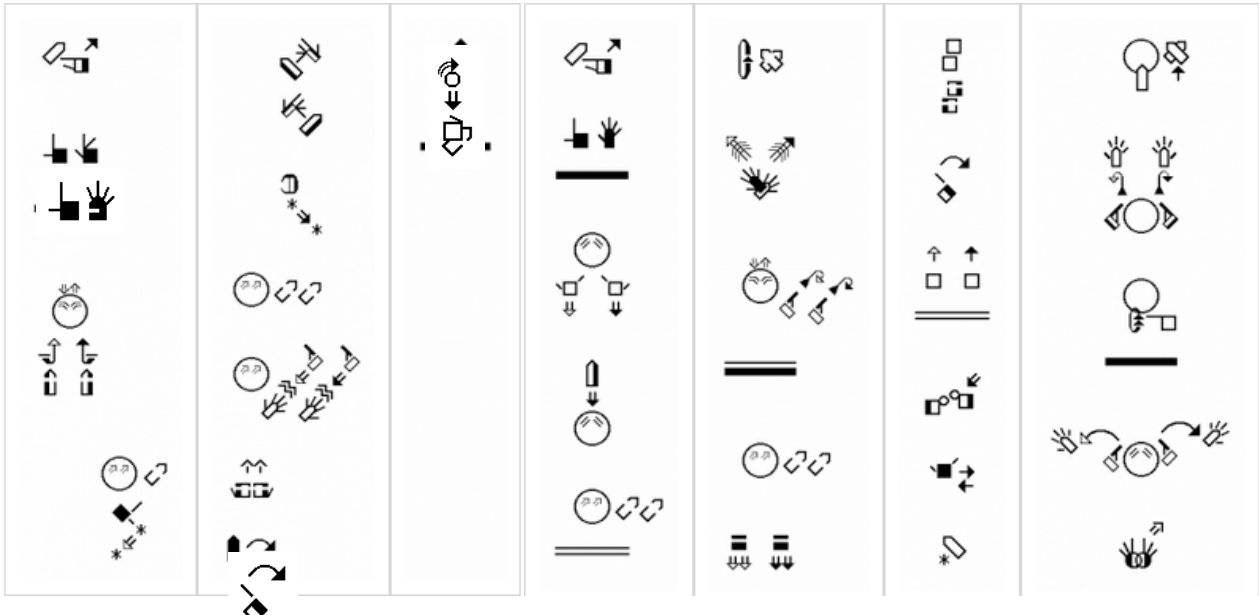


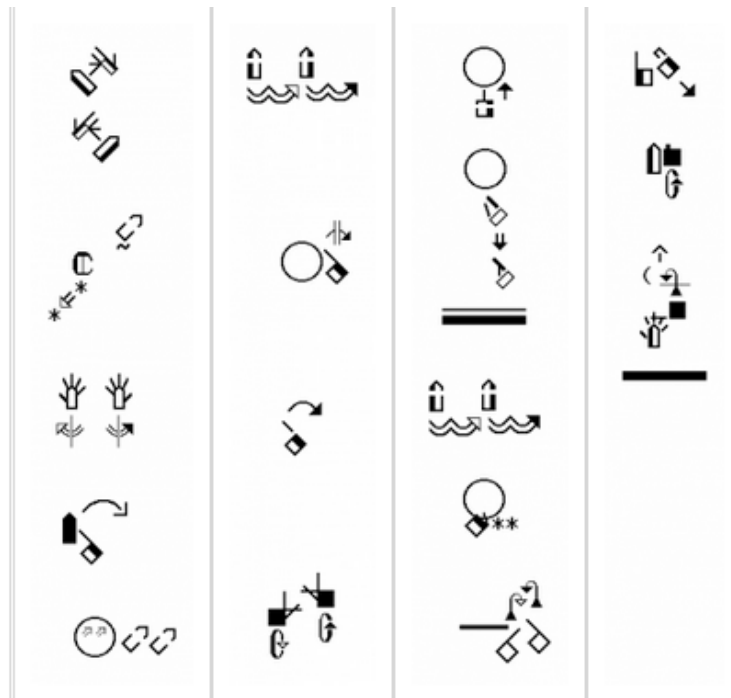
I THOUGHT GRACE WAS ALREADY WITH US?

