

Lotus Pinnacle of Amoghapasha Mantra

A Brief Explanation of the Meaning

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OM PADMO UṢHNĪṢHA VIMALE HŪM PHAṬ

OM – The OM syllable is a combination of three syllables: AH, U, and MA. These syllables symbolize the body, speech, and mind of the practitioner as well as the holy body, speech, and mind of a buddha. Reciting OM causes things to go smoothly and auspiciously, and helps you fulfill your goals. When OM starts a mantra, it makes it easier to accomplish the actual mantra.

PADMO – means “lotus”

UṢHNĪṢHA – “crown jewel”

VIMALE – “stainless”

So PADMO UṢHNĪṢHA VIMALE means “Stainless Lotus Ushnisha.” This is the name of a buddha who is a manifestation of Avalokiteshvara.

HŪM – the inseparability of bliss and emptiness

PHAṬ – destroy! (in particular, destroy the ignorance of self-grasping by the power of HŪM)

This mantra is said to be from the *Sutra of Khangbu Tsigpa*, which roughly means *Stories of a House Sutra*, but actually it is from the tantric text *Duhyanshantra Tantra*. *Amoghapasha* contains a short version of the sutra but the mantra is not in it, therefore it must be in the long version.

Colophon:

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