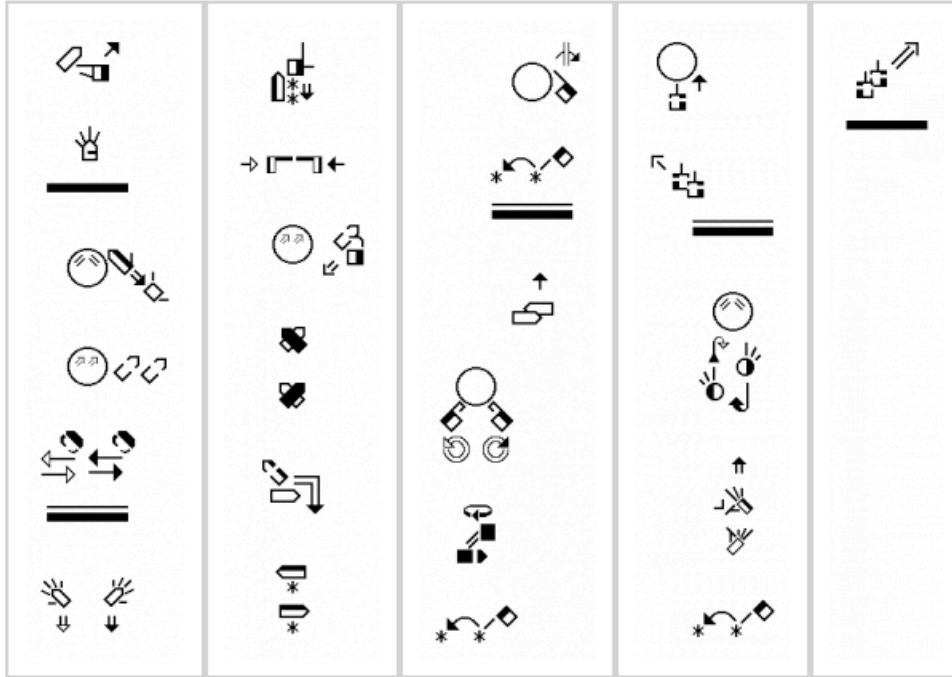


THE AFTER PEOPLE

(III.) In high school our grades would not be released until all fines were paid.

Romans 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

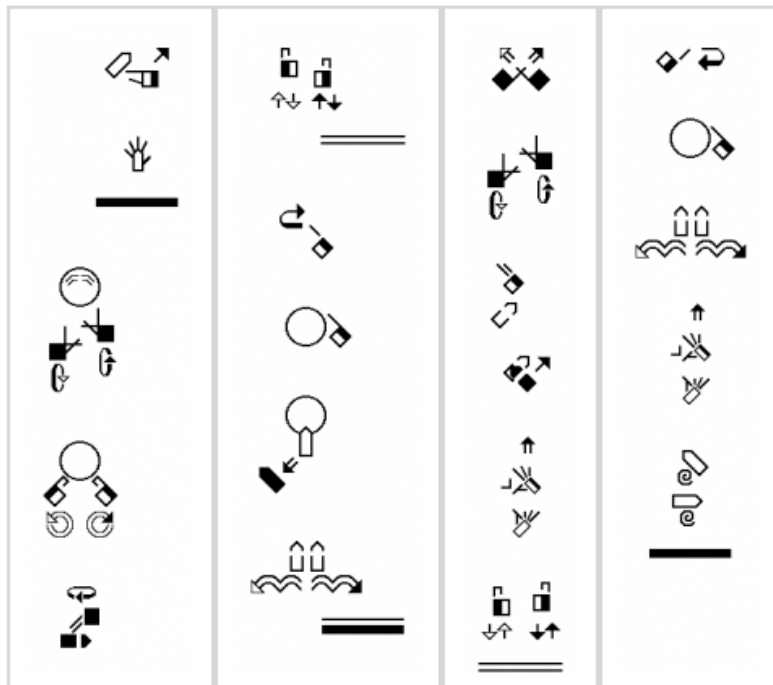


The Christian has a new leader: the Holy Spirit. The Spirit goes first; the spiritual person goes after (follows) the Spirit.

Formally, we followed our own urges. Now, we have new urges.

The Law's requirements are fulfilled in us.

