A Very Brief Explanation of the Meaning of the Wish-Granting Jewel Mantra, Also Known as the Lotus Pinnacle of Amoghapasha Mantra From the Duhyanshantra tantra

Reads:

OM PADMO USHNISHA VIMALE HUM PHAT

OM – The OM syllable is a combination of three syllables: Ah U Ma

It symbolizes the body speech and mind of the practitioner, as well as the body, speech and mind of the Buddha.

Reciting OM can cause things to go smoothly, auspiciously, and helps fulfill goals.

When OM starts a mantra (is the head letter) it makes it easier for us to accomplish the mantra.

PADMO – means “lotus”

USHNISHA – “crown jewel”

VIMALE – “stainless”

So PADMO USHNISHA VIMALE means “stainless lotus of Ushnisha.” This is the name of a Buddha who is another manifestation of Avalokiteshvara.

HUM – the inseparability of bliss and emptiness

PHAT – to destroy (ignorance of self grasping by the power of HUM)
This mantra is said to be from the *Sutra of Khangbu-tsikpa*, which means roughly the *Stories of a House Sutra*, but really it is from a tantric text (Duhyanshantra tantra). *Amoghapasha* contains a short version of the sutra but the mantra is not in it, so it must be in the long version.

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