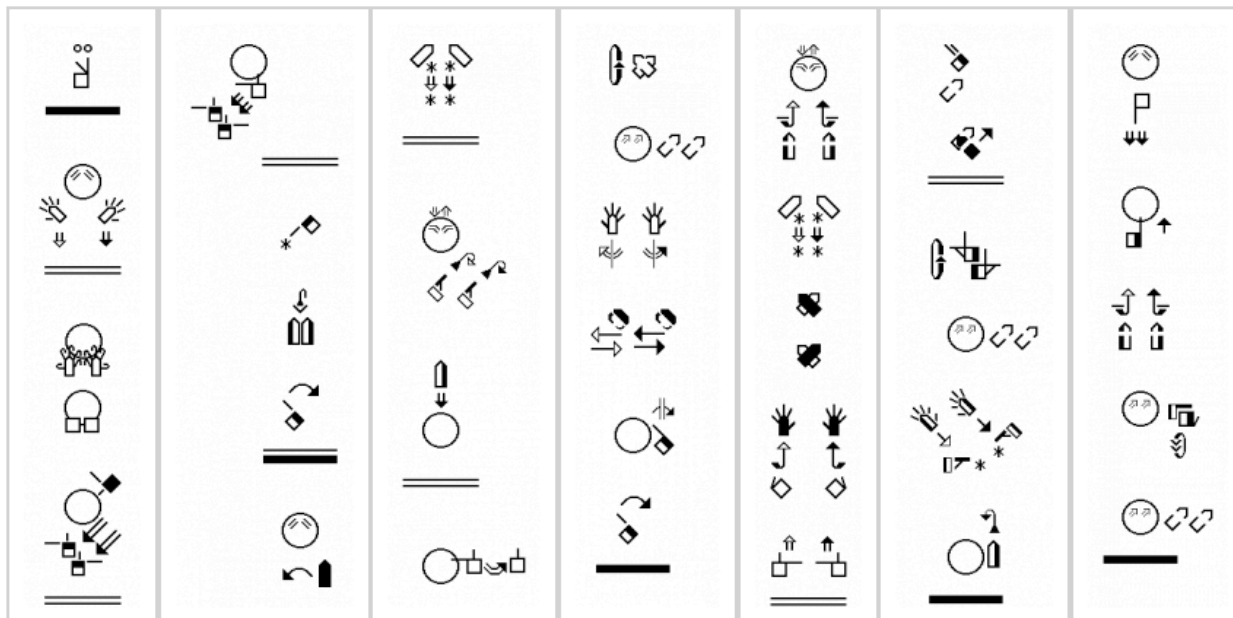
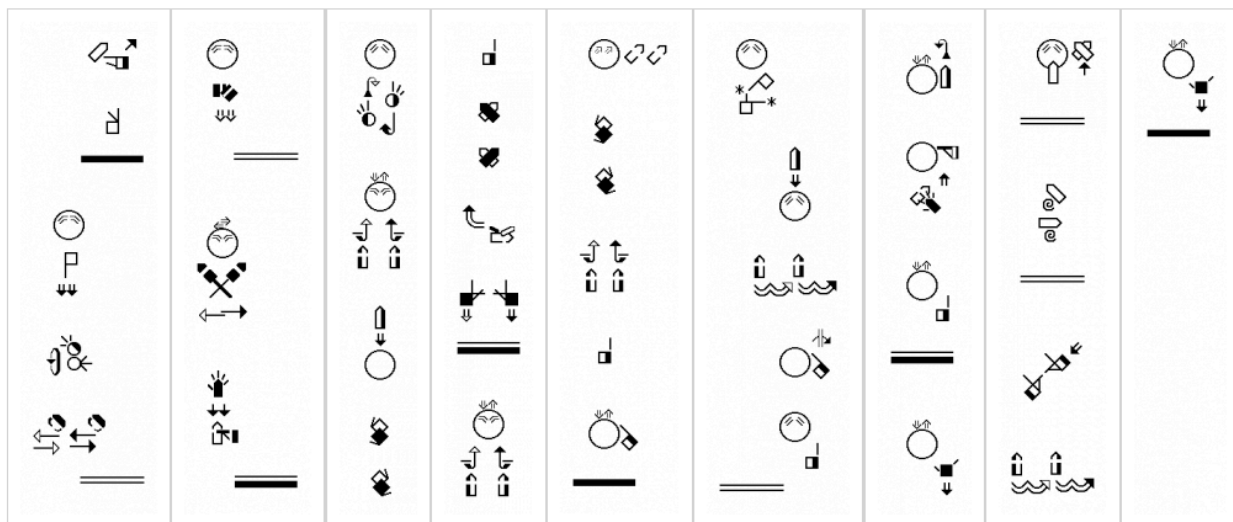


Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.



12:1 So, precious brothers, sisters, I ask you. Your bodies, give God, because all His already actions for you. Let bodies all surrendered living, holy, kind He accepts will. This is allowed worship Him.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



12:2. This world's actions customs, don't copy. Instead let God change you become new person. Let Him change allow you think. Then God plans for you, will learn you. That good, pleasing, perfect plan that.

LIVING SACRIFICES DO MORE GOOD THAN DEAD SACRIFICES.

After all this theological teaching Paul now turns his attention to practical matters. God cares about every aspect of our lives: spiritual, philosophical, theological, and physical. If all of our being is not offered to God, then He is not our God, we are.

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When we are trying to persuade a person to do something we often appeal to something outside of themselves. The preacher beseeches, the politician flatters, the employer demands. Preachers have no power of force except the Word of God and love. There is no one who cares more for us than the one that loves God and us. Trust no preacher who says he loves you but does not speak God's Word and remember no sheep can trust someone who does not care for them.

This is not about what kind of church we should attend but what kind of people we should be. Our lives belong to God first, not to our "Isaac's," not to our jobs, or even our spouses. God never releases us from our responsibilities but expects all we have to be His. However, none of these things can be offered to God unless they are first sanctified. Physical bodies wholly sacrificed in His service, but undefiled. That is fair.

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Furthermore, Paul describes what holiness is. It is a God standard that is higher, purer, more fervent, and more loving than anything in the world. We are not called to be good or even better than the world. We are called to be the "best" we can be. This begins to happen as we allow God to renew our minds through His Word and the Holy Spirit.

Every individual must decide what he wants to be like. Most people choose to conform to some style, hero, or way of life they see in the world. The Christian will make the same decision or be willing to be different. He must be willing to think differently, dress differently, willing to educate himself differently, willing to entertain himself differently, and to spend his time and resources differently. He is a non conformist.

When someone decides to follow Jesus he must allow his mind to be transformed or he will drift slowly from God. Think, what other life is worth emulating?

Only by allowing our mind, our thinking, and our desires to be transformed will we be of any profit to God. Everything is not good; when our mind is renewed we learn what is good. Everything is not acceptable to God. When we present our bodies and minds to God we learn what is acceptable, and finally, followers of Christ do have an image of what perfection is. I know what a good spouse is; marriage to Judy has renewed my mind. The more I know Jesus, the closer I get to God, as the Holy Spirit renews my mind, I experience perfection: Jesus Christ; through Him I know good, acceptable and perfect.