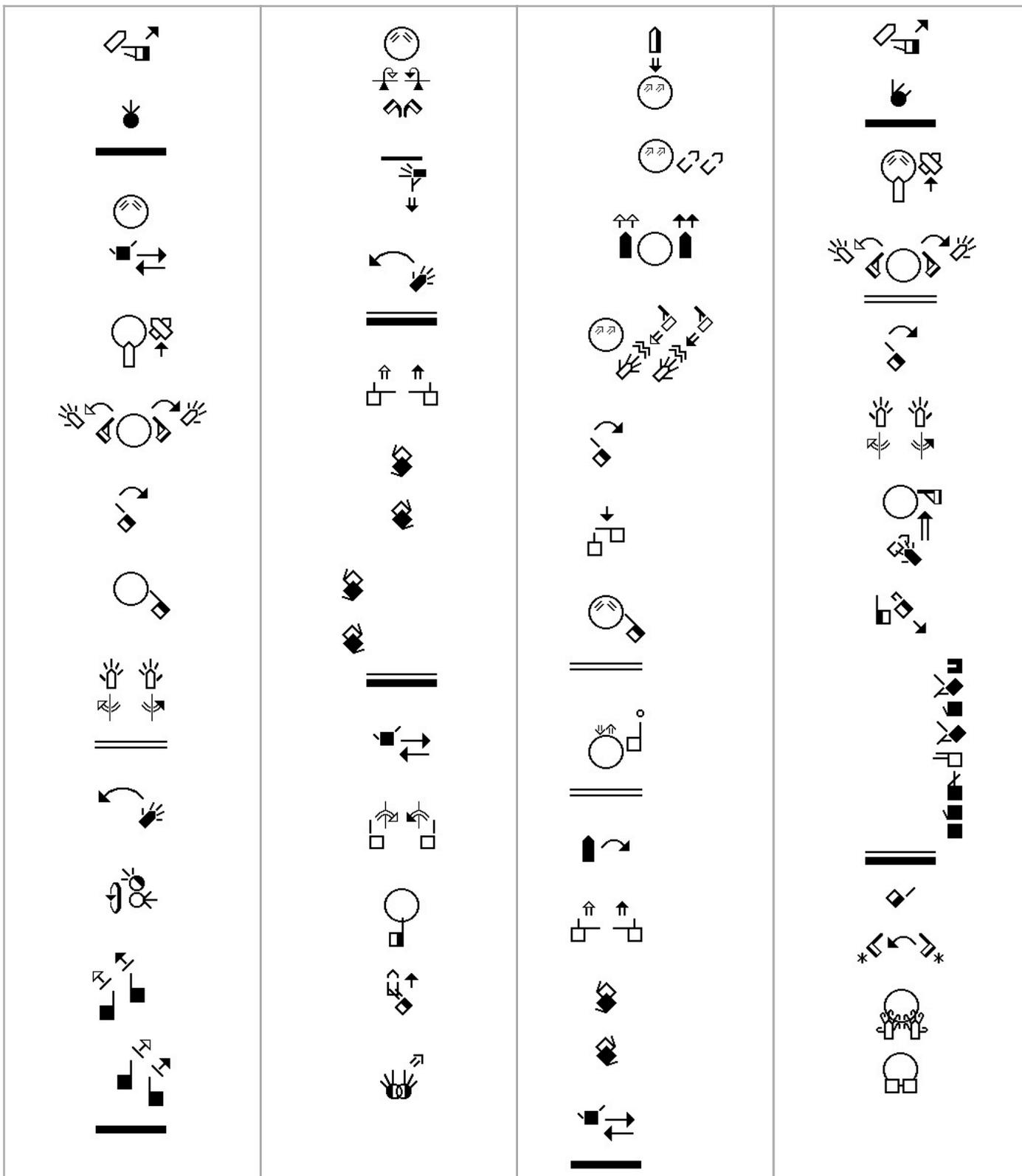


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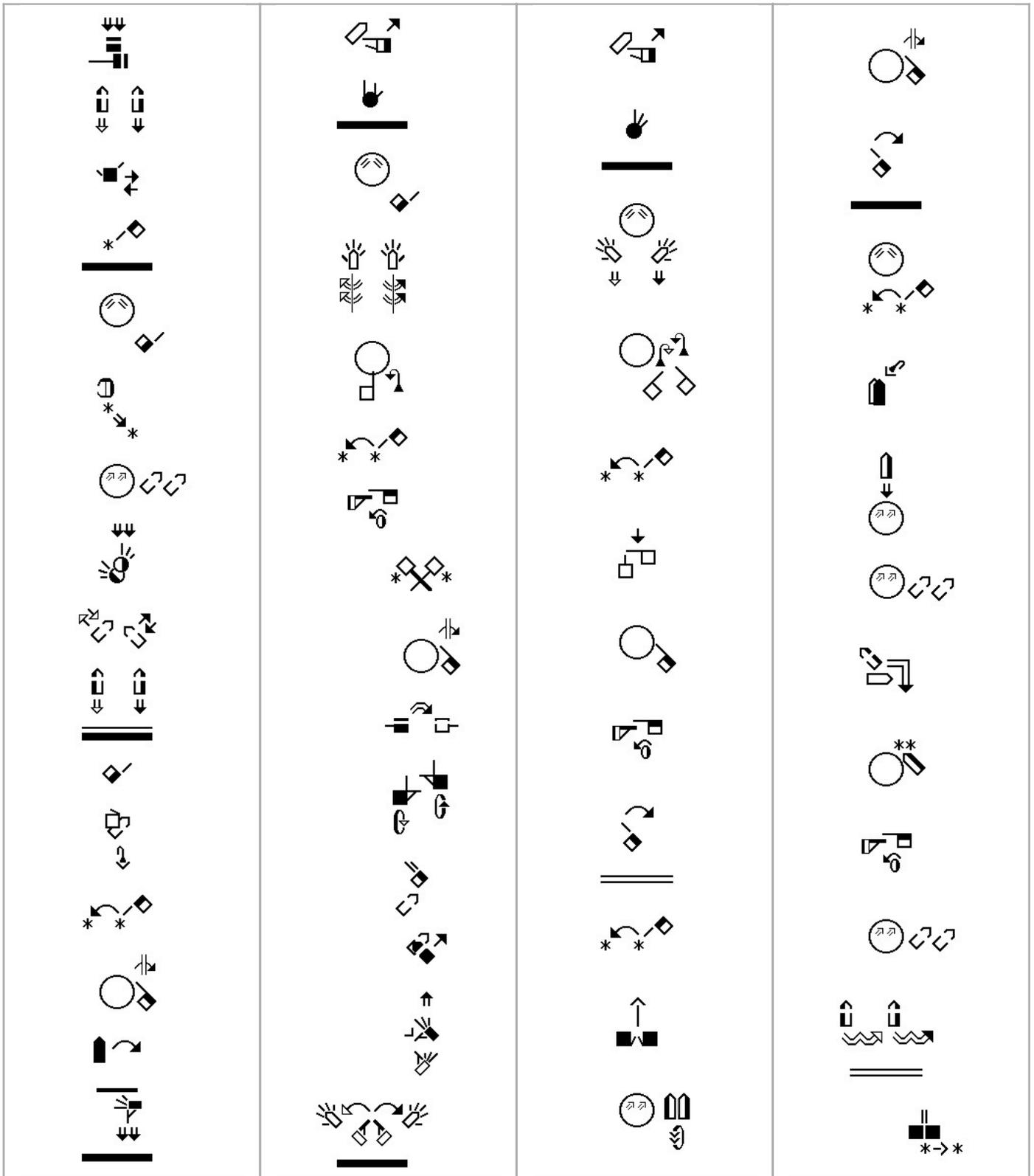
Colossians Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. Verse 2. We are writing to God's holy people in the city
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of Colosse, who are faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. May God our Father give you grace and peace. Verse 3. We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. NLT



Verse 6. This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace. Verse 7. You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved NLT



co-worker. He is Christ's faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. Verse 8. He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you. Verse 9. So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and

