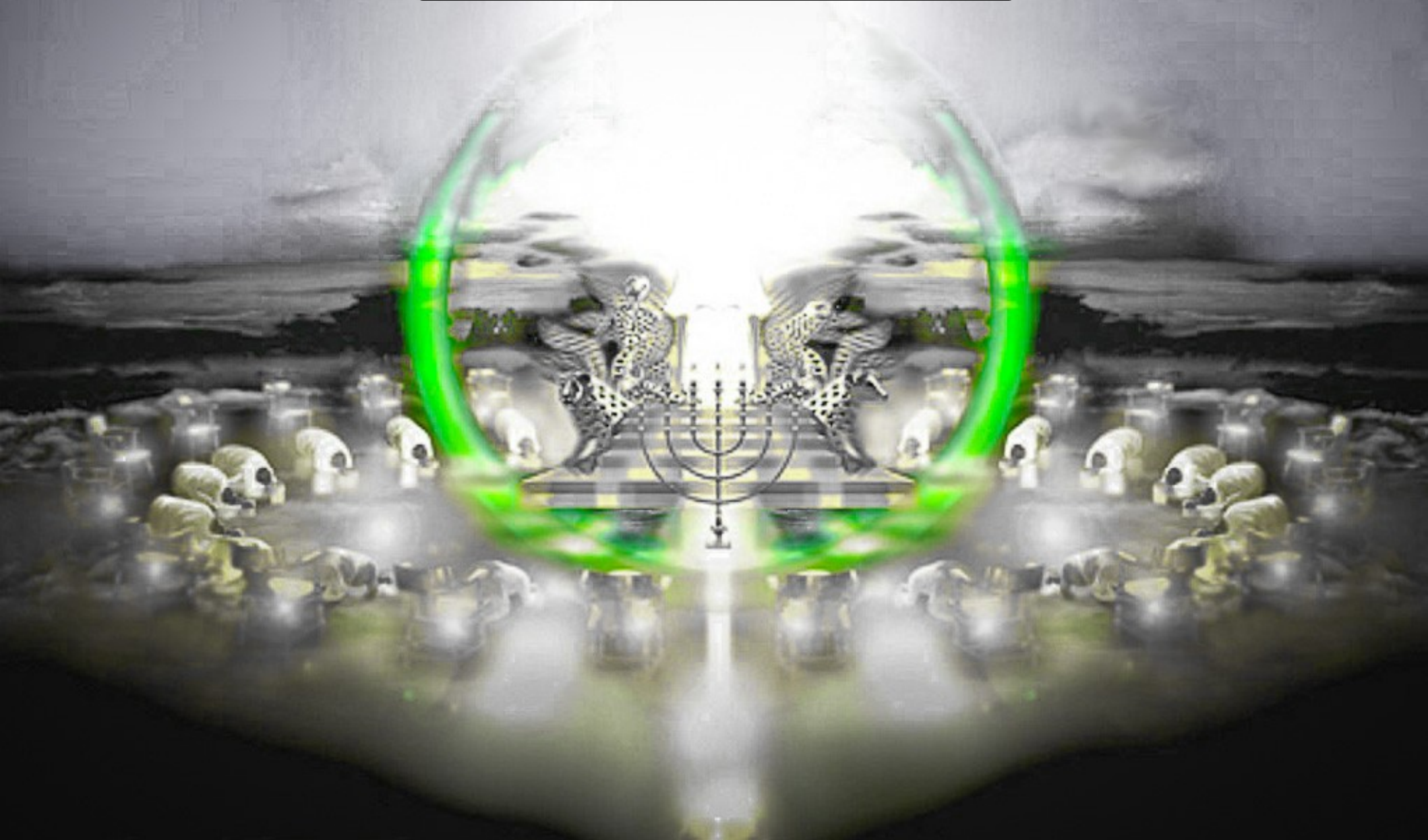


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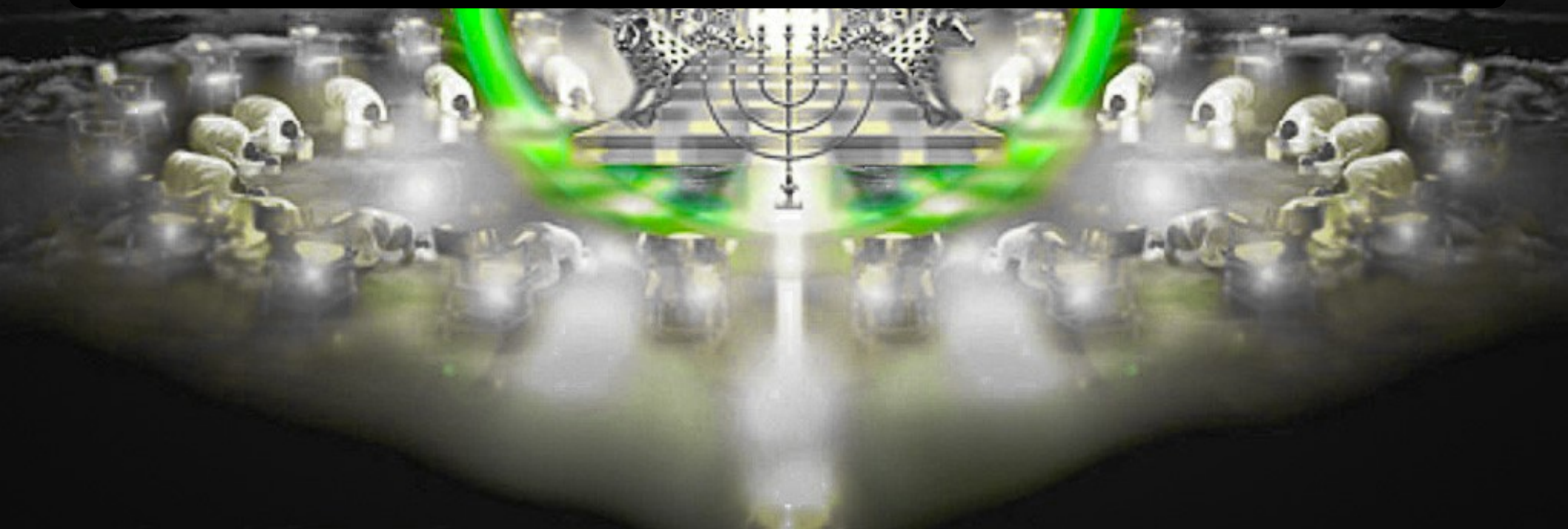
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Our theme for 2016: “Be transformed!”

Rom 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

In view of God's mercy!

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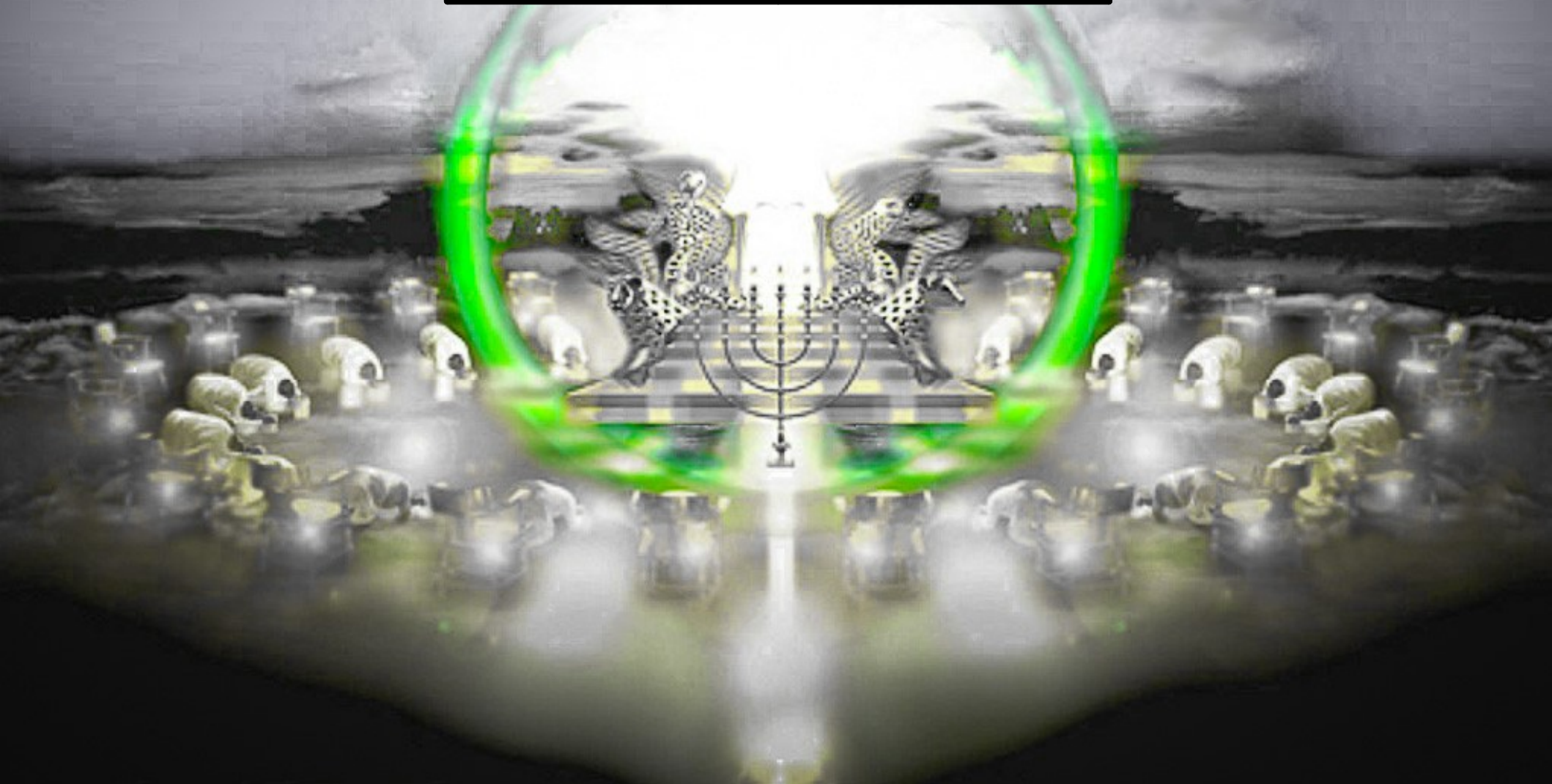
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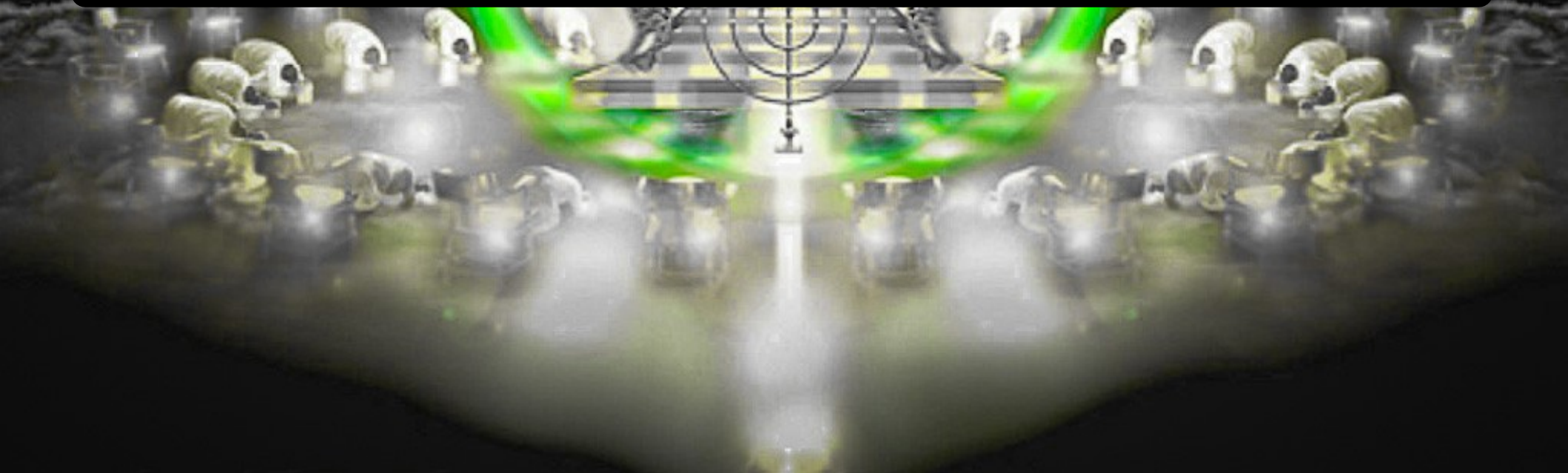


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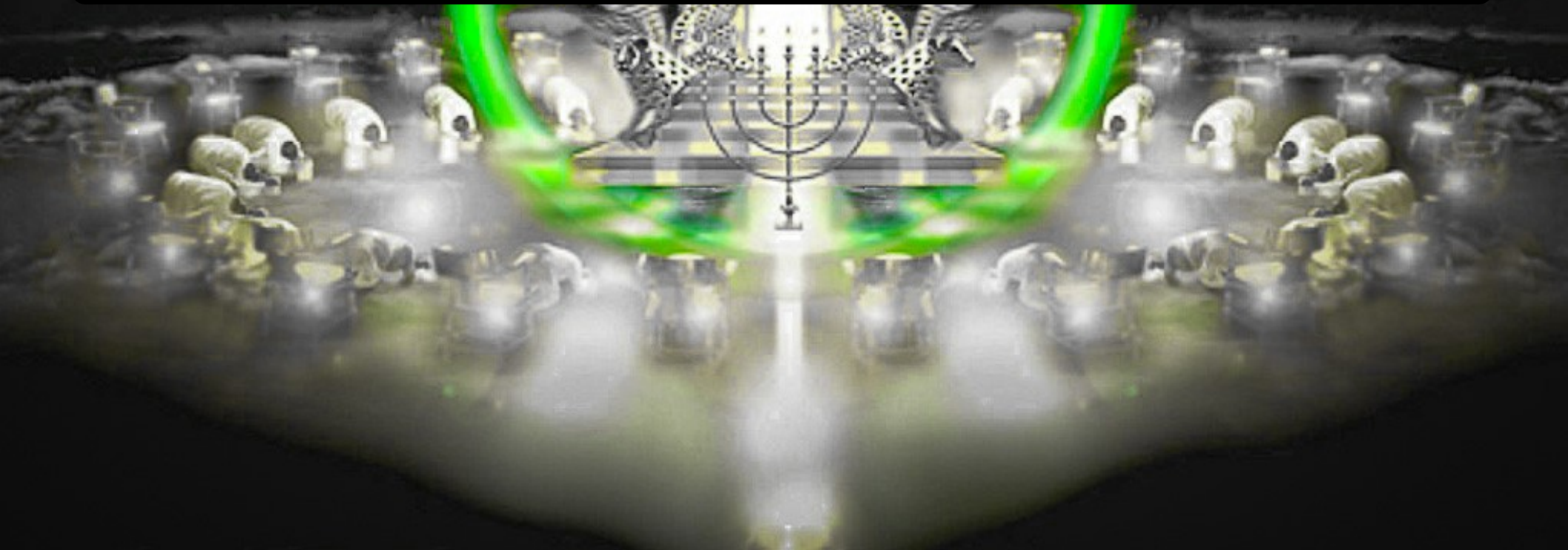
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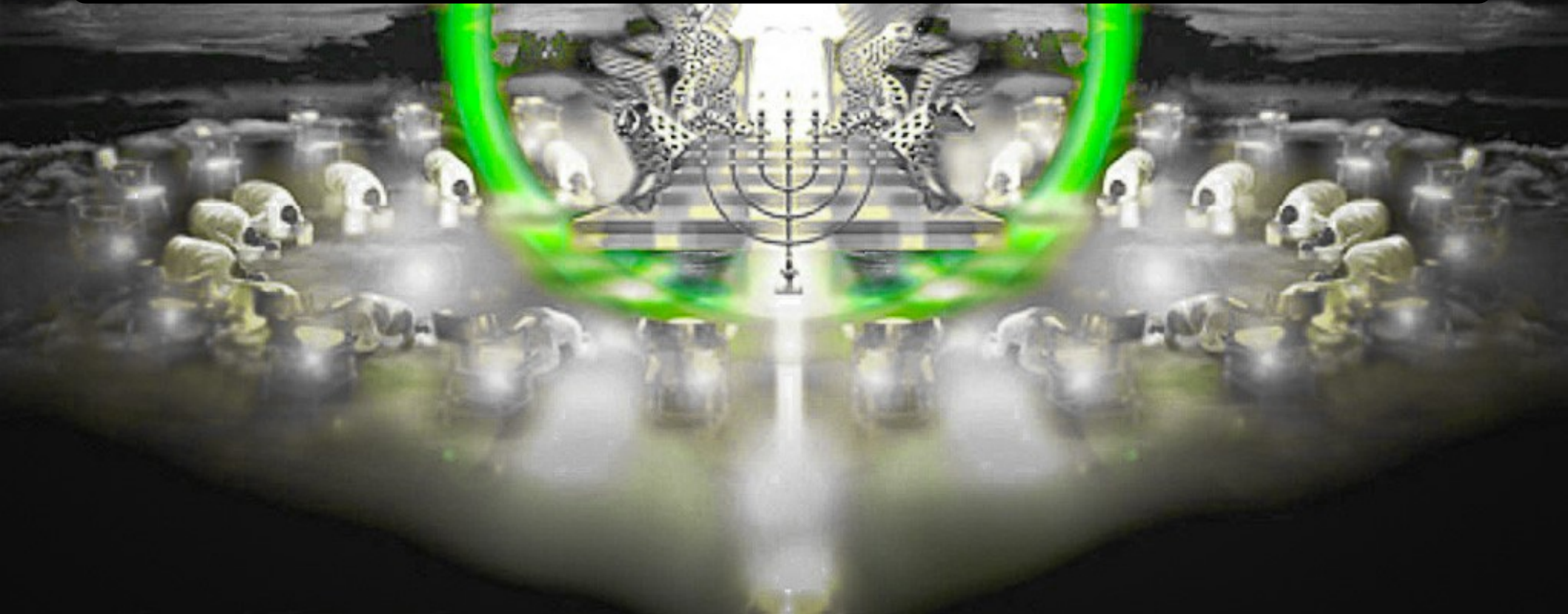
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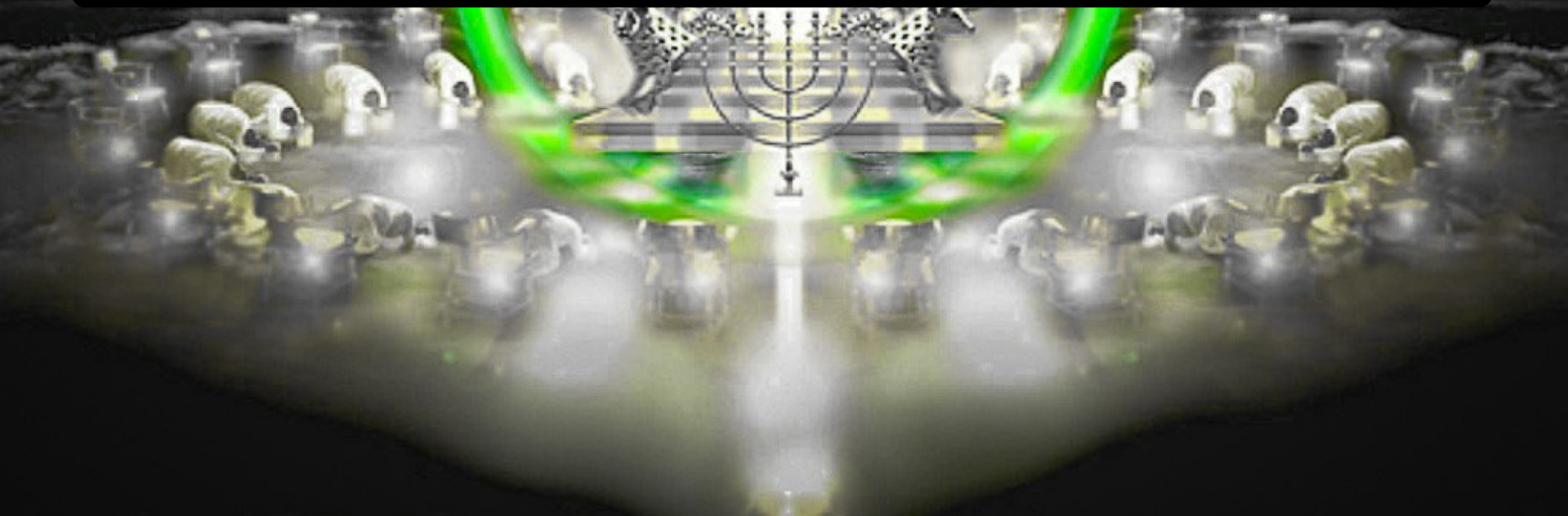
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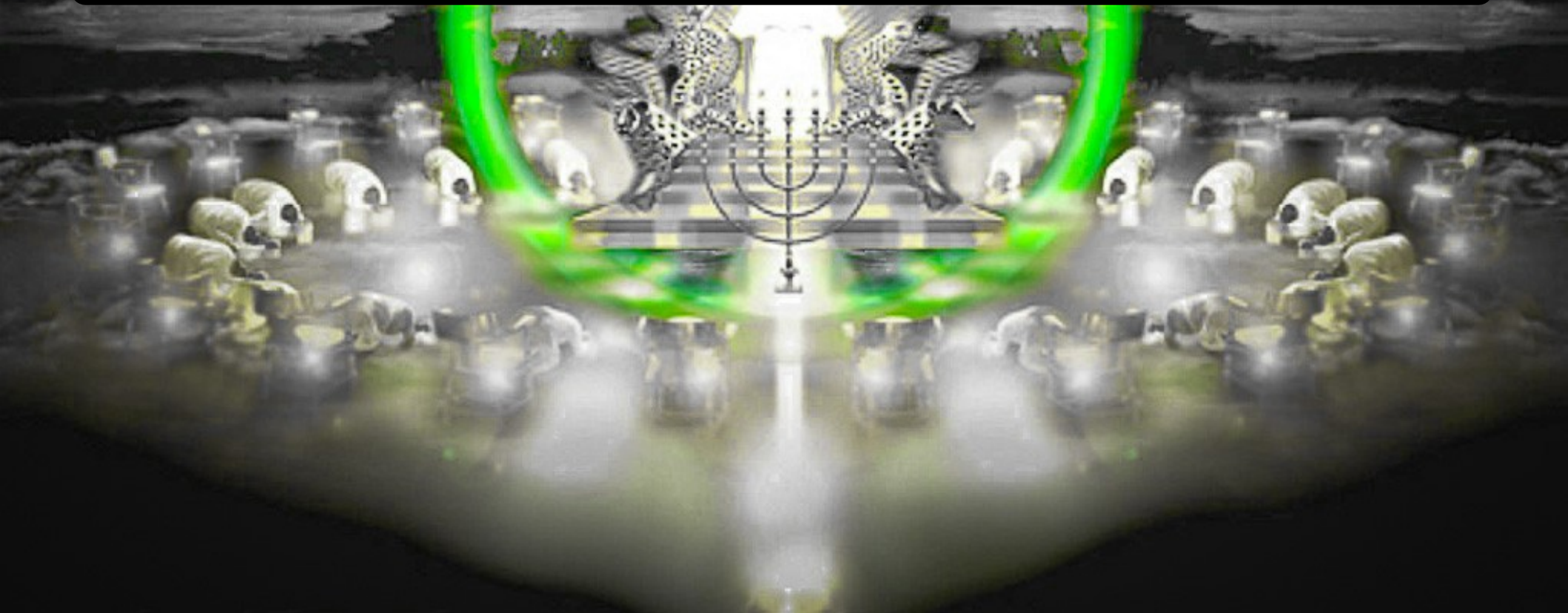
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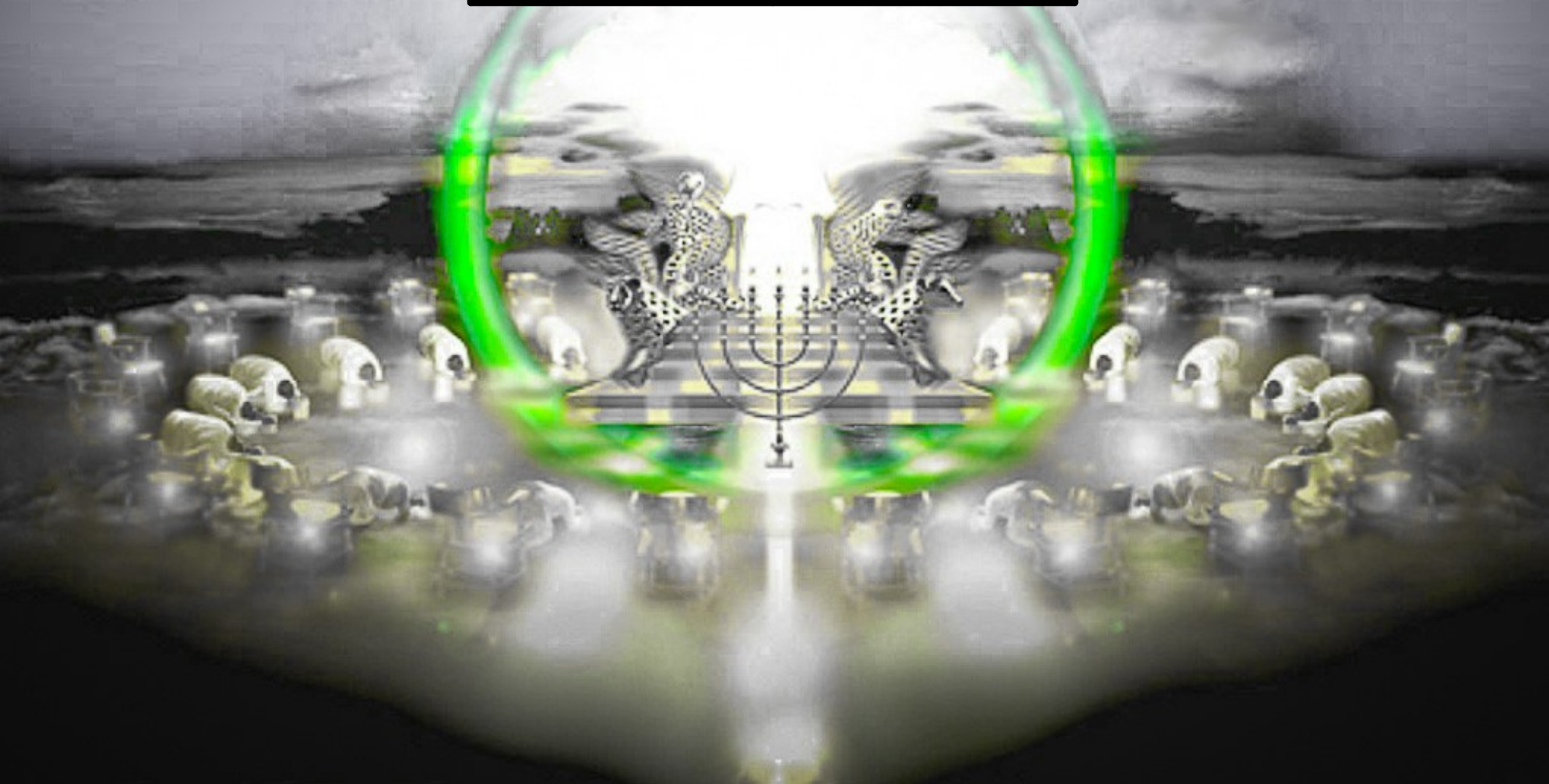
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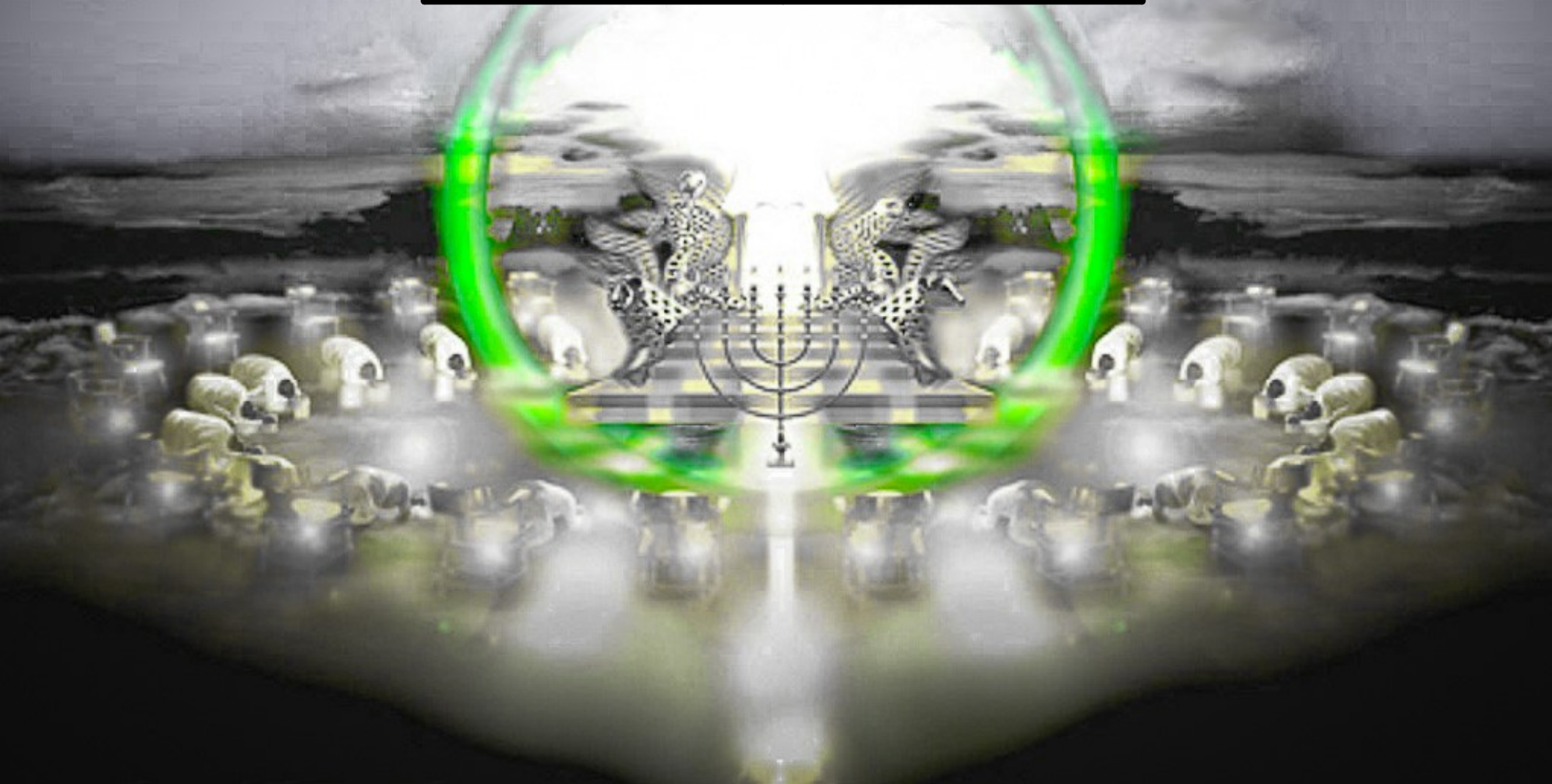
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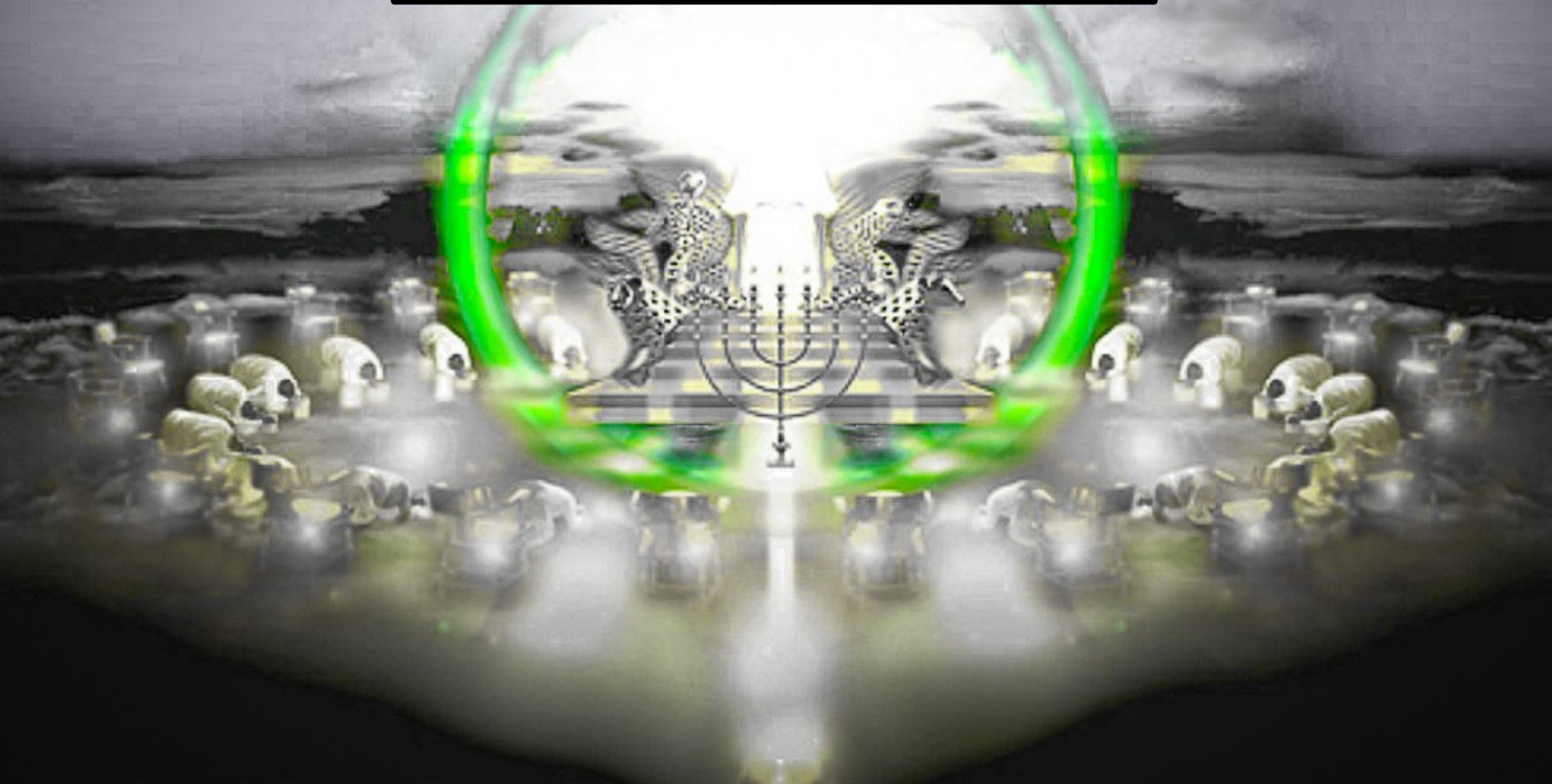
