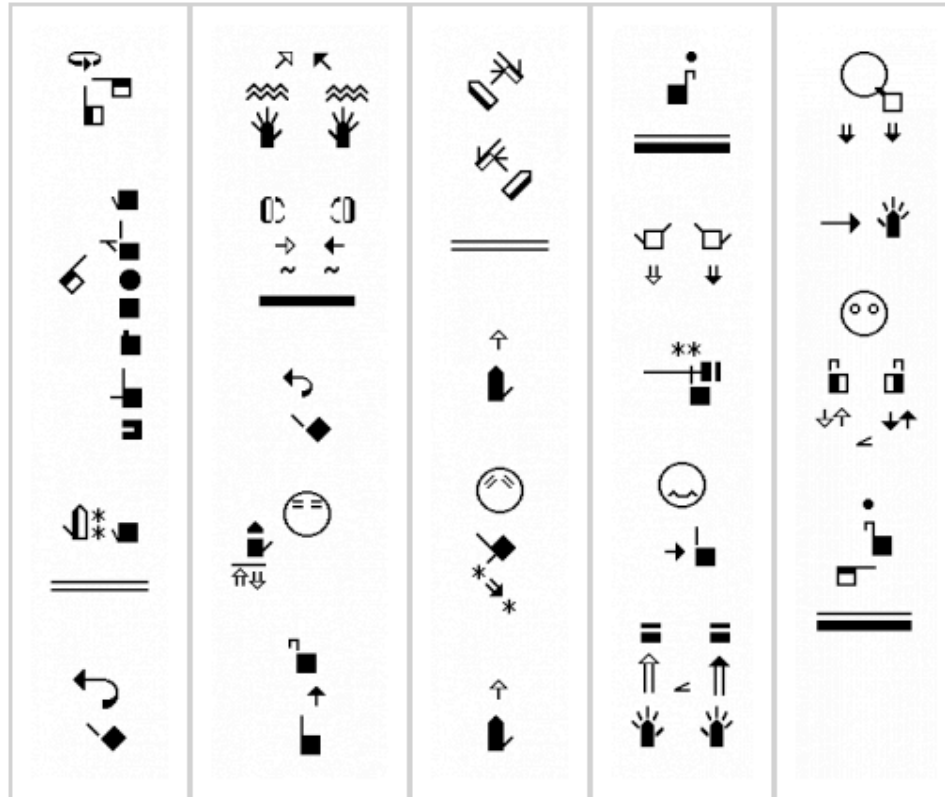


THE HOPE IS NOT THE KINGDOM'S RESTORATION BUT THE KING'S RETURN.

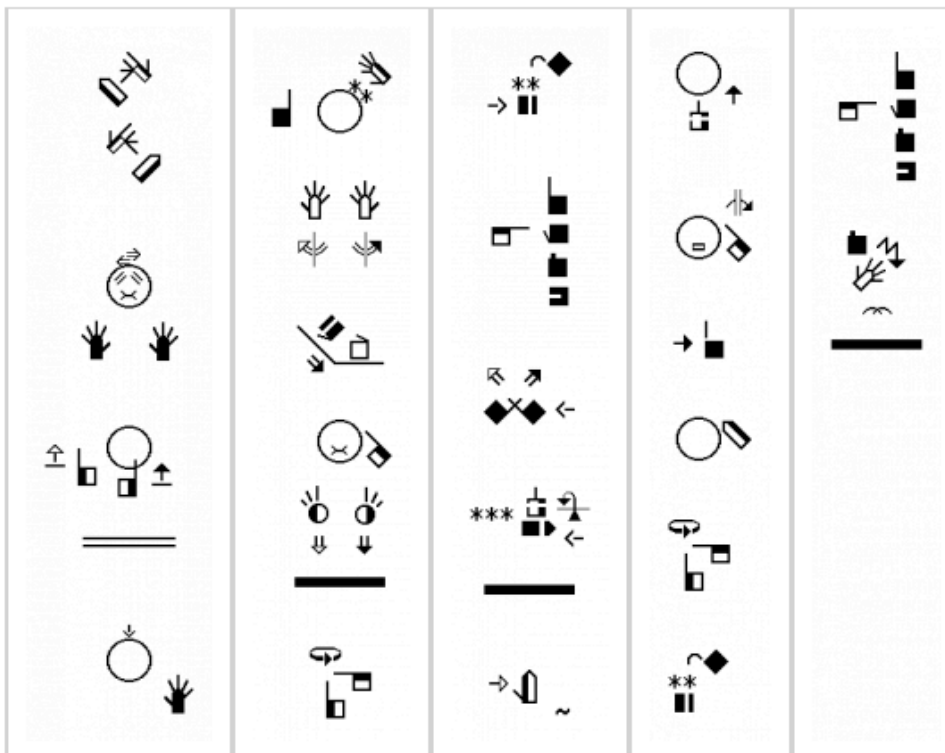
Wanting what God wants is spirituality. God's purpose is His kingdom and He wants His kingdom full of righteous people. Wanting the King should be our desire.



