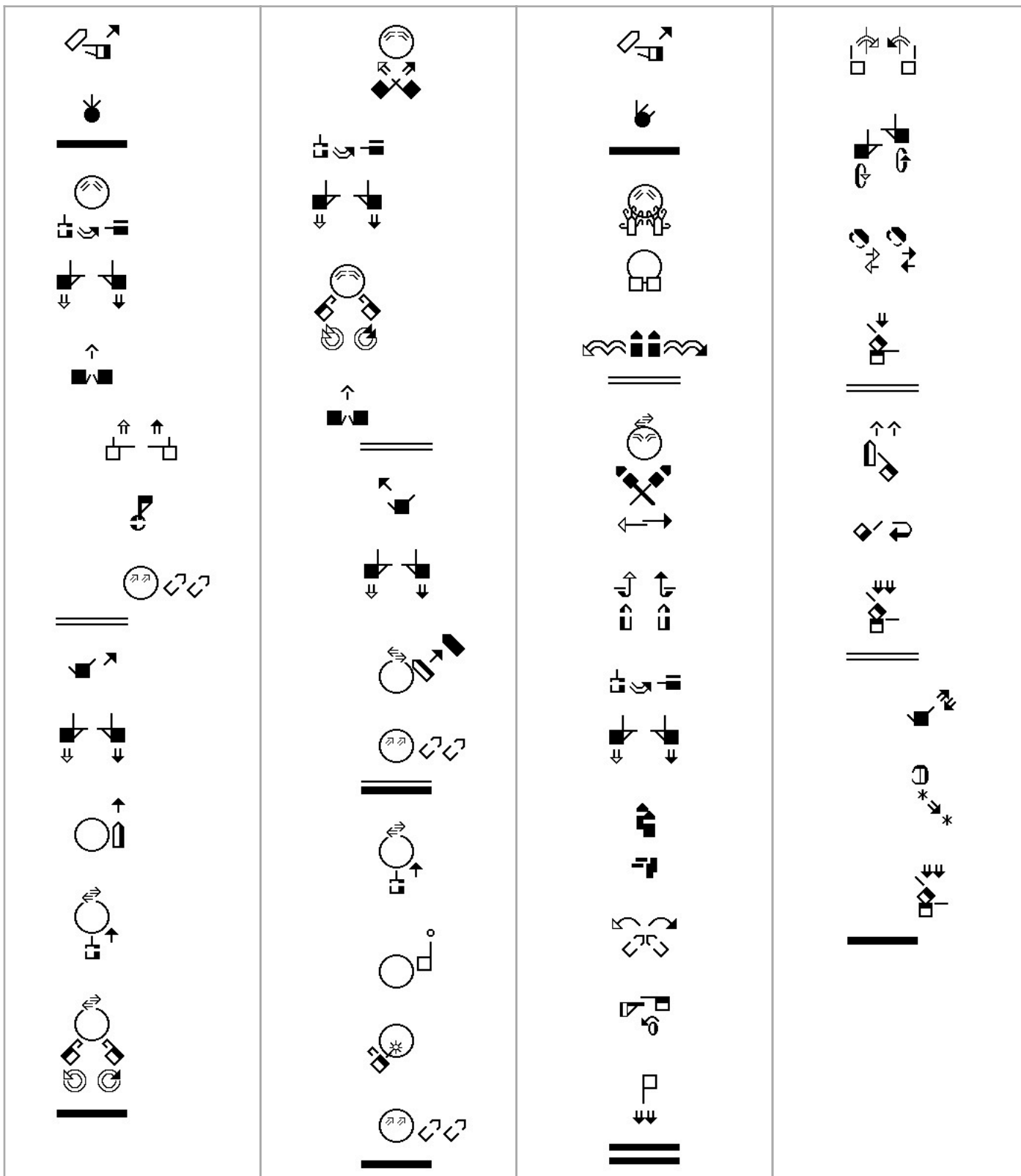


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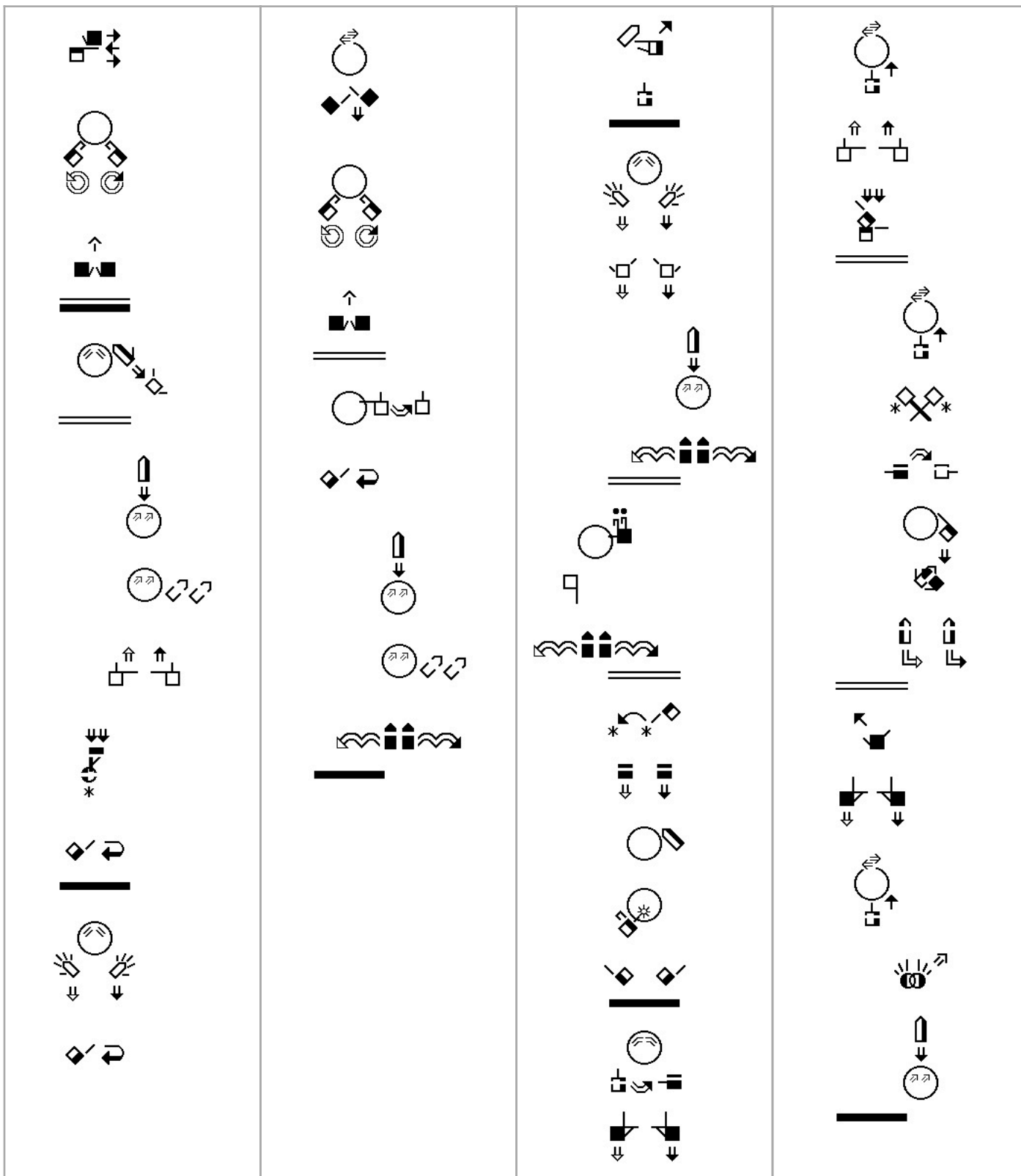
23 Chapter 3. See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. Verse 2. Dear friends, we are already God's children, but NLT

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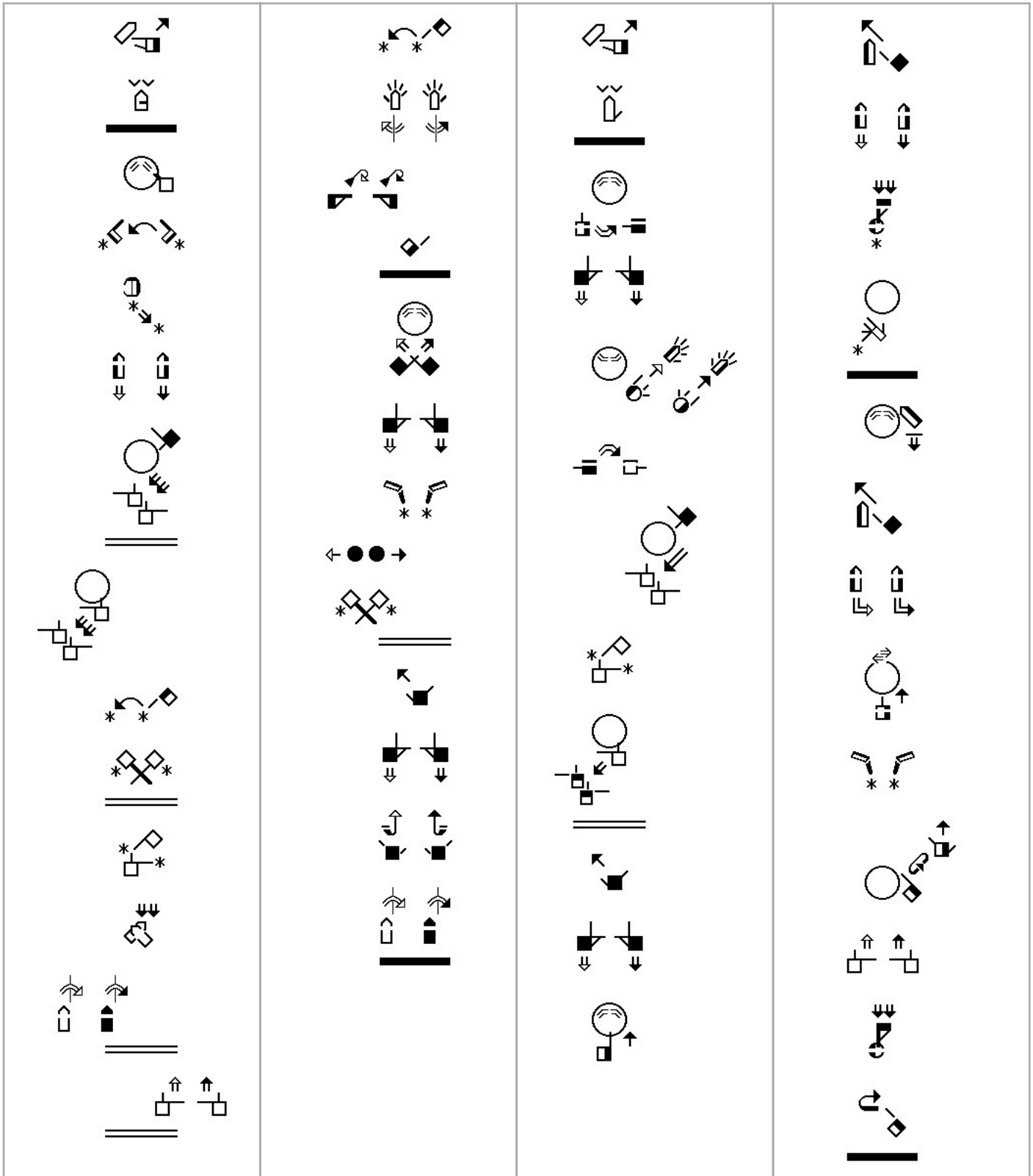
he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. Verse 3. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure. NLT



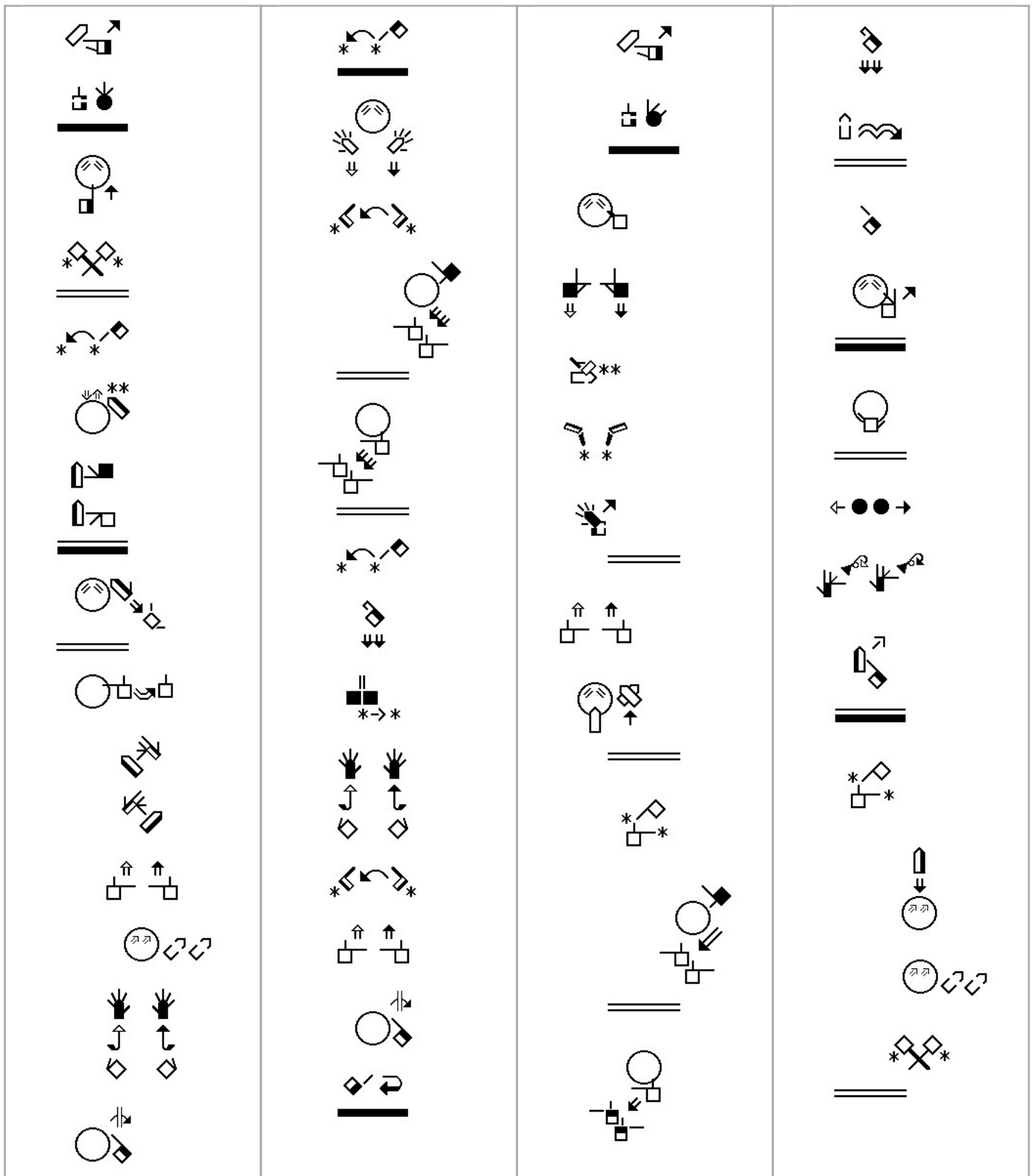
Verse 6. Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is. Verse 7. Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. NLT



a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God. Verse 10. So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God. NLT



Verse 14. If we love our Christian brothers and sisters, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. Verse 15. Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them. NLT



Verse 16. We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. Verse 17. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion -- NLT

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35 and love one another, just as he commanded us. Verse 24. Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us. NLT