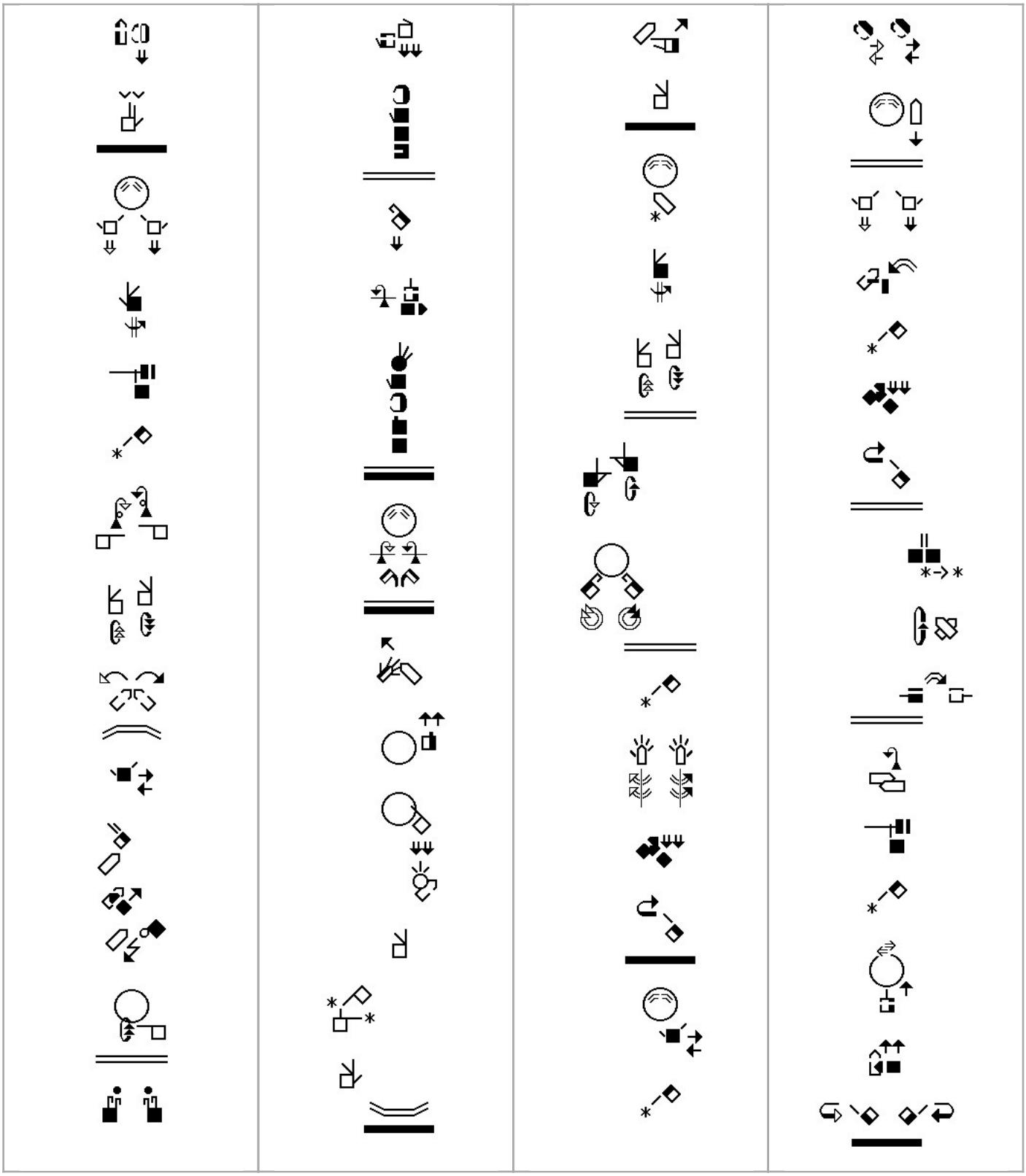
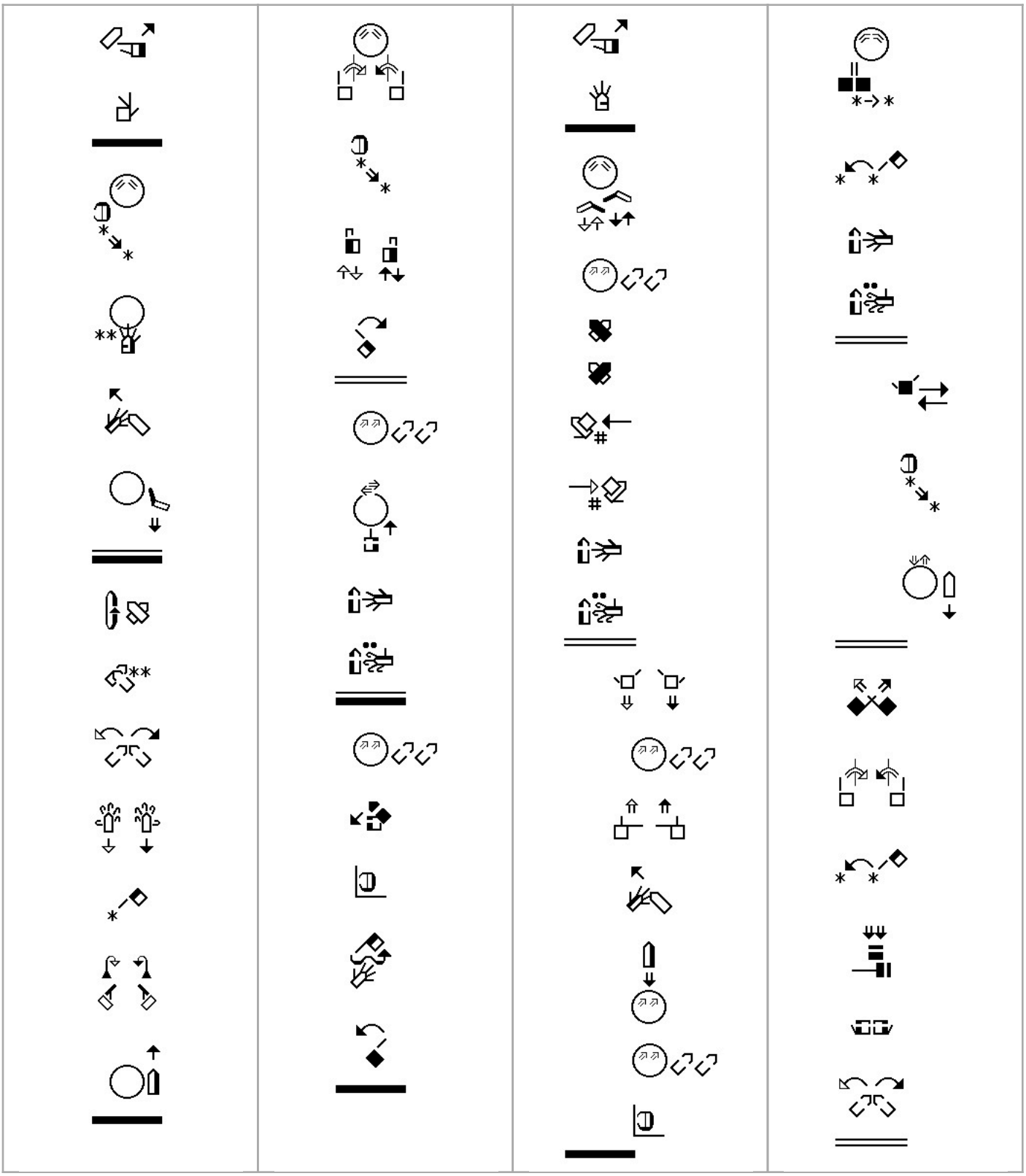
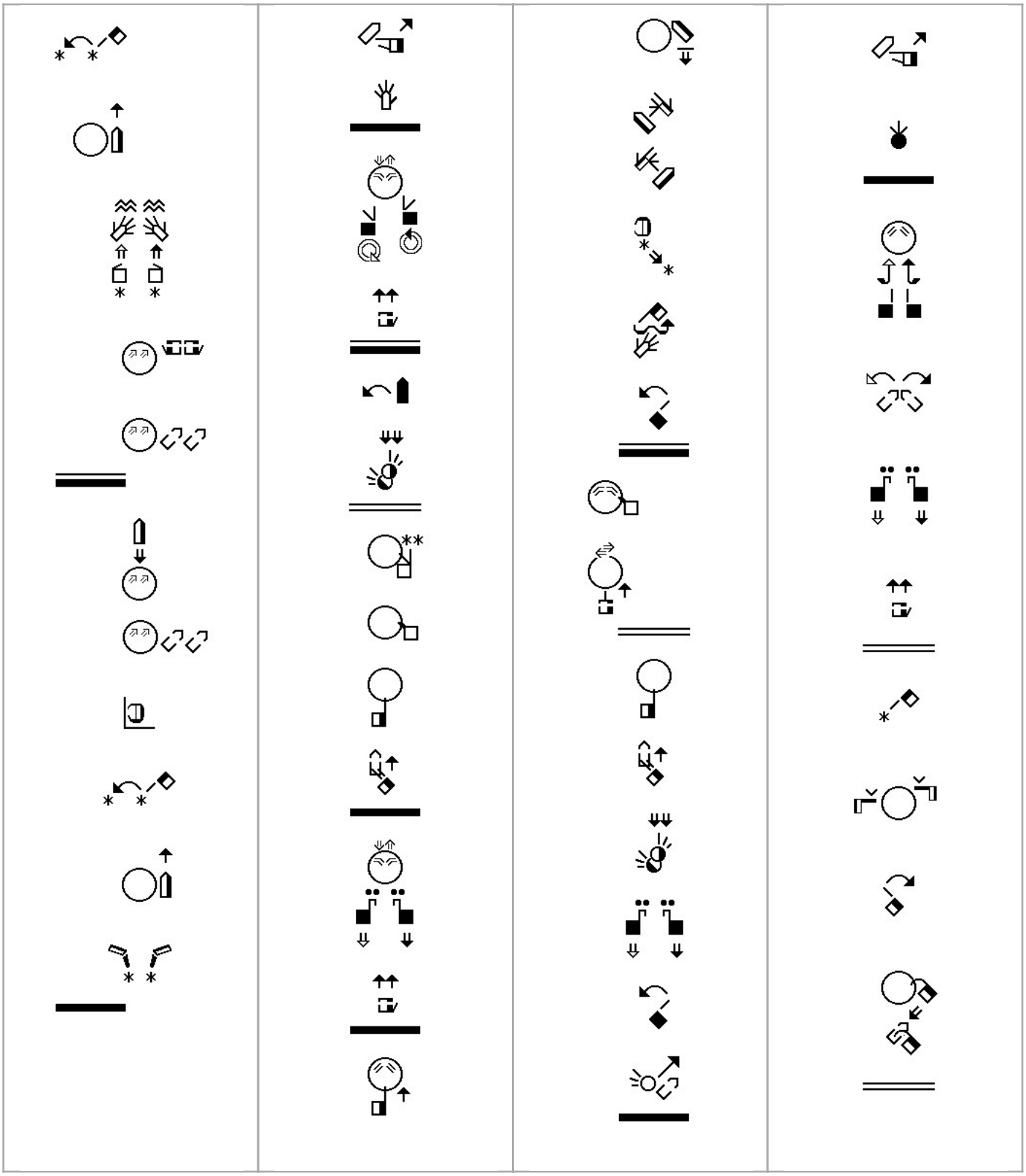


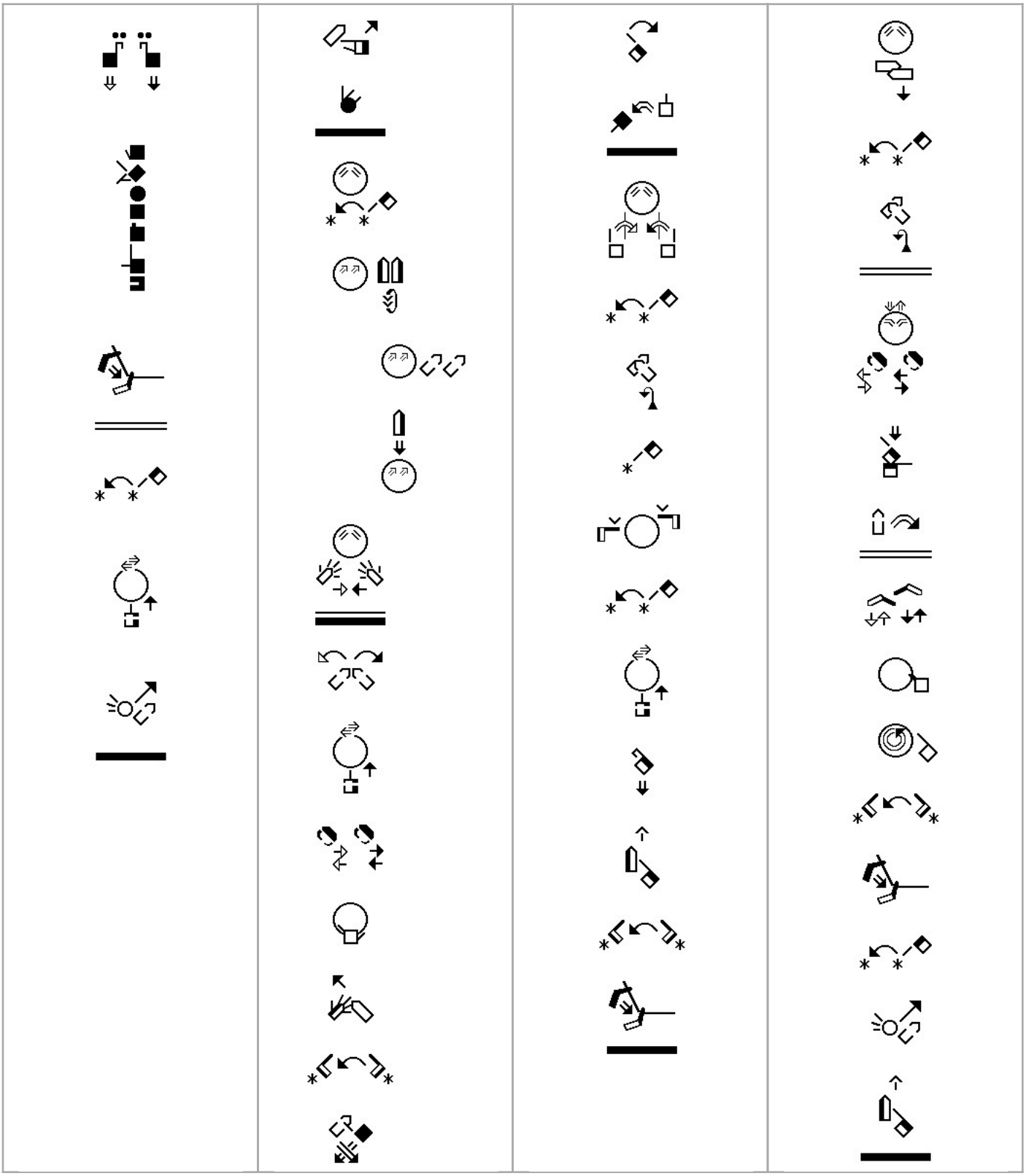
Chapter 13. This is the third time I am coming to visit you (and as the Scriptures say, "The facts of every case must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses"). Verse 