Acts 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

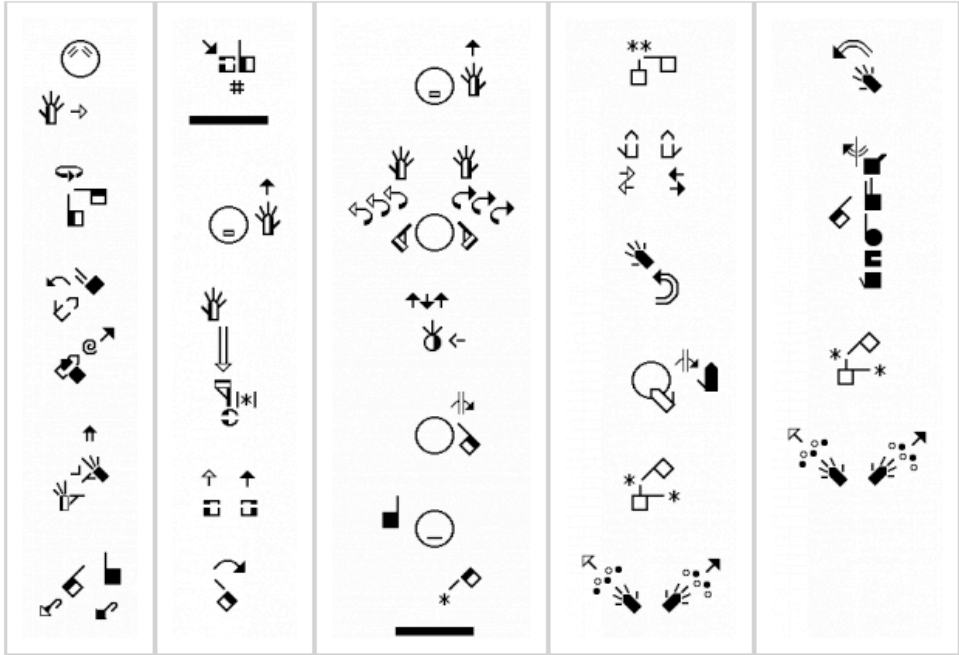
Our questions reveal our hearts. The apostles were Jews. They thought their problem was Rome, not sin or Satan.

Don't ask, "When God?" Ask, "What God?"



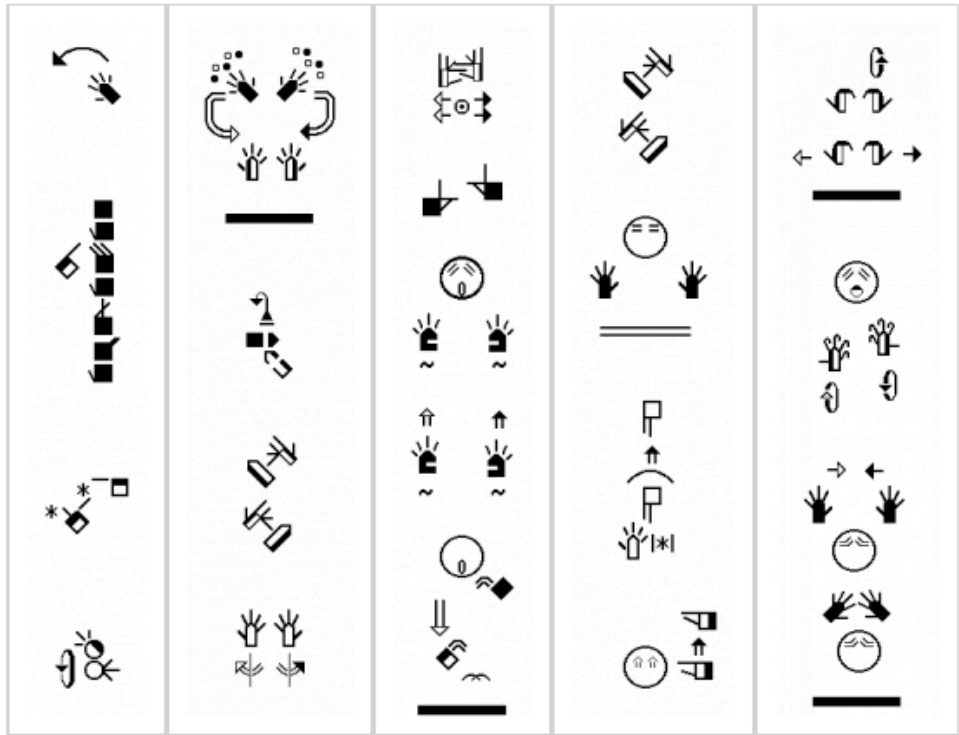
7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Faith is not knowing all the answers but being satisfied with the answers we have. Trusting is more precious than knowing.