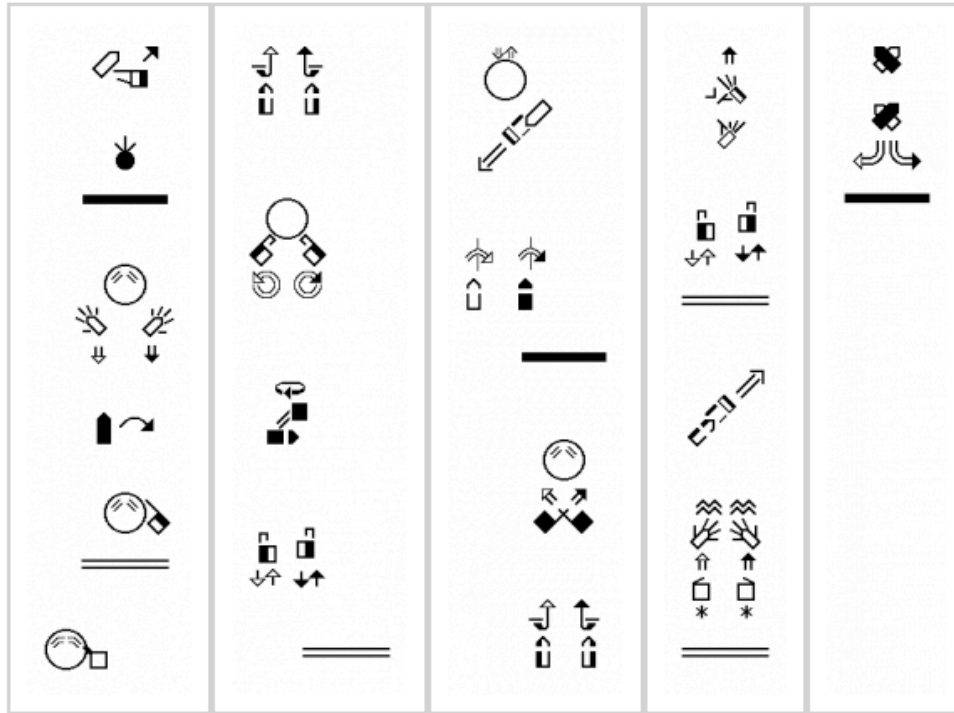
5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.



After the flesh means thinking about the things that please the self.

After the Spirit means our mind is on the things of the Spirit. When we realize a thought is not from the Spirit we cast down that thought. (2 Cor 10:5)

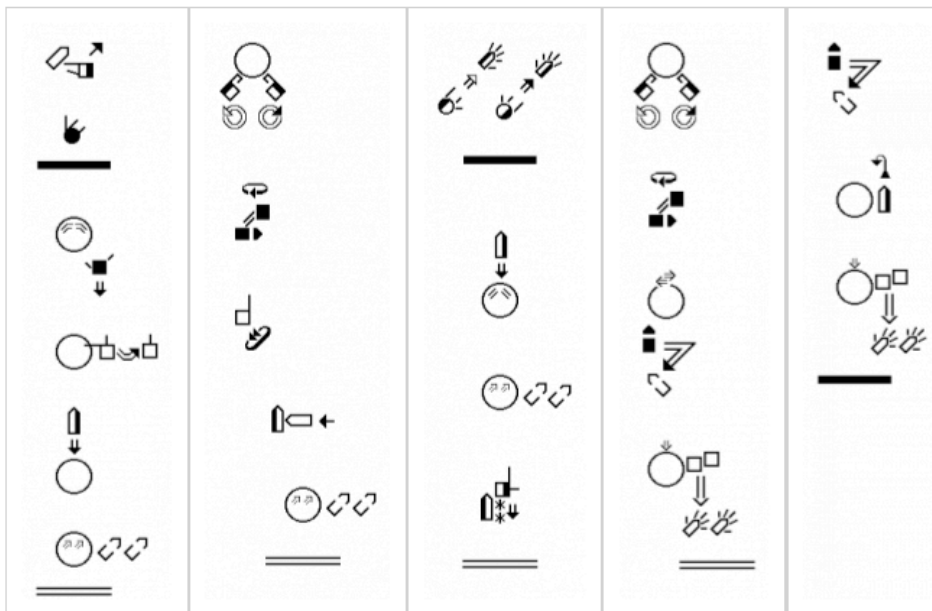
6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.



Thoughts lead to actions. (III. A motorcyclist goes where he is looking.)
 Something is put in front of the Christian's eyes that he could not see before.

Christians can see death and life. Worldly people understand neither.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

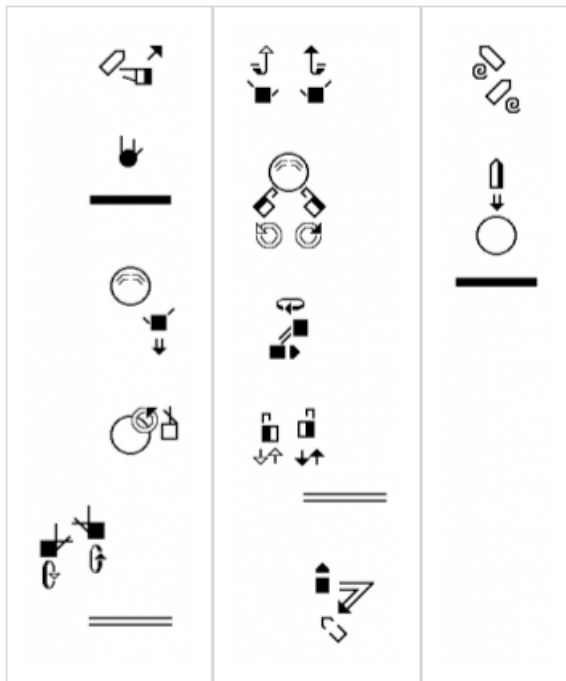


The carnal mind is against God; the carnal mind does not want to obey anyone.