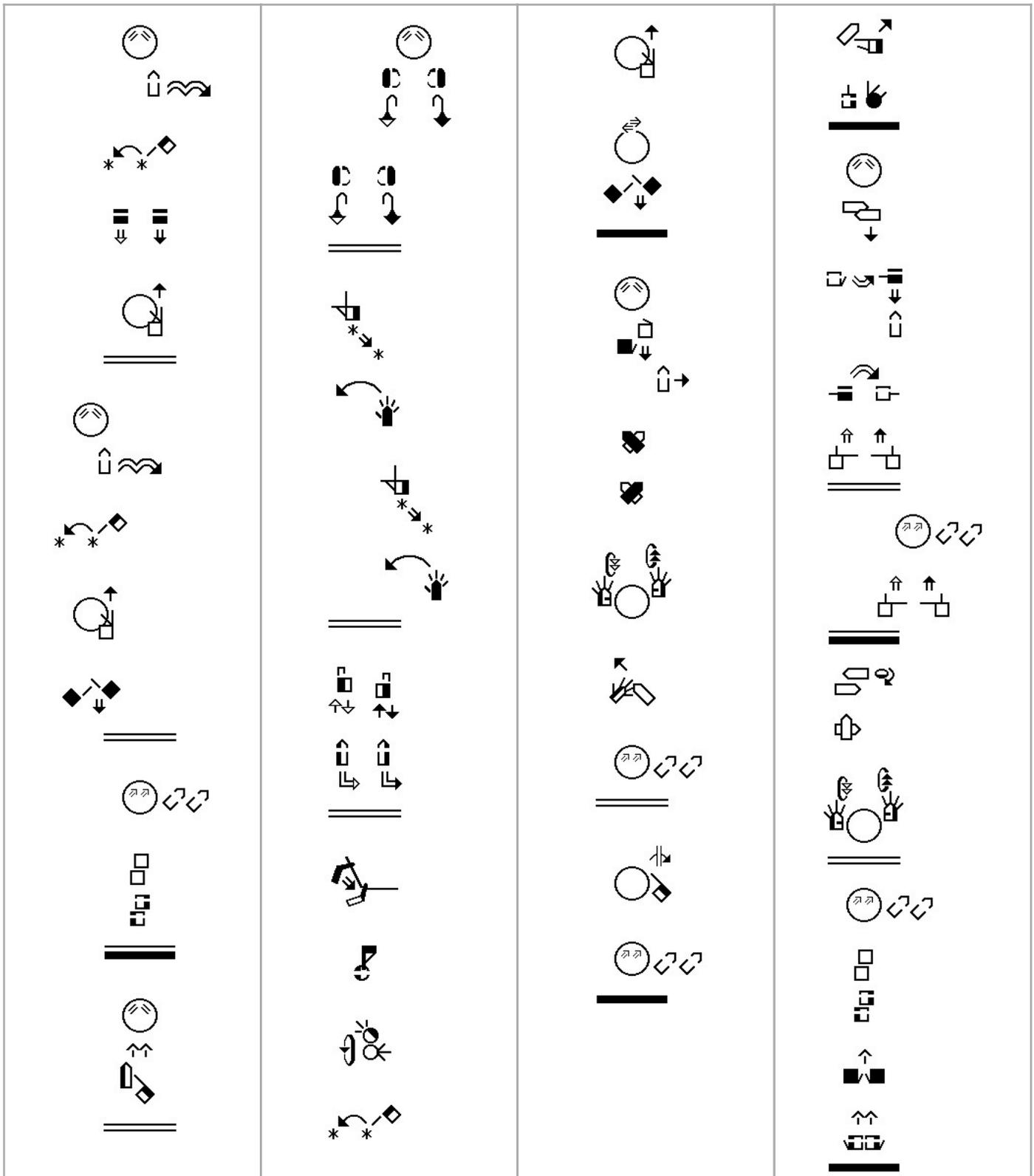
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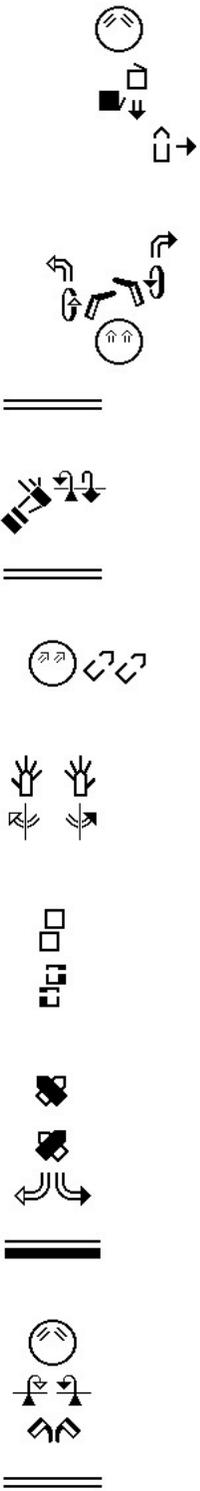
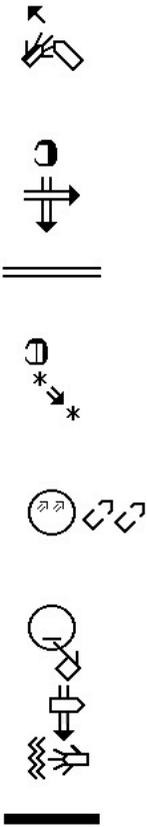
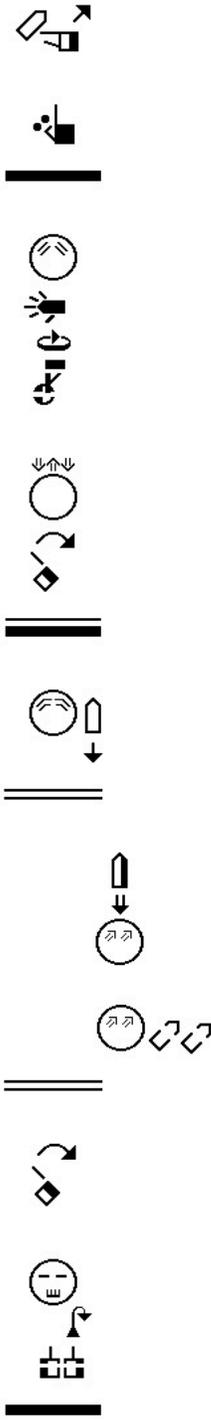
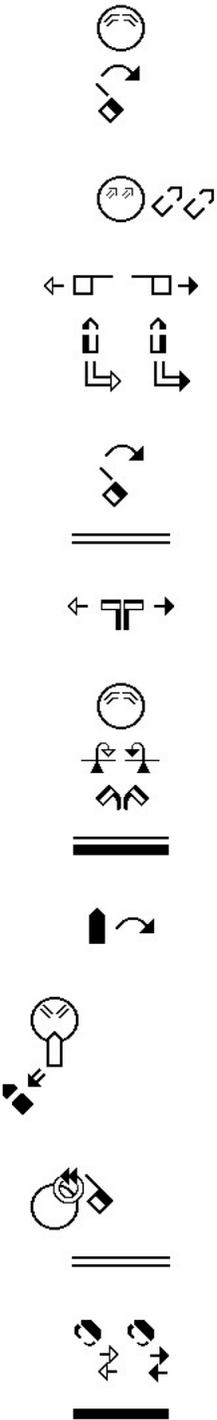
to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Verse 10. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. NLT

