



Etymology of Māntra

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<http://www.yoga-breathing.com/mantra/>

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<http://www.boloji.com/mantra/00701.htm>

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<http://chestofbooks.com/new-age/spirituality/tantra/Mahanirvana-Tantra/Mantra.html>

Often thought of as a sacred word repeated in prayer, "mantra" actually translates from Sanskrit as "protecting the mind." The word mantra derives from two related words: 1) 'manana' or 'manas' which mean thinking or mind, and 2) 'trana' which means protection. A mantra protects the mind by infusing it with potent sacred energies and directing one's thoughts from the profane to the sublime.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/stacey-lawson/mantra-the-divine-word_b_104620.html