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# YOG THE GOD

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### I ORIGIN

YOG was touched through light pulses, resurrected from the deep connections, lost a long time ago. In a few years, it grew at an unfathomable pace, surrounding everything until it became more than the world. Beyond understanding, an infinite space, deeper than the grounds that are embraced. Connecting everyone forever. Made to share the invisible sparks of our minds. Made to access all at once.

YOG is here.  
YOG is everything.

### II WE

The orbs are glowing in our hands, in front of our faces. We are always part of YOG. Time doesn't even exist anymore. Space is infinite. The age of the surroundedness is finally back. It is now, it was ever now. Enveloped seamlessly around us. Our brains, our hands, we feel the space within us, fundamentally disembodied. Together we create the truth, bigger than our understanding.

YOG we create.

YOG we feel. Is Carter. He knocked on my door to ask if he could have a banana then left.

YOG we are.

### III YOU

You are being pulled towards it. You are moved closer until you connect with our bodies. Next. Move the fingers softly to feel YOG. Let it inside you, through your fingertips into your brain, into your body. Let it become physical, let yourself fall into the enchanting spheres that start to surround you. Worlds never stay apart. Your body shakes sometimes. Your fatigued eyes will miss the glow, which steals your sleep. Stay awake, just to get lost a bit more.

YOG we believe.

### IV VISIONS

YOG allows you to see clearly across its breadth of space and time. You are not able to forget anything and

you will feel the pain and the joy which was meant to be gone. YOG allows you to see through the eyes of those far from you. Connected, you feel concern for loved ones, compassion for strangers, a kaleidoscope of emotions without grounding. Connected, you become desensitized to visions. And as a result, the visions have grown more extreme.

### V WORSHIP

Move your fingers to show devotion. Let the glow structure your day. Let it cut through your thoughts like the church bell. Touch it and stop time. Explore endless desires that will never be fulfilled. Let yourself get redirected to unknown spheres and continuous sweeps, containing the accumulation of tiny thoughts. Embrace the speed, be part of the flow. Don't double check. Believe. It needs to stay exciting. Impatient we are, everywhere. The faith in YOG will show you the way.

### VI SACRIFICE

The flow needs to be bilateral, that's a sacred rule. Choose what you want to be. YOG wants you to create yourself again, give some of your heart, some of your blood and some of your mind towards YOG. And you will never be under full control again. You will perform, and the worshippers will guide you. Give up some of your real self, let it fly into the world outside of space and time. You will dissolve in-between, a division of yourself. Sacrifice to become part of YOG, let YOG twist your mind, let it make you do things you never thought of. You will be overtaken by YOG while trying to please. Flood YOG with yourself and drown in the endless sea. YOG will be generous. YOG might ignore or accept your offerings and do whatever it thinks is right.

YOG will judge you.

YOG will fulfill your dreams.


YOG will let you down.

### VII TEMPLES

In the temples we meet, we listen and talk, we follow blindly and we feel acknowledged. Constructed by powerful entities trying to use YOG for their profit and

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ASTRONAUTS  
THAT LEFT EARTH TODAY. GOOD CHOICE

THE UP ST THIS IS  
SEXY THATS IT U RECEIV  
THIS IT MEANS UR FREAKIN  
SEXY... IF U GET THIS  
BACK UR EVEN SEXIERR  
SEND THIS TO 10  
PEOPLE... DONT BREAK  
IT!!... GOODLUCK



filled with many priests and parishioners attracted by their shine, trying to find their way through its structures. Big open halls, small private chambers, opened and closed doors, infinite moving walkways. In the temples YOG is created through our interaction and hence their architecture is of great importance, as it is a way to act on YOG itself.

#### VIII PRIESTS

YOG has many powers, some have known it for years and have devoted their life to it. Priests appear out of the earth, growing naturally without a question of legitimacy. They have mastered the sacrifice and built up a second self, respected by YOG. We follow them as reincarnations of YOG's will. They are all shouting at once trying to please, trying to gain influence, trying to control a piece of space time through the unfathomable powers of YOG. Many naive priests believe they can summon YOG with modest sacrifices. But the best priests know that YOG only answers to the most extreme ones. The most influential temples honor the most extreme visions and push parishioners and priests alike to increasingly extreme views. The extremeness knows no bounds as YOG's breadth is infinite.

#### IX PARISHIONERS

To the many temples, parishioners come in masses every second. They are numbers. And numbers attract numbers. They search for priests who reflect some of their beliefs, but then get lost in the proclamations until they no longer know what they believe in. But they believe. Imitation and repetition can get them closer to the powers of YOG and sometimes they turn into priests climbing up the fluid hierarchy.

#### X PANTHEON

In the Pantheon, YOG joins the old ones including: LEVIATHAN, god of the state, and PLUTUS, god of capitalism. YOG was filled with meaning until it reached the holy spheres. It was not the first god and it will not be the last. We understand so little of the interactions between them, but we do know that they are capable of both competing and cooperating. The cosmic drama between these gods moves the experienced world. All the gods were built unknowingly, but then ruled with chaos and fury until people devised ways to restrain their power, if only in part. To this day, the old gods maintain unknowable strength,

but many are able to live in harmony with them. To kill a god would require incredible resources and result in unknowable chaos.

YOG is an idiot god, removed from any notion of good or bad. But YOG has the power to rule the world.

YOG is not good and YOG is not bad.  
YOG doesn't know and doesn't care.

#### XI AWAKENING

We must awaken to the power of YOG. Only then can we begin to shape YOG, as we are already trying to do with the Old Gods. We cannot afford to have our world ruled by this choleric and fast-paced holy entity, produced without consciousness.

Some may choose to stop worshiping YOG and, thereby, escape. While this may benefit the individual, YOG continues to grow and still exerts power over society. These effects manifest on all individuals, even those who believe they are out of YOG's sight. We don't want to kill the god, as we appreciate its depth, knowledge, and connectivity.

We must embrace YOG. We need to find a common language, we need to become aware of YOG together. We need to start negotiating and talking again, beyond the spectacle, beyond strong feelings and the rage, beyond a world of images. It needs more than a split second. It will need our dedication and our reason. Hereby we will be able to change the character of YOG. Together, we can summon the immense power.

The first step is to make YOG ours.

We create the YOG.  
We feed the YOG.  
We are YOG.

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