattama-The Most Excellent God
39. Sarvapramanasamvadin-In Whom All Authorities And Proof Agree
40. Vrsanka-Bull-bannered
41. Vrsavahana-Bull-vehicled
42. Isa-Lord
43. Pinakin-Holding Bow
44. Khatvangin-Holding Missile Khatvanga
45. Citravesa-Of Variegated Dress
46. Cirantana-Eternal Being
47. Tamohara-Remover Of Ignorance
48. Mahayogin-Great Yogin
49. Goptr-Protector
50. Brahmandahrt-Heart Of Cosmos
51. Jatin-With Matted Hair
52. Kalakala-Slayer Of Death
53. Krtivasas-Wearing Hide
54. Subhaga-Comely
55. Pranatatmaka-Soul Of Devotees
56. Unnadhra-Uplifted
57. Purasa-Divine Being
58. Jasya-Worhy To Be Served
59. Durvasas-Sage Durvasas
60. Pursasana-Chastiser Of The Tripuras
61. Divyayudha-Having Divine Weapons
62. Skandaguru-Preceptor Of Skanda
63. Paramesthin-Staying At The Acme
64. Paratpura-Greater Than The Greatest
65. Anadimadhyanidhana-With No Beginning, Middle Or End
66. Girisa-Lord Of Mountains
67. Girijadhava-Husband Of Parvati
68. Kuberabandhu-Kinsman Of Kubera
69. Srikantha-Of Glorious Neck
70. Lokavarnottama-Excellent Of All Castes In The World
71. Samadhivedya-Who Can Be Realised Through Trance
72. Kodandin-Holding Bow
73. Nilakantha-Blue-necked
74. Parasvadhin-Holding Axe
75. Visalaksa-Wide Eyed
76. Mrgavyadha-Hunter Of Animal
77. Suresa-Lord Of Gods
78. Suryatpana-Scorcher Of The Sun

79. Dharmadyaksa-Presiding Deity Of Virtue
80. Ksamaksetra-Splitter Of The Eyes Of Bhaga
81. Urga-Fierce
82. Pasupati-Lord Of Beasts, The Individual Souls
83. Tarksya-Identical With Garuda
84. Priyabhakta-Favourite Of The Devotee
85. Parantapa-Scorcher Of Enemies
86. Datr-Donor
87. Dayakara-Compassionate
88. Daksa-Skilful
89. Kapardin-Having Matted Hair
90. Kamasasana-Chastiser Of Cupid
91. Smasananilaya-Residing In Cremation Ground
92. Suksma-Subtle
93. Smasanastha-Staying In The Cremation Ground
94. Mahesvara-Great God
95. Lokakartr-Creator Of The Worlds
96. Mrgapati-Lord Of Deer
97. Mahakartr-Great Maker
98. Mahausadhi-Great Medicine
99. Somapa-Imbiber Of Soma juice
100. Amrtapa-Drinker Of Nectar
101. Saumya-Gentle
102. Mahatejas-Of Great Splendour
103. Mahadyuti-Of Great Brilliance
104. Tejomaya-Full Of Lustre
105. Amrtamaya-Full Of Nectar
106. Annamaya-Of The Nature Of Food
107. Sudhapati-Lord Of Nectar
108. Uttama-The Most Excellent
109. Goptr-Protector
110. Jnanagamyia-Attainable Through Perfect Knowledge
111. Puratana-Ancient Being
112. Niti-Justice
113. Suniti-Good Justice And Policy
114. Suddhatman-Pure Soul
115. Soma-Accompanied By Uma
116. Somatra-Excelling The Moon
117. Sukhin-Happy Being
118. Ajatasatru-Whose Enemy Is Not Yet Born
119. Alokambhavya-Whose Existence Is Inferred As Possible Through Lustre
120. Havyavahana-Carrier Of Sacrificial Offerings i.e. Fire
121. Lokankara-Maker Of The Worlds
122. Vedakara-Originator Of The Vedas
123. Sutrakara-Composer Of Aphorisms
124. Santana-Eternal
125. Maharsi-Great Sage
126. Kapilacarya-Preceptor Kapila
127. Visvadipti-Light Of The Universe
128. Trilocana-Three-eyed
129. Pinakapani-Holding Pinaka In The Hand
130. Bhudeva-God Of The Earth
131. Svastida-Bestower Of Weal
132. Sukrta-Meritorious
133. Sudhi-Intelligent
134. Dhatrdhaman-Abode Of The Creator
135. Dharmakara-Creater Of The Lustre
136. Sarvada-Bestower Of All
137. Sarvagocara-Visible To All
138. Brahmarsk-Creator Of Brahma
139. Visvasrk-Creator Of The Universe
140. Sarga-Creation
141. Karnikarapriya-Fond Of The Pericarp Of The Lotus
142. Kavi-Poet
143. Sakha-Visakha-Gosakha
144. Shiva-The Cause Of Welfare
145. Bhisak Anuttama-Excellent Physician
146. Bhavya-Good
147. Puskala-Eminent One
148. Sthapati-Architect
149. Sthira-Steady
150. Vijitatman-Self-conqueror
151. Vidheyatman-Self-controlled
152. Bhutavahanasarathi-With Bhutas As Charioteers
153. Sagana-Accompanied By Ganas
154. Ganakaya-With Ganas As Body-guards
155. Sukirti-Of Good Fame
156. Chinnasamsaya-One To Whom Doubts Have Been Cleared
157. Kamadeva-Identical To Cupid
158. Kamapala-Protector Of The Desires
159. Bhasmoddilitavighraha-Whose Body Is Dusted With Bhasma
160. Bhasmapriya-Fond Of Bhasma
161. Bhasmasayin-Lying On The Bhasma
162. Kamin-Lover
163. Kanta-Brilliant
164. Krtagama-One Who Has Created Agamas
165. Samavarta-Who Whirls The Wheel Of Worldly Existence
166. Anivrttatma-Whose Soul Never Turns Black
167. Dharmapunja-Mass Of Virtue
168. Sadashiva-Auspicious For Ever
169. Akalmasa-Sinless
170. Punyatman-Meritorious Soul
171. Caturbahu-Four-armed
172. Durasada-Difficult To Access
173. Durlabha-Rare One
174. Durgama-Impassable
175. Durga-Difficult Of Being Attained
176. Sarvayudhavisarada-Expert In Wielding Weapons
177. Adhyatmayoganilaya-Stationed In Spiritual Yoga
178. Sutantu-Wearing Good Fabric Of Universe
179. Tantuvardhana-Enhancer Of The Fabric
180. Subhanga-Having Auspicious Limbs
181. Lokasaranga-Essence Of The Worlds
182. Jagadisa-Lord Of The Universe
183. Bhasmasuddhikara-Causing Purity Through Bhasma
184. Abhiru-Non-cowardly
185. Ojasvin-Vigorous
186. Suddhavigraha-Of Pure Body
187. Asadhya-Unachievable
188. Sadhusadhya-Achievable Easily By The Sainly
189. Bhrtymarkatarupadhrk-Assuming The Form Of The Servile Monkey
190. Hiranyaretas-Gold-semened
191. Paurana-Ancient One
192. Ripujivahara-Destroyer Of Enemies
193. Balin-Strong
194. Mahahrada-Deep Eddy
195. Mahagart-Deep Ditch
196. Siddha
197. Vrndaravandita-Saluted By The Gods
198. Vyaghracarmambara-Wearing The Tiger Hide
199. Vyalin-Clasped By Serpents
200. Mahabhuta-Great Living Being
201. Mahanidhi-Great Storehouse
202. Amrta-Nectar
203. Amrtapa-Drinker Of The Nectar
204. Srimat-Glorious

205. Prabhajana-Hailstorm.....

206. Sarvayoni-Source Of Everything



Fig: 1008 Lingam Temple located at Salem, Tamilnadu, India.



Fig: 1008 Shiva Temple, National Highway 47, Ariyanoor, Tamil Nadu

2.3 1008 names of Lord Vishnu, Krishna, Surya and Goddess Saraswati

Similarly there are 1008 names each of Lord Vishnu, Lord Krishna, Lord Surya, and of Goddess Saraswati.

3. Number 1008 in Jainism

- Tirthankars in Jainism have 1008 as a prefix in their name because there are 1008 shubh (auspicious) marks on the divine body of a Tirthankar. These marks are those of sun, moon, srivatsa, lotus etc. [4]
- Tirthankar is said to have 1008 names (Veetaraag, Devaadhidev, Jineshwar, Kewali etc). (Like in Hinduism Shiva, Lakshmi, Ganesh and Vishnu are said to have 1008 names each)
- Tirthankars have 1008 good attributes such as infinite power, infinite knowledge etc.
- Saudharma Indra worships Tirthankar Bhagwans by 1008 names for attaining kevalgyan.
- There are 1008 petals in the lotus erected by Devendra in the Samavasaran of a Tirthankar.
- The most elaborate *Abhisheka* in Jainism is the 1008-pot abhisheka of the image of *Bahubali* at the Sravana Belgola [5].

4. Significance of Angel Number 1008 in Roman Catholicism

Saint Olga of Kiev (in Ukraine), who was venerated in Roman Catholicism especially in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, was the first in that region to convert to

Christianity. According to her, when you see a number such as 1008 over and over again, it is an angel trying to communicate with you through this number [6]. Olga calls it Angel Number. Here is Olga's interpretation of Angel Number 1008. This includes what its meaning, and its purpose. Olga says that Angel Number 1008 is associated with the letters V, P, T, H, L, W, and G. She suggests that to find out what the Angel Number 1008 is about, try to make words of those letters. See if you can rearrange some or all of the letters to make words related to your world. It could be a name of a person, a place, or even a thing or an event. Saint Olga says that the purpose of Angel Number 1008 is what the angels want you to do with its meaning and then try to Identify, Contract, and Locate.

5. 1008 Mahayugas

According to the ancient Hindu scriptures, there are 1008 mahayugas [7], as described here below:

- One month of human life=one day for heavenly souls (dead persons);
- one year of human life=one day of devas (Indra, Vayu, Agni etc);
- 43,20,000 years of human life = one maha yuga (which includes Satyuga, Treta yuga, Dwapara yuga and Kali Yuga);
- 72 maha yugas=one manvantara;
- 14 manvantaras=is one Kalpa, which is half day of Lord Brahma;
- So, 14 manvantaras X 72 maha yugas =1008 maha yugas.

6. Conclusion

In this paper we have explained, in details, the significance of the auspicious number 1008. Its spiritual and religious aspects have been described in Hinduism, Jainism, and Christianity. The astronomical, astrological and architectural significance of this number 1008 have also been covered in this paper. The idea of writing this paper is to lift the mystery of this number from the minds of a large number of those readers who were not aware of it.

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