Jesus Christ makes believers into new creatures, not reformed criminals. **(2 Cor 5:17)**

(III.) Deaf man in court reasons for not smoking marijuana.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.



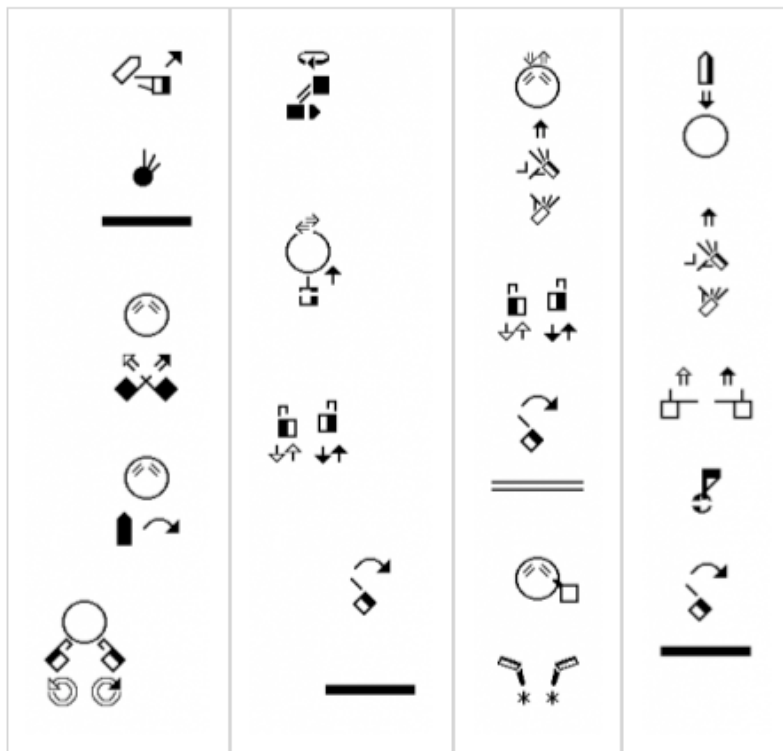
Pleasing God is the desire of the new creature.

This is the symbolism of water baptism; our old man is buried with Christ. Then we rise with Christ as new creatures (persons). What kept Jesus alive before His death was different than what kept Him alive after He rose from the dead.

If we cling to our old life, we cannot please God, and pleasing God is fundamental for the spiritual person.

We must leave that old self pleasing person under the water.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

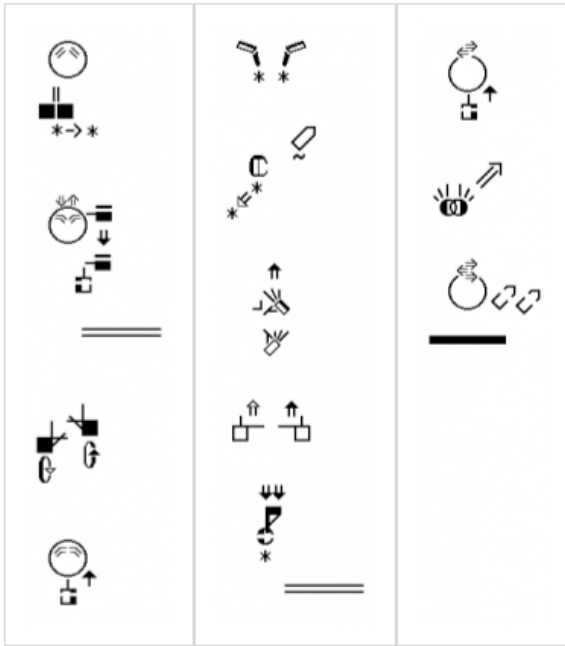


The existence of resistance does not prove we are unspiritual; it proves we need to be spiritual. Just like in the physical world resistance demands that we develop our muscles.

God gives us muscles; we must develop them. God gives us His Spirit; we must walk in it.

The Holy Spirit helps us resist. **(James 4:7)**

Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his



This verse, this thought, was not meant to be a criticism but an encouragement. It is saying, "You can do it." "You can do it because Christ dwells in you."

Again, like the physical training expert who says, "You can do it because you have the same muscles everyone else has."

Paul is saying, "You can do it because you have the same Holy Spirit in you that all Christians have."