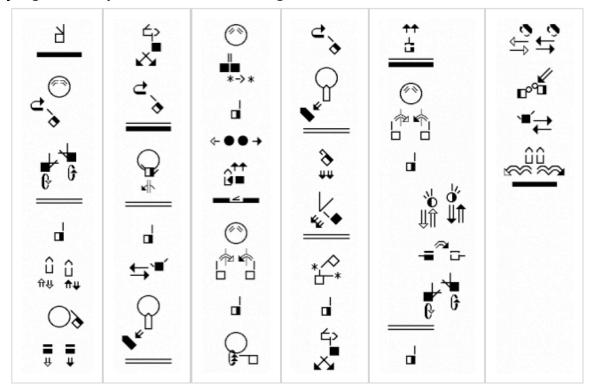
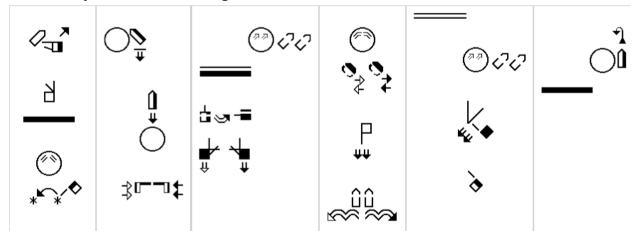
IS THERE AN EXCUSE?

Romans 2:1 ¶ Wherefore thou art without excuse, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judges another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest dost practise the same things.



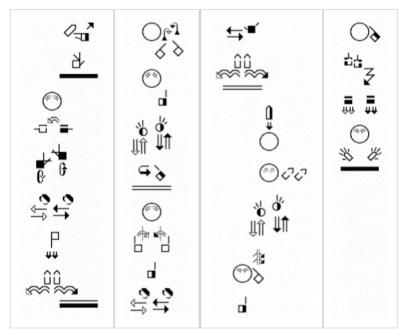
How can any of us judge another and not condemn ourself? Paul proceeds from explaining why the irreligious and idolatrous are condemned to why even the religious are condemned too.

Romans 2:2 And we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against them that practise such things.



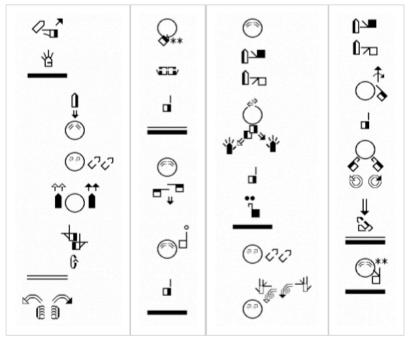
Truth, fairness, and holiness are God's standards. How can anyone escape judgment?

Romans 2:3 And reckonest thou this, O man, who judgest them that practise such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?



How do you "reckon" yourself? Do you think you can escape God's judgment?

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?



If you have not repented then you despise God's goodness and patience. Do you know the reason for God's goodness? Point 1: Everyone knows. Point 2: Everyone is guilty.