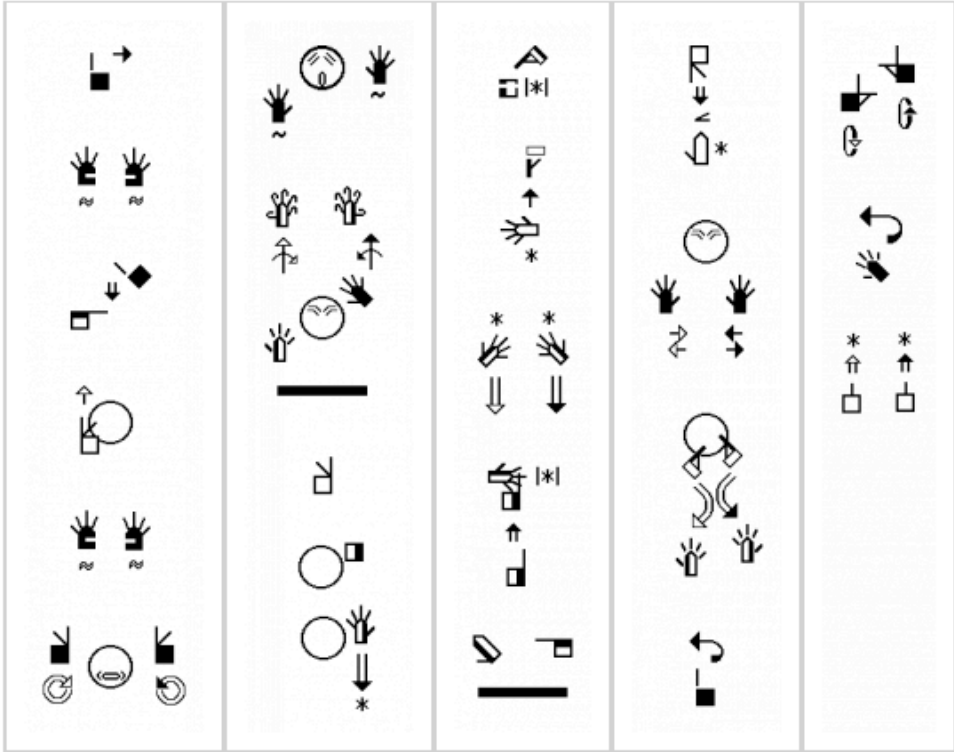
8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

What God wants is witnesses, and that He will help us be.



9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Not good-bye, but a command, and if we are to please Him, that is what we must be.

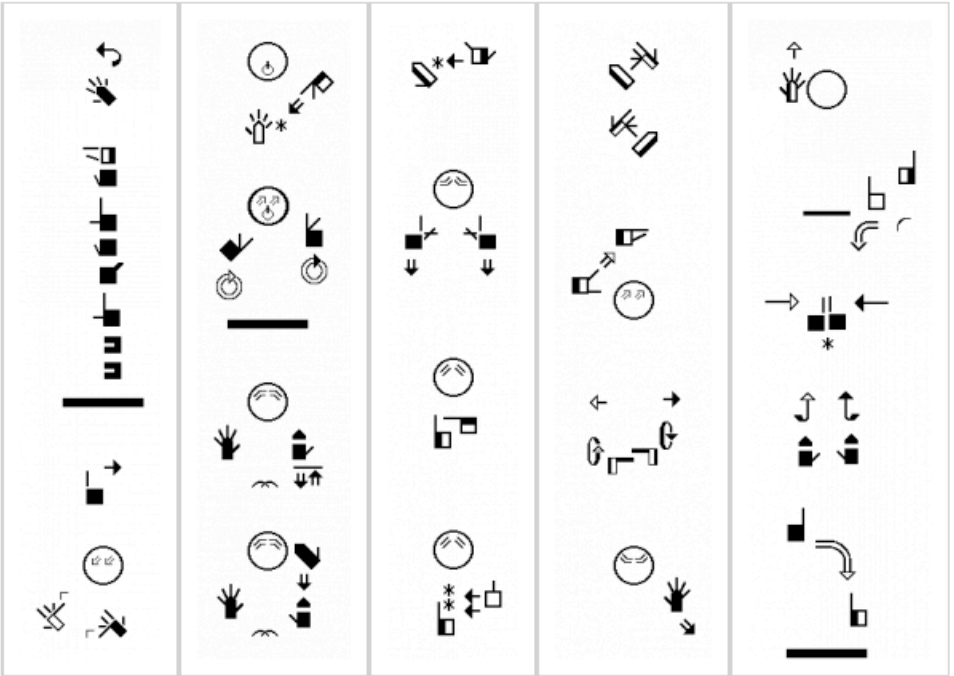


10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

The angels asked the apostles, "Why are you gazing?" The apostles saw Jesus leaving but they needed to preach that Jesus would return.

We cannot be "gawkers." We must "talkers."

One of the biggest temptations for a Christian is not to preach the gospel. We can accept being a good example, going to church, worshipping God, raising a good family, reading the Bible and even praying, but being witnesses for Jesus is one of our strongest fears. (Isa. 43:10)



11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Get moving! You know what Jesus said. He will return.