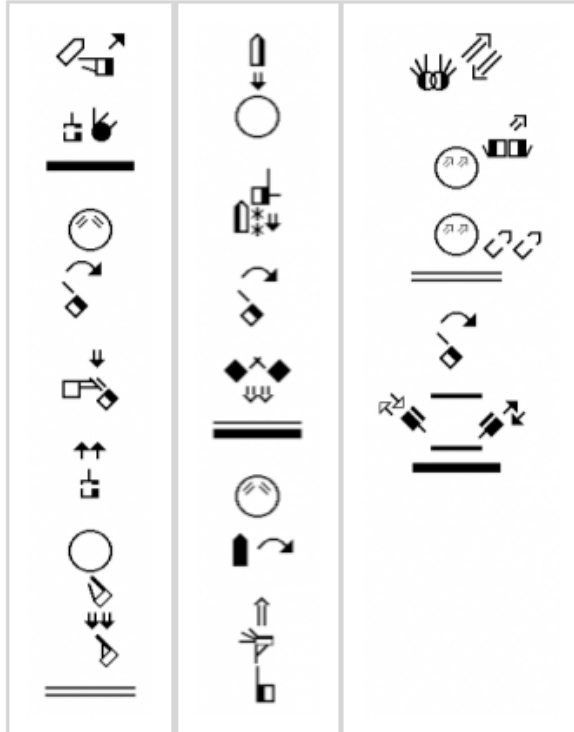


NAME CORRUPTION?

Romans 2:17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,



Resting Your Case

Give attention to what you call yourself. Is a Jew someone with better rules or a better relationship?

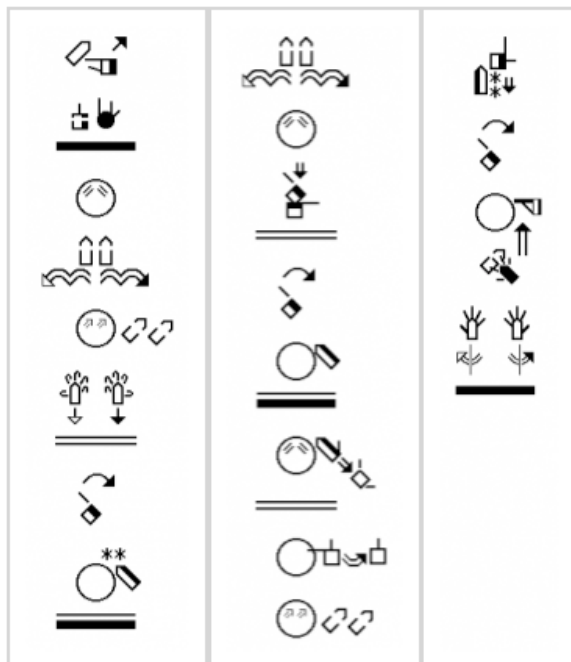
Many Jews thought they were saved because they had the law which gentiles did not have.

Just because you wear the hat does not mean you are on the team.

The only boasting we do should be of the Lord.

Rules are for relationships not relationships for rules.

Romans 2:18 And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;



The Best

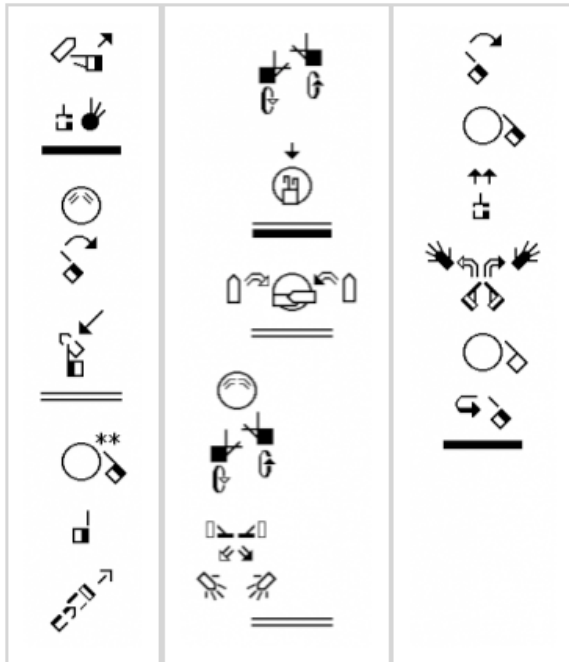
Some Jews were like a politician who approves of conservative values but lives a life contradictory to values he knows and approves of.

The Jews studied the right book, and agree.

Their standards were not fair or good, but excellent.

The problem was their hypocrisy.

Romans 2:19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,



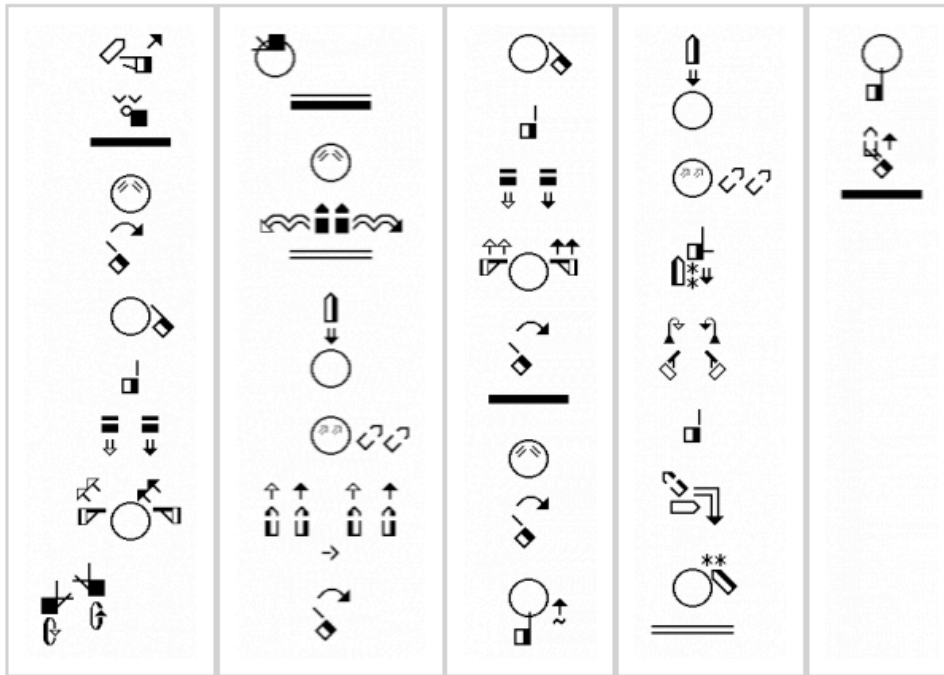
False Confidence

The Jews were taught to put confidence in their knowledge, in their ability, and in their good works.

God wanted the Jews to be guides, but they acted arrogant and self dependent.

He wants people to put their confidence in Him and show this by their words and actions.

Romans 2:20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.



Trusting Form

and_not substance is a great weakness of men. How often have we been deceived by appearance.

The Jew knew more than the gentiles, worldly people, or children, but that knowledge never moved from their heads to their hearts.

Philippians 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: