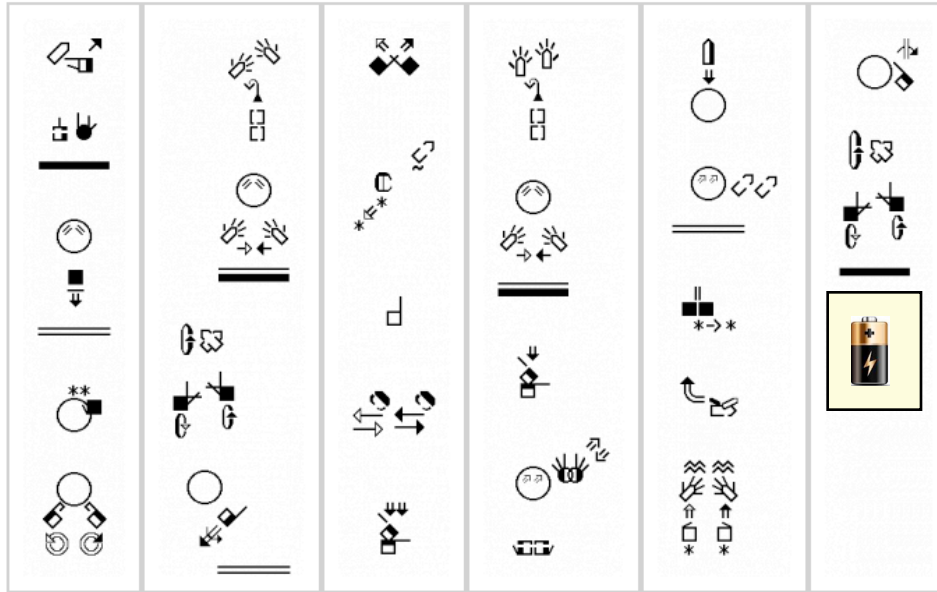




Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

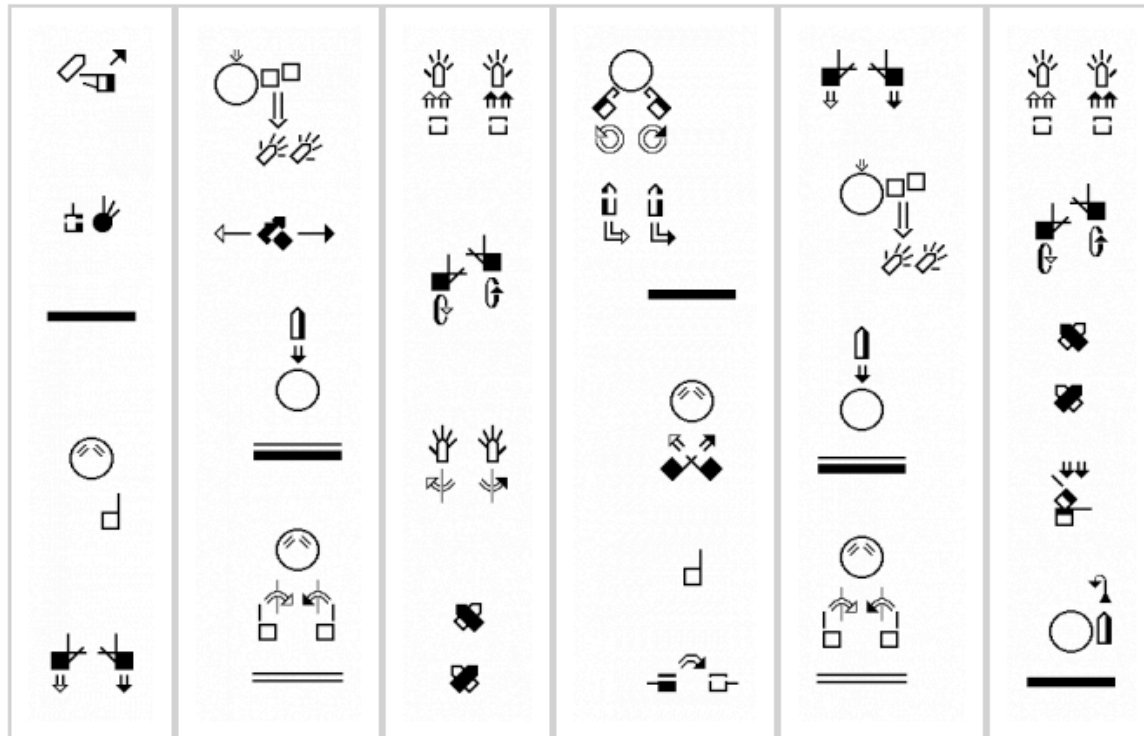


18. Yes, Adam's sin caused this, all people (are) condemned, but Christ's one act (of) righteousness caused this, (a) right relationship with God (Him), also new life for all people.

Understanding the cure is more important than understanding the cause. Both are caused by personal relationships.



19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.



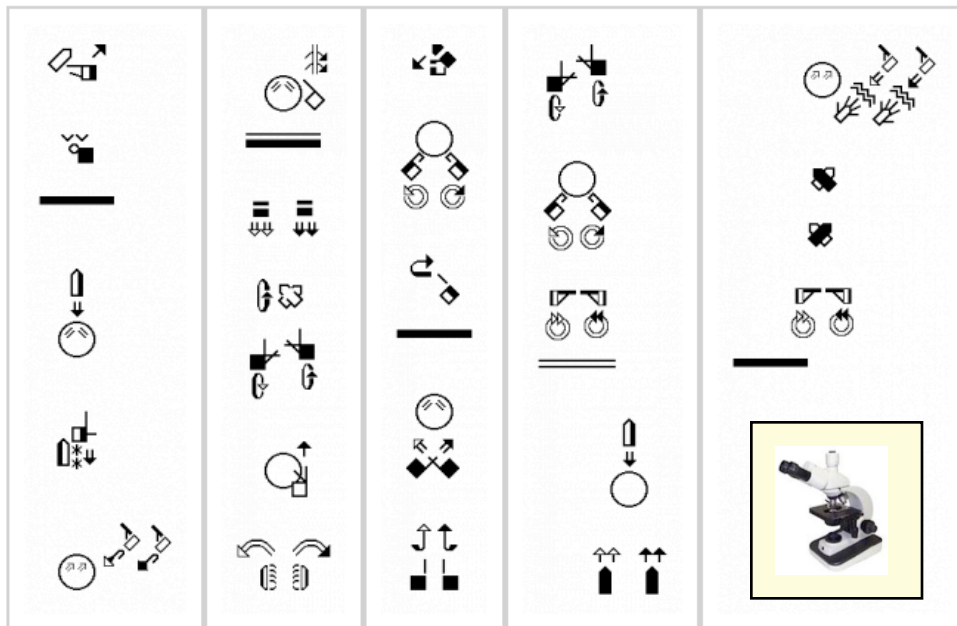
19. One person obeys not God, that, causes people (finish) (to) become sinners. But one other person obeys God, that causes people (to) become righteous. <will>

A bad decision can hurt many people; how can a good decision overcome the results of a bad decision?

What Adam and Jesus did caused eternal consequences; what we do with the message of salvation will likewise cause eternal consequences. God help us!

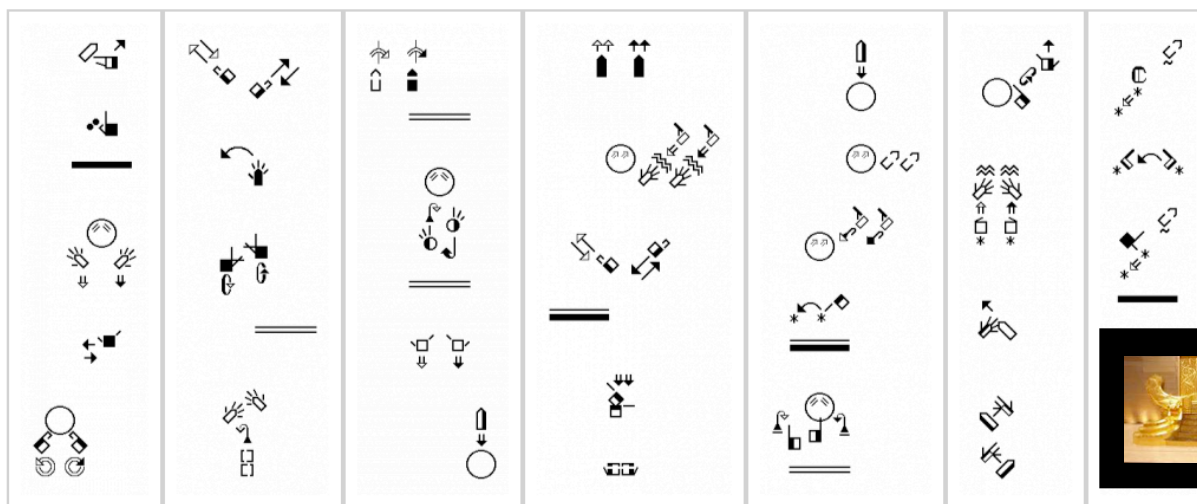
20 Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

20. God's Law (was) given so that (it would be) possible that all people (could) realize (that they are) very full (of) sin themselves. But still people sinned more, God's wonderful grace became even greater.



Gages, thermometers, rulers. Microscopes, telescopes, and the Law, help us see what is already there. Grace is about something new.

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.



21. So as sin reigned over people, causing death, instead, now God's wonderful grace reigns, righteousness with God by His grace (that he gave to) us. Resulting (in) eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sin reigns through chaos and disintegration; grace reigns through a person. As long as we allow Jesus Christ to reign in our lives we will overcome the chaos and reintegrate righteousness and healthy relationships with God, people, and nature. **(John 15:1-3)**