

mahā mṛtyun-jaya mantrah
(the great mantra for victory over death)

ॐ त्र्यम्बकं यजामहे सुगन्धिं पुष्टिवर्धनम् |
उर्वारुकमिव बन्धनान् मृत्योर्मुक्षीय मामृतात् ||

त्र्यम्बकं	tryambakaṃ	three-eyed (śiva)
यजामहे	yajāmahe	we make offerings to, adore, honor, revere
सुगन्धिं	sugandhiṃ	(one who has) sweet fragrance
पुष्टि -	puṣṭi	growth, nourishment
वर्धनम्	vardhanam	expanding, increasing
उर्वारुकम् इव	urvārukam iva	cucumber like
बन्धनात् (बन्धनान्)	bandhanāt (bandhanān)	from (its) binding
मृत्योः (मृत्योर्)	mṛtyoḥ (mṛtyor)	from death
मुक्षीय	mukṣīya	may I be liberated
मा अमृतात्	mā amṛtāt	never from immortality

We revere the 3-eyed one, possessor of sweet fragrance, expanding (spiritual) growth. Like a (fully ripened) cucumber (the growth at the third eye) from its binding (stem), may I be liberated from death (and) never from (or into) immortality.

Sweet fragrance could be considered a reference to the withdrawal from the senses into the sweet nectar - also palpable but without object, but located where air enters the nose, goes up (toward the third eye) before turning downward. This place grows in awareness. Eventually this inner spiritual awareness is recognized as the true Self. The body (which dies) is the rest of the plant that has a binding, from which we are released.