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that belongs to his people, who live in the light. Verse 13. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, Verse 14. who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. NLT



He made the things we can see and the things we can't see -- such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. Verse 17. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. NLT

			
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He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. Verse 21. This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. NLT

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Verse 26. This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. Verse 27. For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you.

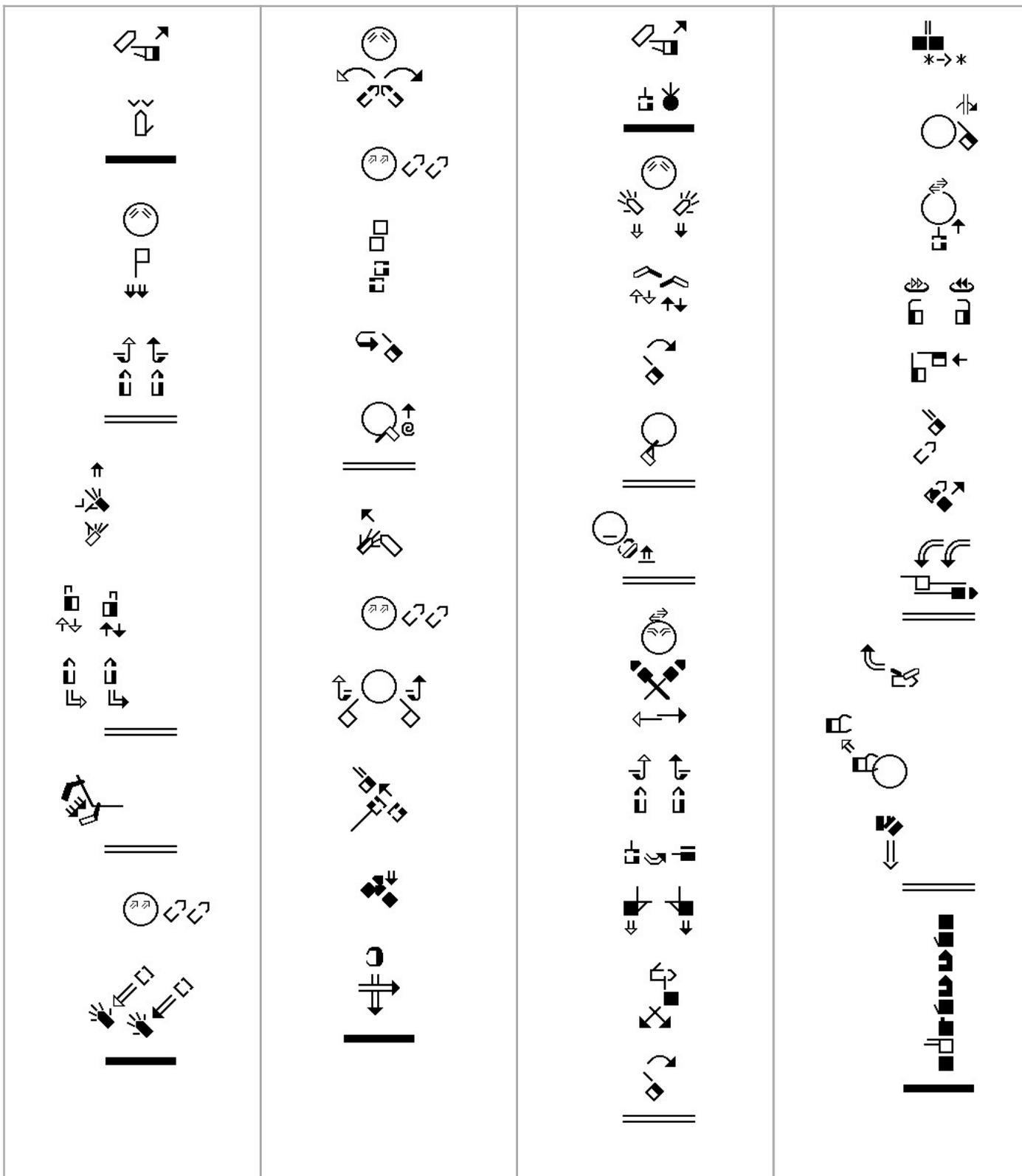
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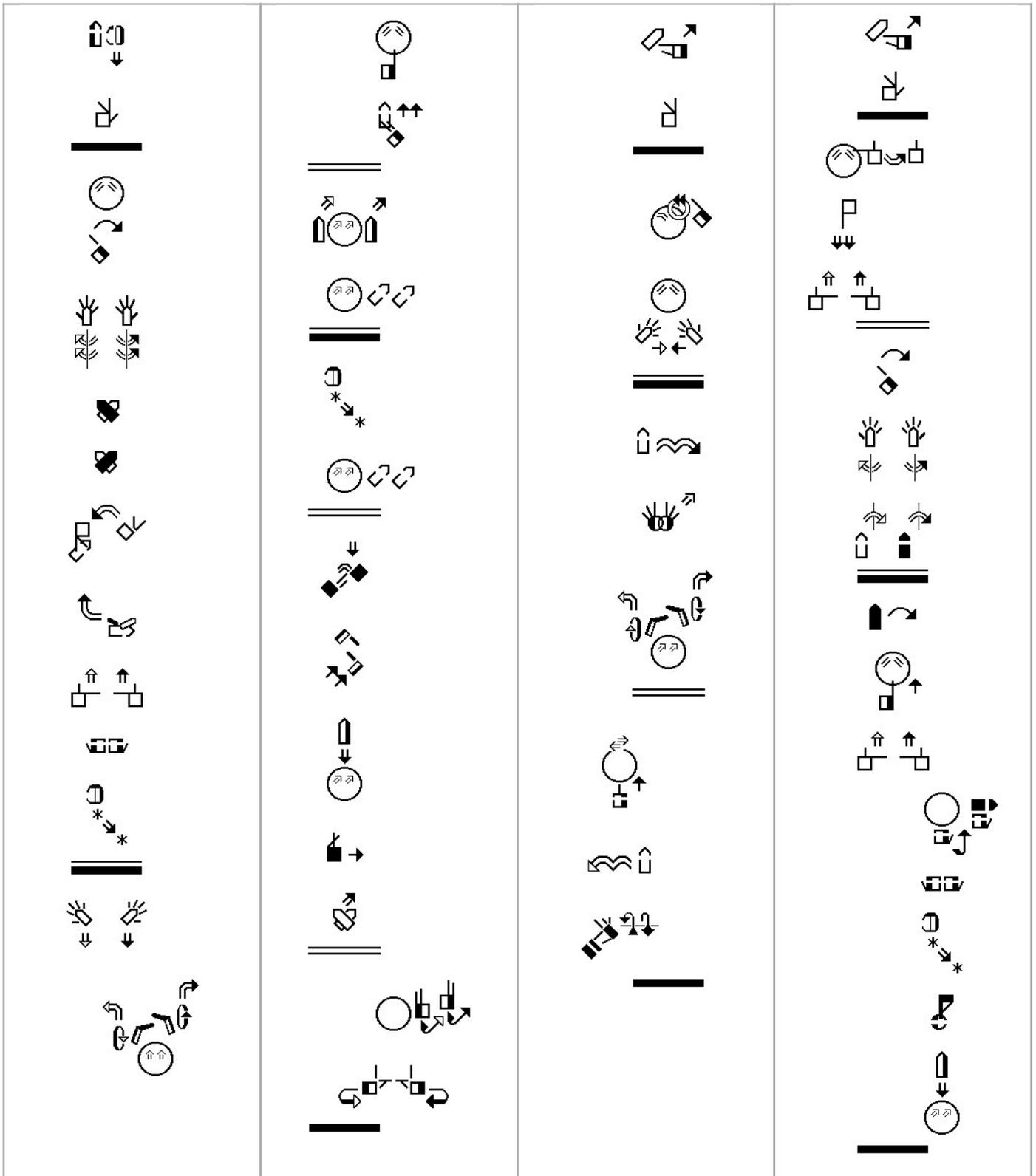
procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision -- the cutting away of your sinful nature. Verse 12. For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