2. I have already warned those who had been sinning when I was there on my second visit. Now I again warn them and all others, just as I did before, that next time I will not spare them. NLT



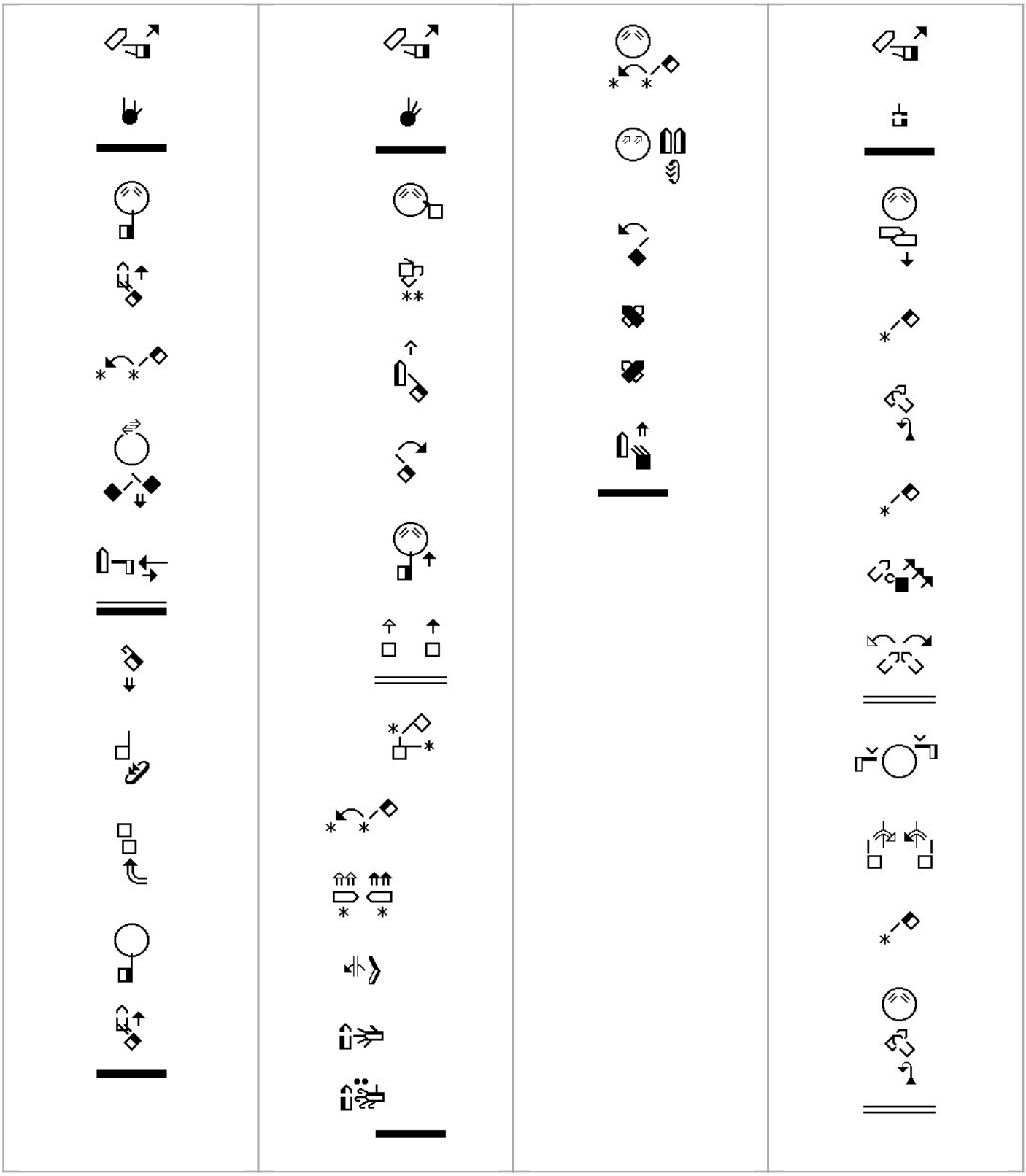
Verse 3. I will give you all the proof you want that Christ speaks through