

Symbolism in the Creation A Geometric Journey Through the Creation and the Numbers 1 to 7

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Authors Notes

After writing activity books for the circle and for the line, I realized that my audience needed the whole picture. So, this book is a basic overview of sequential numbers and shapes.

Right Hand Pages

The pages on the right side of the book are written for the young reader. It is **the story**. It also has colored pictures and repetitive words to stimulate understanding.

The main message for this section of the book is to see God's plan of happiness in simple shapes and within the creation. We all began as light or intelligences and we progress through life, changing and growing until we will once again return to God and dwell (rest) in his house or heaven again.

Left Hand Pages

The pages on the left hand side of the book are written for the older reader, anyone who wants to know more about the shape or number. It is **the science and history behind the story.** In this section you will learn about other principles, the Hebrew equivalent letter and number, an article of faith, and you will watch the geometric plant grow into a flower. Occasionally there are literature or historical stories.

Suggested uses of the learned concepts:

- * Draw out the shapes.
- * Study other Hebrew meanings or the modern letter.
- * Find the principles in your other readings.
- * Ask questions, seek the answers.
- * Let your curiosity run wild.

This book is not an attempt to preach doctrine, but rather to share the amazing similarities and symbolism found in the scriptures and the mathematic and scientific world around us.

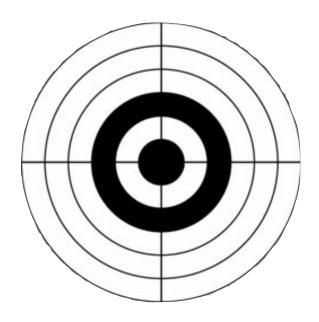
The Point

Nothing exists without a center around which it revolves and/or balances. When we say something is "pointless" it means what is said has no center to hold it together. A circle cannot be created without a center.

The point represents **God**, **The Beginning**. God is our center, we exist because He exists. He is the center and the beginning of the creation of earth, life, and us. Just as a seed expands and fulfills itself as a plant; a point expands to fulfill itself as a circle. The point also represents our center of awareness that is about to expand, construct and motivate to help us fulfill our lives.

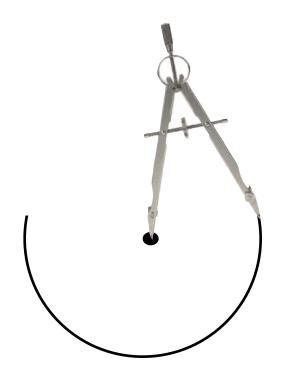
Principles of the Point include: no beginning, a starting position, the center, etc. A point has no dimensions, we create a dot to represent a point, but in reality there is no beginning or ending to a point.

Examples of Centers are the nucleus of an atom, the heart of our body, capital of a nation, sun in the solar system, a centerpiece on a table. The eye of a storm has a center that is calm. Potters clay is centered on the wheel. Dancers use their bod's center to balance while in motion. Gymnasts us the bar as a center point as they flip around it. To use chopsticks you create a center of balance. Everyone uses a center of gravity to walk, sit and to stand. We also have an inner center or spirit that motivates our action, emotions, thoughts and desires.





In the beginning there was God.



He wanted a place for his children. So he opened up his compass and created a circle or universe*.

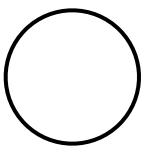
^{*}Universe means "one turn"

The Circle

The circle has three parts, the center point, representing God, the radius, representing Christ and the circumference, representing the Holy Ghost.

We believe in God the Eternal Father, in His son Jesus Christ and in the Holy Ghost. Article of Faith 1

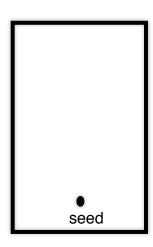
The circle represents God, The Godhead as one, The Creation and the number 1.



Principles of the circle include: cycles, greatest area, equal expansion, unity, the heavens, father, no beginning, etc.