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Verse 15. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross. Verse 16. So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths.

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Chapter 3. Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Verse 2. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. Verse 3. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. NLT

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be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshipping the things of this world. Verse 6. Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. Verse 7. You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. Verse 8. But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. NLT

he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Verse 13. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. NLT

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Verse 14. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. Verse 15. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Verse 16. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. NLT

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Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. Verse 17. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. NLT

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Verse 18. Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord.
 Verse 19. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. Verse 20. Children,
 always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. Verse 21. Fathers, do not aggravate
 your children, or they will become discouraged.
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41 were working for the Lord rather than for people. Verse 24. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. Verse 25. But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. NLT

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give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Verse 4. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. Verse 5. Live wisely among those who are not believers, NLT

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45 and make the most of every opportunity. Verse 6. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone. Verse 7. Tychicus will give you a full report about how I am getting along. NLT

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47 and beloved brother, one of your own people. He and Tychicus will tell you everything that's happening here. Verse 10. Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, sends you his greetings, and so does Mark, Barnabas's cousin. As you were instructed NLT

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before, make Mark welcome if he comes your way. Verse 11. Jesus (the one we call Justus) also sends his greetings. These are the only Jewish believers among my co-workers; they are working with me here for the Kingdom of God. And what a comfort they have been!

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49 Verse 12. Epaphras, a member of your own fellowship and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. He always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident that you are following the whole will of God. NLT

