



Yamapranamasataka (A Century of Salutations to the God of Death of Keralavaram With the Commentary Bhavonmilana)

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New Bharatiya Book Corporation, New Delhi, India, 2005. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. First Edition. Rhetoricians have enumerated the purposes of poetry differently as catering to the interests of poets and readers. They include fame, financial benefits, worldly prosperity, pleasure, knowledge, supreme bliss, transaction of the world and warding off evils. These are only indicative and not exclusive. There could be other useful purposes as well. It is in this respect that the present work Yamapranamasataka - a century of verses in salutation of the god of death deserves our attention. It is in fact a sequel to another piece of work which again is drafted to serve another strange purpose that of pacification. It is the Kampanasahasra - a thousand verses in apology coming from the pen of the same author. Thus pacification and destruction of the enemy may also be included among the purposes of poetry, though this feature is not ordinarily met with. But then, our author was an extraordinary genius and the trials and tribulations that wracked havoc in his life are again of extraordinary nature. To use a modern usage it was like a 'tsunami' of some sort that called for a special..



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