

her knee. She is dressed in a sage green tunic spotted with yellow, perhaps signifying the devi's unhappy identification with small-pox. A red band on the lower edge of the tunic has a spot pattern of little circles. High above the elbows the short sleeves are trimmed with a buff (gold) braid and between this and the white elbow frill is a band of terra-cotta colour figured with green and black scrolls. From below the frills the arms are covered by the tight sleeves of a red undergarment, the purple cuffs decorated with green scrolls. On the plum-coloured skirt is a repeating pattern of terra-cotta and green trefoil flowers on a ground spotted with pearl-like white dots. A green stole comes from behind the shoulders and twines round the arms.

The five children, representing her five hundred, are more easily identified; one astride her wrist, another embracing her left breast, two astride her shoulders, the one on the left shoulder wearing a terra-cotta colour smock. The other three are nude. The fifth, badly defaced, on the left of the picture, wears a green smock and seems to be dancing.