In **ancient Hebrew the letter** *aleph* is an ox and the number one is an ox head \nearrow representing strength, power, dependable, all qualities of God.

The **geometric plant** begins with a simple seed.



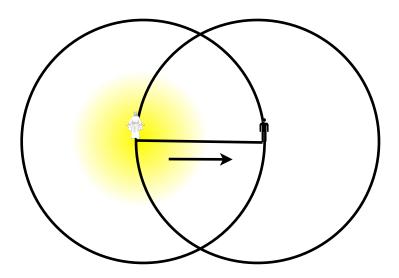


"God said, Let there be light: and there was light." Genesis 1:3 KJV

God saw that the first day was good.

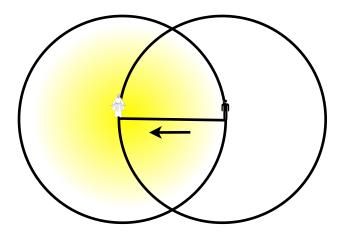
The Line

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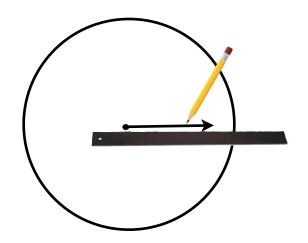
An individual can choose to walk further (unbelief) from God's light and influence and yet God's love or influence still remains with them.

The line *unites* the two circles. As you move lengthen the radius both circles get bigger because the line (radius) connect the two circles and follow the law of the circle (equal expansion in all directions).

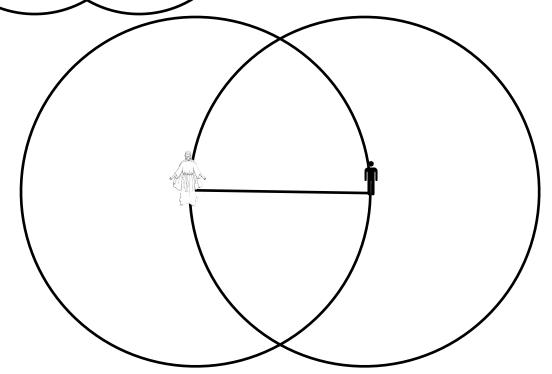


Or an individual can choose to walk toward (belief) God's light and influence and eventually become ONE with Him.

We are God's children, He knew that in order for us to be eternally happy we needed to be separated from him. Each of us became the center of our own universe.



God knew that in order for us to return there needed to be a way back, so He created a plan or a path, on which we could choose to return. We each have our own path to follow back to God.



God saw that His Plan was good.

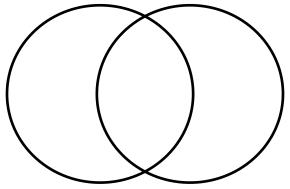
The Vesica Pisces

How many points are on the circumference of a circle? Infinite! Think of each point is an individual person. Each individual is the center of their own universe with their own perspective. The Greeks called these two circles (ours and God's) the Vesica Pisces or "fish bladder".

We believe that Adam will be punished for his own sins and not Adam's transgression. Article of Faith 2

How many lines, or radii are in a circle? Infinite! There are an infinite number of paths back to God. The shared radius or line between the two circles represents God's Plan of Happiness or a path of return.

The vesica pisces represents Heavenly Mother, The Fall, Opposites and the number 2.

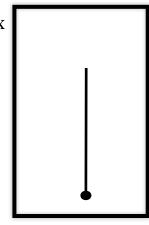


Principles of this shape include: opposition in all things; father/mother; male/female; duality (how two things work together as one), polarity, "yin/yang", balance, etc.

Two in Creation: Separated land and water, liquid (water) and gas (air).

The **ancient Hebrew letter beth** and number 2 is a house and means temple, relationship with spouse, balance, paradox and opposites. Words with **beth** include: Bethlehem (house of bread) and Bethel (temple).

The **geometric plant** grows a stem (line) and first dimension creating length.



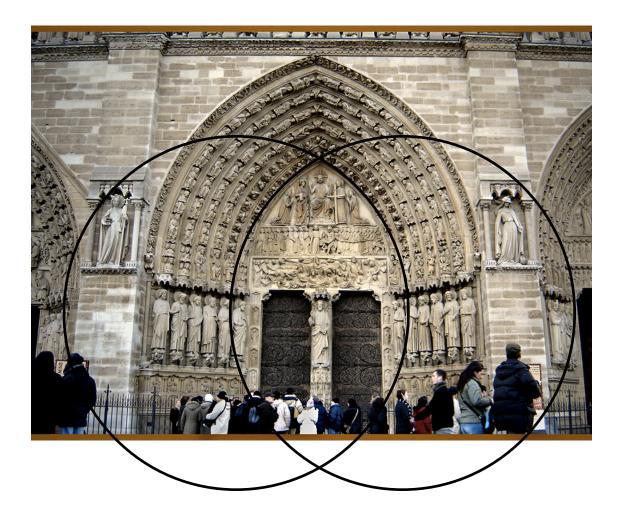


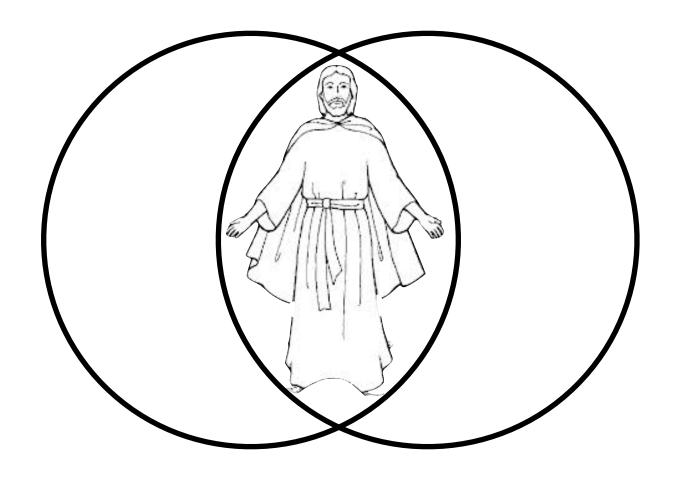
One the second day God separated the land and the water, the liquid water and the gas water (humidity) in preparation for life.

God saw that the second day was good.

The Almond Shape Doorway

The shared area between the two circles creates an **almond shape**, where heaven and earth meet. This can represent a **doorway** between heaven and earth. Just as the ancient cathedral doors used this shape as if to say come out from the world and enter into heaven through these doors. God may use this portal to send down messages from heaven to earth.

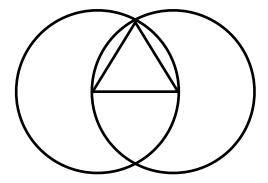




Because God loves us He sent his son, Jesus Christ, to earth to overcome justice, to show us the way and to set a perfect example for us to follow.

The Triangle

The perfect triangle is created by drawing the vesica pisces and then using a straight edge draw the shared radius. Connect both sides of the radius to the point where the two circles meet at the top for an equilateral triangle every time.

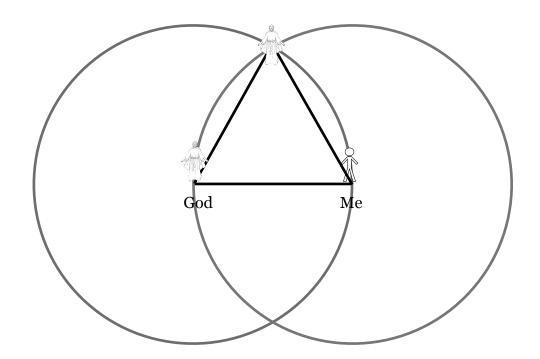


The **ancient Hebrew letter** *gimmel* and number **3** is a **b** foot and means to carry, lift up, gather, walking, direction, charity, all qualities of Christ.

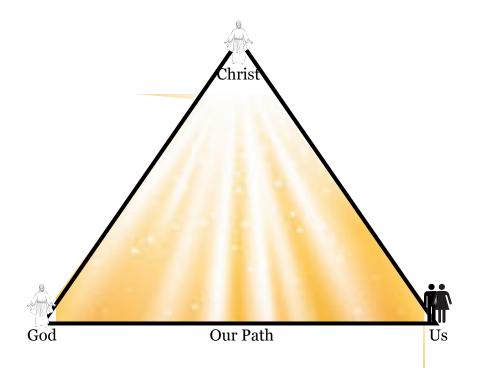
The Greeks believed that a sick person was out of harmony. They would put people in a perfect equilateral triangle around the persons head and play musical instruments so the body could get back into harmony and be healed.

Fairy tales with 3: three little pigs, three billy goats, three bears, three blind mice, etc. The third overcomes the situation, solves the problem or unites the two together.

The **geometric plant** grows leaves creating surface.



Christ overcame our sins, lived a perfect life and was risen up as a light for us to follow.

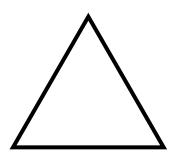


He illuminated our path of return.

God looked and saw that The Atonement was good.

The Triangle The Number 3

The perfect equilateral triangle is the first shape created from the two circles (the three points) just as Christ is the perfect, equal, first born son.

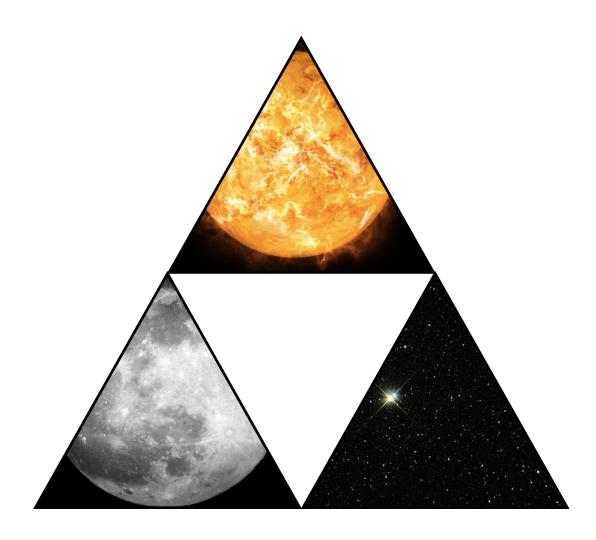


The triangle represents Christ, The Atonement and the number 3.

We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel. Article of Faith 3

Principles of the triangle are: Family unity (God, parents and children or God, man and woman), bishoprics and presidencies (president, 1st and 2nd counselors), differences (we are all unique), direction, compass, omnipresence, strength, unity (3 unites two together - a braid), etc.

Three in Creation: Matter (protons, neutrons, electrons), Light (red, blue, green), Water (H-H-O), Space (celestial, Terrestrial, Telestial), Time (past, present, future), Earth is the 3rd planet from the sun.



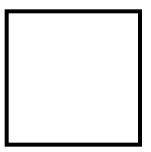
One the third day God organized the light into the sun, the moon and the stars. The sun rules the day and the moon and stars rule the night.

God saw that the third day was good.

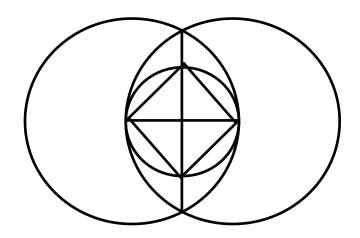
The Square

The perfect square is the second shape created from the two circles. The square represents mortality, earth life, setting and the number 4.

The universal symbol for earth is a square within a circle In the facsimile 1 in the book of Abraham figure 6 represents "this earth in quarters."



The perfect square is created by drawing a vertical line in the center of the almond shape. Open up your compass using the new point as the center and the circumference as the end of the horizontal line. Draw a new circle. Two new points are created on the vertical line. Connect the four points on the horizontal line and the vertical line for a perfect square.





God, the father* of the earth, organized patterns.

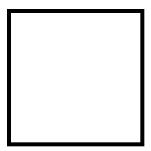
Four elements: earth, water, air and fire Four directions: north, south, east and west Four states of matter: solid, liquid, gas and light Four seasons: spring, summer, fall and winter

*The word **father** comes from the word "pader" which other words are formed like: **pattern**, patron, patriarch, Papa, padre

God saw that the Earth was good.

The Square

The perfect square is the second shape created from the two circles. The square is equal and balanced on all sides, just as the God's law are just and fair.



The square represents **mortality**, **earth life**, **the preparatory gospel** and the number **4**.

The Aaronic priesthood holdeth the key of the ministering of angels and the preparatory gospel; which gospel is the gospel of repentance and of baptism, and the remission of sins (D&C 84:26-7)

We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the gospel are first, faith in the lord Jesus Christ, second, repentance, third, baptism by emersion for the remission of sins, fourth the gift of the Holy Ghost. Article of Faith 4

Principles of the square include: physical place of living, solidity, matter and pattern, tabernacle, volume, exactness, honor ("square deal"), physical completion, equality, fairness, balance, likeness.

In ancient Hebrew letter *dalet* and the number four represents a tent door meaning geography, movement, enter, knowledge, the way, poor man, relationship with your neighbor.

The geometric plant grows a three dimensional flower or fruit creating volume.



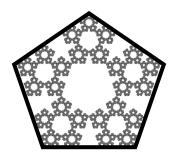
The mother* of the earth used those patterns to create matter (compounds and organisms) to beautify the earth.

God saw that the fourth day was good.

*The word mother comes from the word "mater" which other words are formed like: **matter**, matrix, measure, matriarch, Mama, madre

The Pentagon

The pentagon is the third shape created from the two circles. It brings a new life and dimension. The pentagon can reproduce itself indefinitely in either direction.



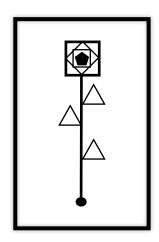
The pentagon represents life, regeneration, procreation, power (priesthood) and the number 5.

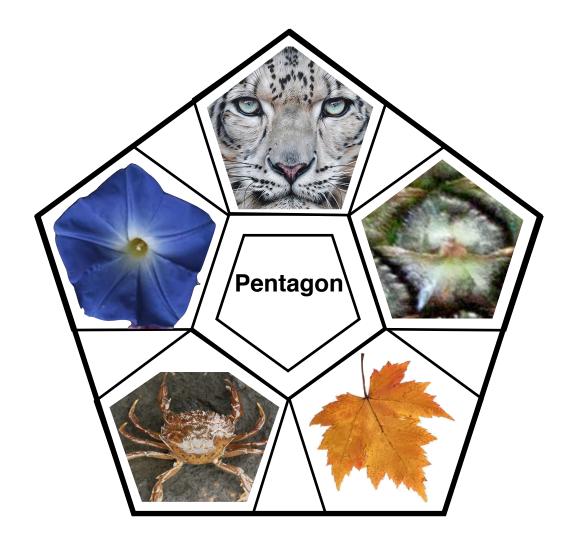
We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof. Article of Faith 5

Principles of the pentagon include: redemption, reasons, thinks and feels, space, magnitude, the tabernacle which remembers.

The ancient Hebrew letter hei and number five is a man with his hands raised Ψ and means reveal, breath, life, look, thought, choice.

The geometric flower grows seeds to reproduce itself for generations to come and from generations back.





God added life to the earth with plants and animals. They began to multiply and regenerate and fill the earth.

The Pentagram

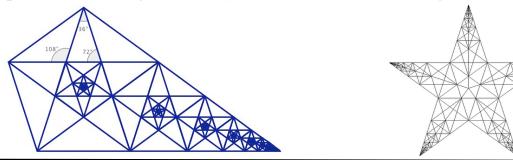


The pentagram represents excellence, brilliance and power and is also the number 5.

Principles of the pentagram include: grace, beauty, power, redemption, renewal, reasons, divinity.

We use stars to identify excellence, for example, "Five star hotels", "movie stars", "five star general", "sports stars" and "starstruck" fans, etc. etc.

The pentagram can also reproduce itself indefinitely in either direction. They perpetuate their own image in endless detail. We see the whole by looking at the part, like looking into the eyes of someone and seeing the whole being.



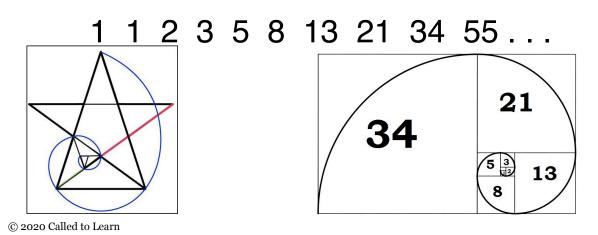
The Spiral

The spiral represents cycles, balance, the earth spirals around the sun, the moon spirals around the earth, we live in a spiral galaxy.

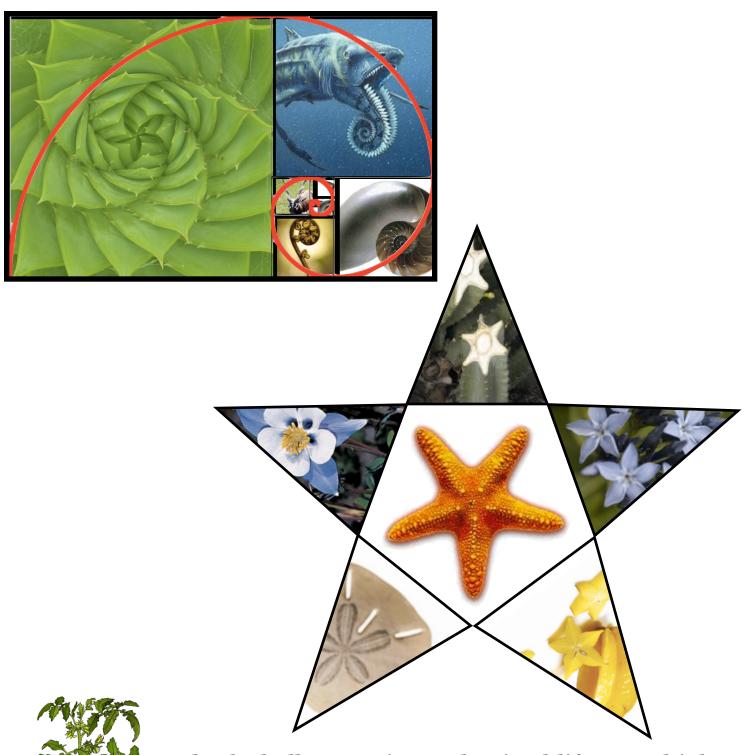
Principles of the spiral include: grows by self-accumulation, every spiral has a "calm eye", "clashing opposites resolve into spiral balance".

Natural Numbers/The Golden Mean

Fibonacci numbers are numbers that add upon each other 1+1=2, 1+2=3, etc.



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God asked all vegetation and animal life to multiply and fulfill the measure of their creation. The tomato bush produces an abundance of beautiful tomatoes. It is doing what all tomato bushes do. It is doing what its ancestors have done for generations.

God saw that the fifth day was good.

The Hexagon

The hexagon is the fourth shape to come from the two circles. The hexagon is made of two equilateral triangles, therefore it contains the principles of the triangle as well.

Hexagon

The hexagon represents **order**, **strength**, **structure**, **function** and the number **6**.

