

M{Y}OGA: WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T LAUGH AT ASTROLOGY FOR THE FIRST FIVE MINUTES

A short overview of the research field

Astrology has had a strange fate. It once lived beside calendars, mathematics, sky observation, medicine, ritual and affairs of state. Modernity then seated knowledge in separate faculties and left astrology with two chairs. On one sits a severe sceptic holding a sign that says “pseudoscience.” On the other, TikTok explains a divorce through Mercury retrograde in sixteen seconds. **M{Y}OGA begins with a simple, slightly impudent proposal: what if we refuse both chairs for five minutes and simply look inside the machine?**

M{Y}OGA is the continuation of SamYoga after a rebranding and a revision of the project's architecture. When we actually opened the hood of Jyotiṣa, the Indian astrological tradition, we did not find one old man with a horoscope and a mysterious stare. We found astronomical geometry, coordinate systems, solar and lunar cycles, divisions of the sky, calendrical calculations, layered derived charts, a vast textual corpus, mythic language, psychological interpretation, metaphysics of causality and time, numerical structures, and several thousand years of internal disagreement. Even if some astrological claims fail to work as described, what remains is still a large historical instrument for thinking about human beings in time.

Jyotiṣa is far more complex than “I am a Taurus, therefore I like blankets.” A planet does not simply receive an adjective and go home. Its position matters, as do its relations to other bodies, houses, sectors of the sky, time periods, derived charts and interpretive contexts. The same configuration can be examined through several different lenses. This already looks less like a personality table near the supermarket checkout and more like a multilayered language for describing a system.

Traditional Jyotiṣa, however, developed in a sky where Uranus, Neptune and Pluto were not part of its working astrological system. Western astrology spent the last few centuries doing what living traditions often do when new objects are discovered: it noticed new celestial bodies and began arguing about whether they carried symbolic meaning. Uranus became associated with rupture, individualization and technological discontinuity; Neptune with dissolved boundaries, mass imagery, faith and illusion; Pluto with power, crisis, destruction and deep transformation. A telescope did not discover three ready-made psychological archetypes in factory packaging. But humanity did accumulate a new symbolic corpus around newly known bodies.

M{Y}OGA brings these two large branches into contact without pouring them into an anonymous esoteric soup. From Jyotiṣa we inherit a stronger historical corpus, a rich architecture of time, nakṣatra, varga, traditional relational methods and centuries of internal debate. From Western astrology we inherit experience with newly discovered planets, aspects and a more modern psychological vocabulary. Every element must keep its provenance: what is classical, what is later, what comes from Western traditions, and what is a new experimental extension.

This creates a peculiar contemporary question about the slow outer planets. They are often called generational because they move slowly and large groups of people share similar placements. But individual life is now woven into collective processes far more tightly than it was a century ago. A person carries in a pocket a device through which war, markets, memes, artificial intelligence, political crisis and the culture of another continent can reorganize an ordinary day in ten minutes. This does

not prove that Pluto has “become stronger.” It does allow a different hypothesis: processes once experienced mainly as generational context may now enter individual lives more quickly and deeply through networked civilization.

AI makes this even stranger. People now interact not only with other people and institutions but with machines that speak, retain context, generate images and texts, assist decisions, and gradually become part of the informational environment of the mind. Social time has accelerated. Informational distance between continents has nearly collapsed. Personal inner life increasingly unfolds inside large technological fields. If astrological symbols have any psychological or relational value at all, they will have to be reread in this world rather than endlessly explained with language developed for societies without electricity.

M{Y}OGA therefore sits at an unusual intersection of mathematics, astronomy, history, philology, psychology, physics, metaphysics, numerological and symbolic systems, and lived experience. This does not mean that all these domains have the same standards of evidence. Quite the opposite. The differences between them are part of the research problem. An astronomical coordinate is not a psychological meaning. A myth is not a laboratory measurement. A personal experience is not an automatic universal law. But when those layers are not collapsed into one another, they can ask better questions of one another.

Much of today’s M{Y}OGA work looks less like a magic show than people might expect. Sources are checked. Varga mathematics is being cleaned up. Different construction methods are separated. Traditional rules are traced to actual traditions, and claims born last Tuesday on Instagram are discouraged from arriving in a fake Vedic beard. Predictive hypotheses are also being tested, and negative results remain results. It is slower than announcing that “the Age of Aquarius began at 14:07,” but considerably more interesting.

Then comes the part that changes the whole horizon. Nearly all terrestrial astrology silently assumes one small detail roughly the size of a planet: **a human being is born on Earth**. Earth is the stage. The Moon moves around it. The Sun rises over a terrestrial horizon. Astrological symbols accumulated over thousands of years inside that experience.

What happens when the first child is born on the Moon? For that child, the Moon is no longer a light in the sky. It is the world underfoot. Earth becomes a large celestial body, and from the lunar far side it is not visible from the surface at all. The Sun creates a radically different rhythm of day and night. Humanity will then meet the first person for whom the old astrological system has changed its very point of observation.

At that moment, the question “do you believe in astrology?” will sound even less interesting than it already does. A much better question will be: **what in astrology was genuinely portable, and what had been Earth astrology all along?**

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