me. Christ is not weak when he deals with you; he is powerful among you. Verse 4. Although he was crucified in weakness, he now lives by the power of God. We, too, are weak, just as Christ was, but when we deal with you NLT



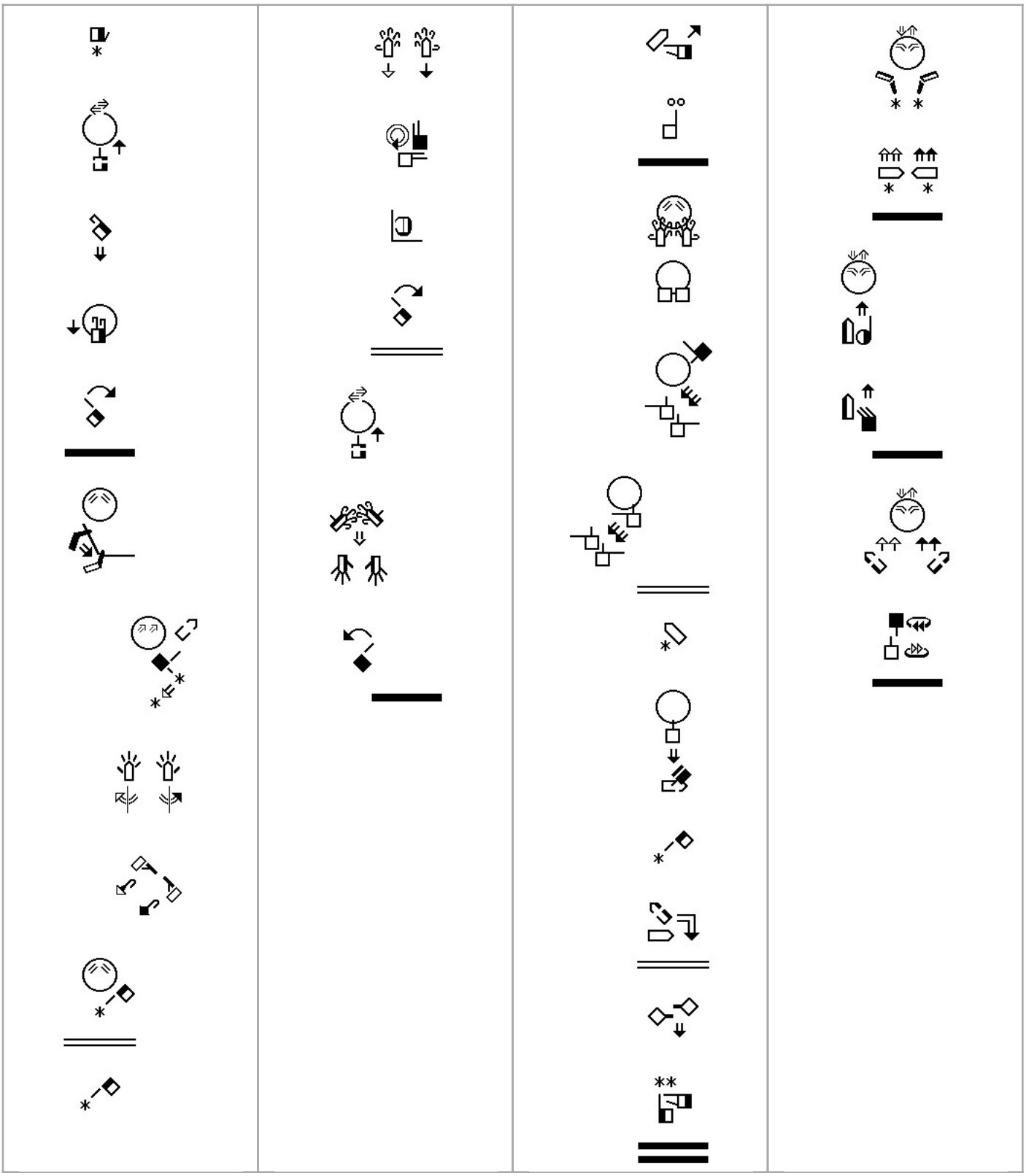
we will be alive with him and will have God's power. Verse 5. Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith. Verse 6. As you test yourselves, I hope you will recognize



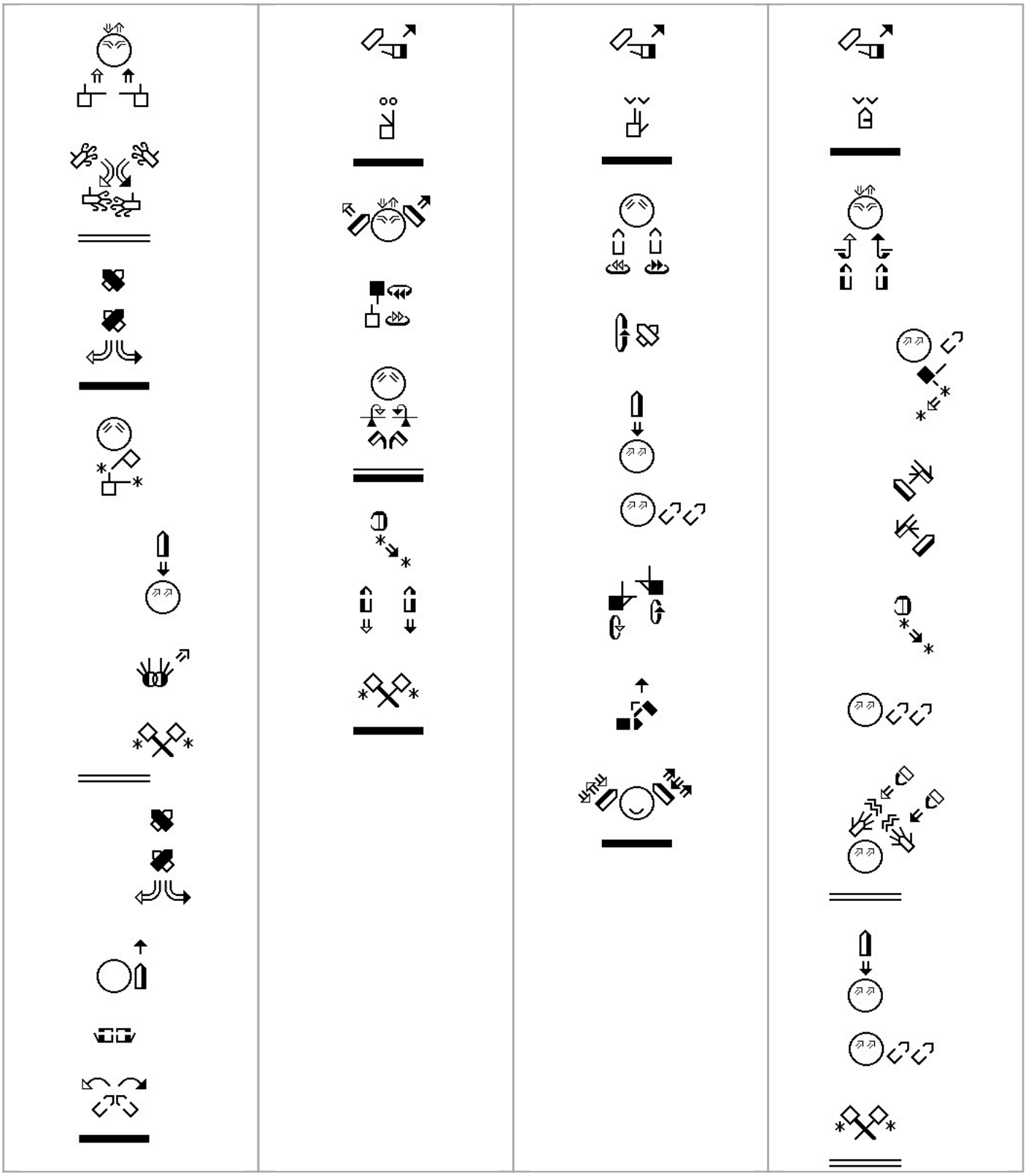
that we have not failed the test of apostolic authority. Verse 7. We pray to God that you will not do what is wrong by refusing our correction. I hope we won't need to demonstrate our authority when we arrive. Do the right thing before we come -- even if that makes it look like we have failed to demonstrate our authority. NLT



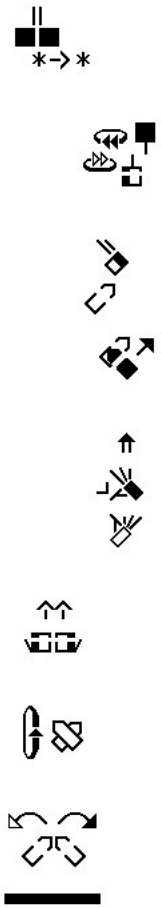
Verse 8. For we cannot oppose the truth, but must always stand for the truth. Verse 9. We are glad to seem weak if it helps show that you are actually strong. We pray that you will become mature. Verse 10. I am writing this to you before I come, hoping that NLT



I won't need to deal severely with you when I do come. For I want to use the authority the Lord has given me to strengthen you, not to tear you down. Verse 11. Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. NLT



Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. Verse 12.
Greet each other with Christian love. Verse 13. All of God's people here send you their
greetings. Verse 14. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, NLT

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. NLT