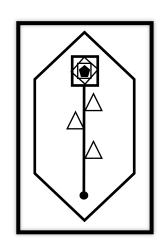
We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, namely, (1) apostles, (2) prophets, (3) pastors, (4) teachers, (5) evangelists, and (6) so forth. Article of Faith 6

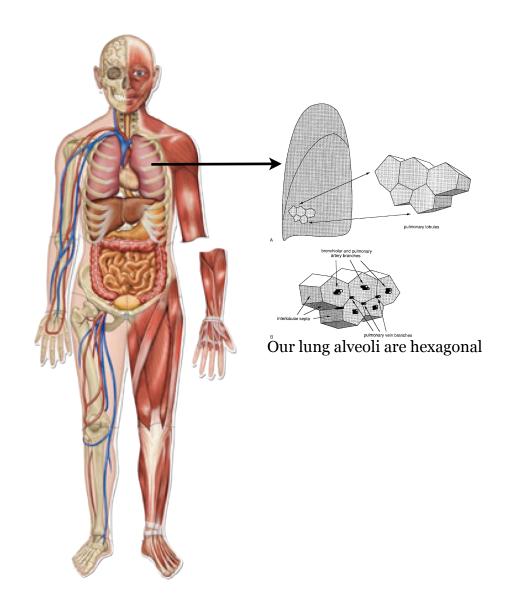
Principles of the hexagon include: temporal, physical completion, structure, efficiency.

Examples: There are 6 body systems, 6 days of physical Y creation, 6 dimensions (right, left, front, back, up and down.)

The ancient Hebrew letter vav and number six is a tent peg and represents secure, hook, nail, stake, connect, service, an arm used to hold or bind Satan.

The geometric flower has systems (water, sunlight, air, soil) in place for it to continue to grow.





God's physical creation was complete with the organization of mankind, man and woman. He organized our bodies with systems. God also organized a way for us to learn by setting up the Kingdom of God on Earth.

God saw that the sixth day was good.

The Heptagon

The heptagon is a unique shape, it is not made up of any other smaller shapes and it does not help create other shapes. Just like the number 7 is not divided any other smaller number. It is sometimes called the virgin shape and number.



The heptagon represents **fullness**, **completion**, **purification**, **sanctification**, **entire**, **rest**, and the number **7**. The Sabbath is a **gift** given to God's promised children, it is a day of rest, a day of reflection and pondering, a day for gathering and developing.

We believe in the gift of (1) tongues, (2) prophecy, (3) revelation, (4) visions, (5) healing, (6) interpretation of tongues, and (7) so forth. Article of Faith 7

Principles of the number seven include: Sabbath, enough, rest (Hebrew for "the security of thy husbands house"), holy, etc.

The ancient Hebrew letter zayin and number seven is a mattock and represents to cut (a covenant), weapons or tools (lay them down), rest, enough, satisfied.

Snow White had to use her *gifts* to *purify* or clean the home before she received her rewards and the *seven* dwarfs could lead her to the prince who kissed her and lead her to his father's *home* to dwell in peace forever. "I shall dwell in the *house* of the Lord forever." Psalms 23

Examples of seven: There are seven days of creation, seven days in a week, seven dispensations, seven keys in an octave, seven years of plenty and seven years of famine. There are seven major festivals (there are 3 major festivals in the 7th Jewish month).

The geometric flower has sustenance and struggle to grow strong. It has the spirit of the Lord, it is now attractive and radiates beauty.



God *rested from his labor on the seventh day, he has given us the Sabbath Day as a gift or a sign for us to rest from our labors. God wants us to return to Him and He and Jesus are preparing a house for us in heaven. He gives us churches, temples and cathedrals as places to receive more gifts and knowledge. When we use these gifts we are strengthened and become more like God our Heavenly Father and His son Jesus Christ.

"God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)

^{*}Rest - In Hebrew the word rest means "the security in thy husband's [Christ's] house"

Overview

Number 1 The Point
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