Romans 16:24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ,



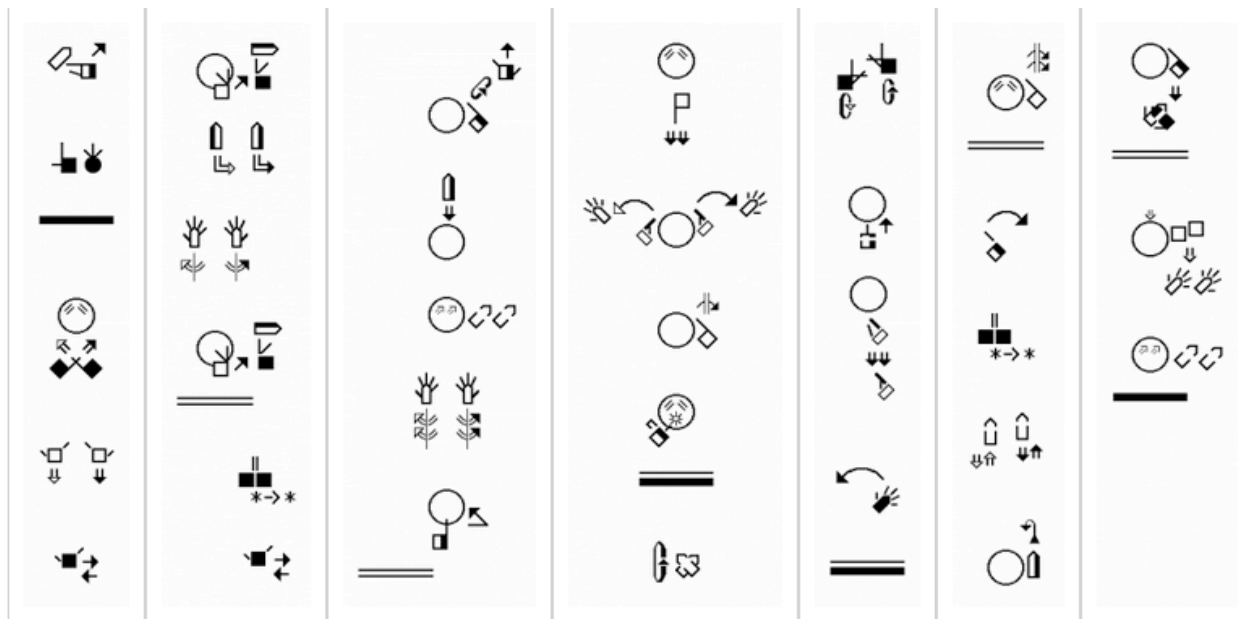
according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,



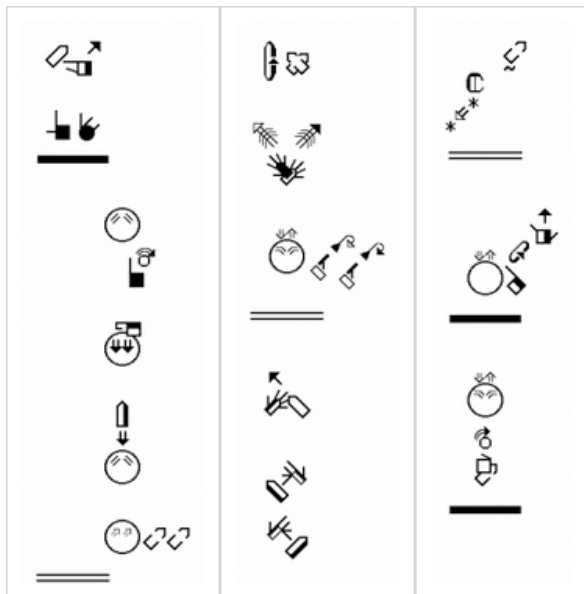
If "The grace" was always with Christians there would be no reason to pray for it. However, if when we pray for "the grace" to be on something we mean something special that can be withdrawn as in the case of Joseph, Judah, Samson, Job, and the Apostles. The experience of the Church is the possession of special grace, special anointing throughout history. Let us seek this grace. I believe this grace in none other than the Holy Spirit, like the wind, no human controls.

Next Paul gives honor/glory to God. He is our source of strength and confidence and He has revealed His plan to the world.

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:



27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen. <<Written to the Romans from Corinthus, and sent by Phebe servant of the church at Cencrea.>>



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The way to honor God is through Jesus Christ. Jesus honored the Father, and we honor God by honoring Jesus. **John 5:23**

There exists in today's culture a desire to "get along" with others. This is not new. There are so many fanatical religions and philosophies that are strange. So, we do not want to be identified with them, but our religion is one of love and truth. We only preach Jesus Christ and that people should honor God, not men. **John 12:43**

God's grace comes through Jesus Christ; His Spirit is given to those that obey Him.

Acts 5:29, 32 *peitharcheo; to obey authority:- followed...advice(1), obedient(1), obey(2).*

It is our duty and privilege to honor God and exercise our faith by informing the world that there is only one way to be saved and that is through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ NLT leaves out verse 24 and mistranslates Philippians 4:23