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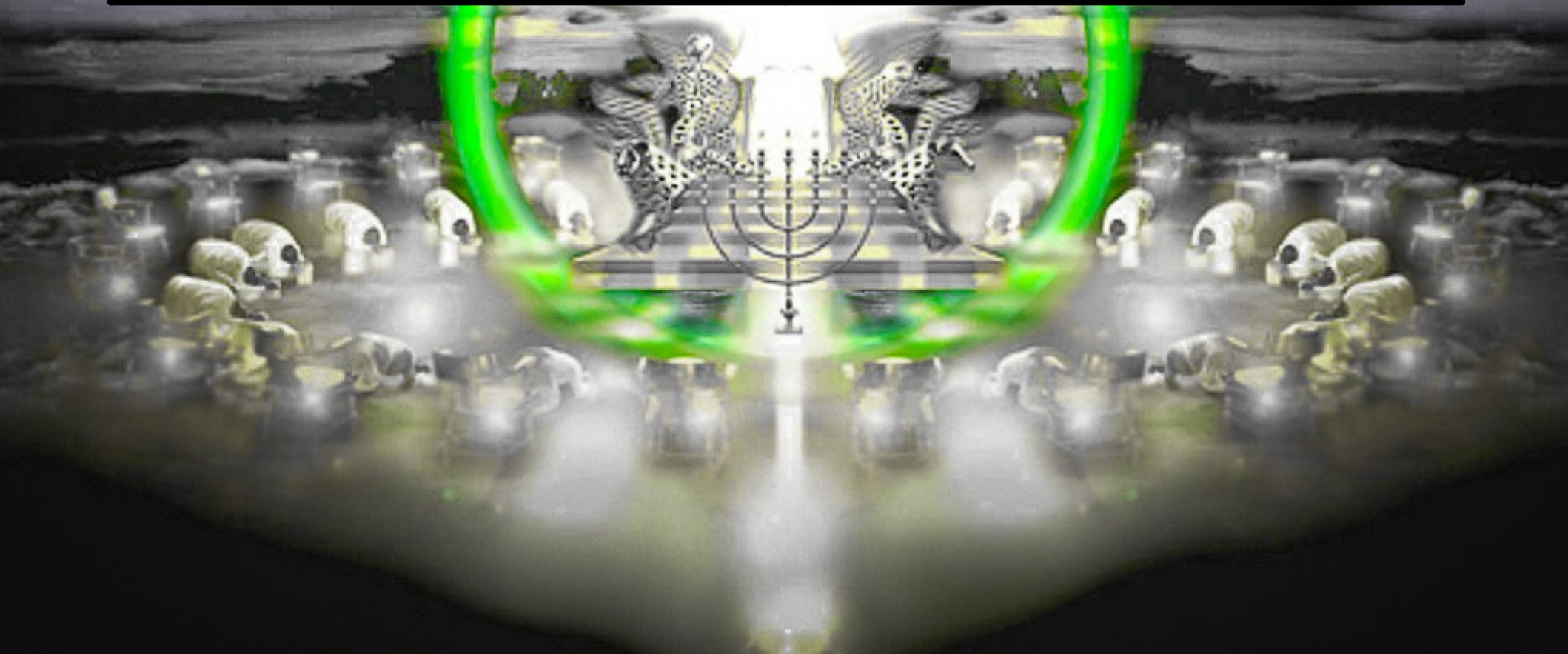


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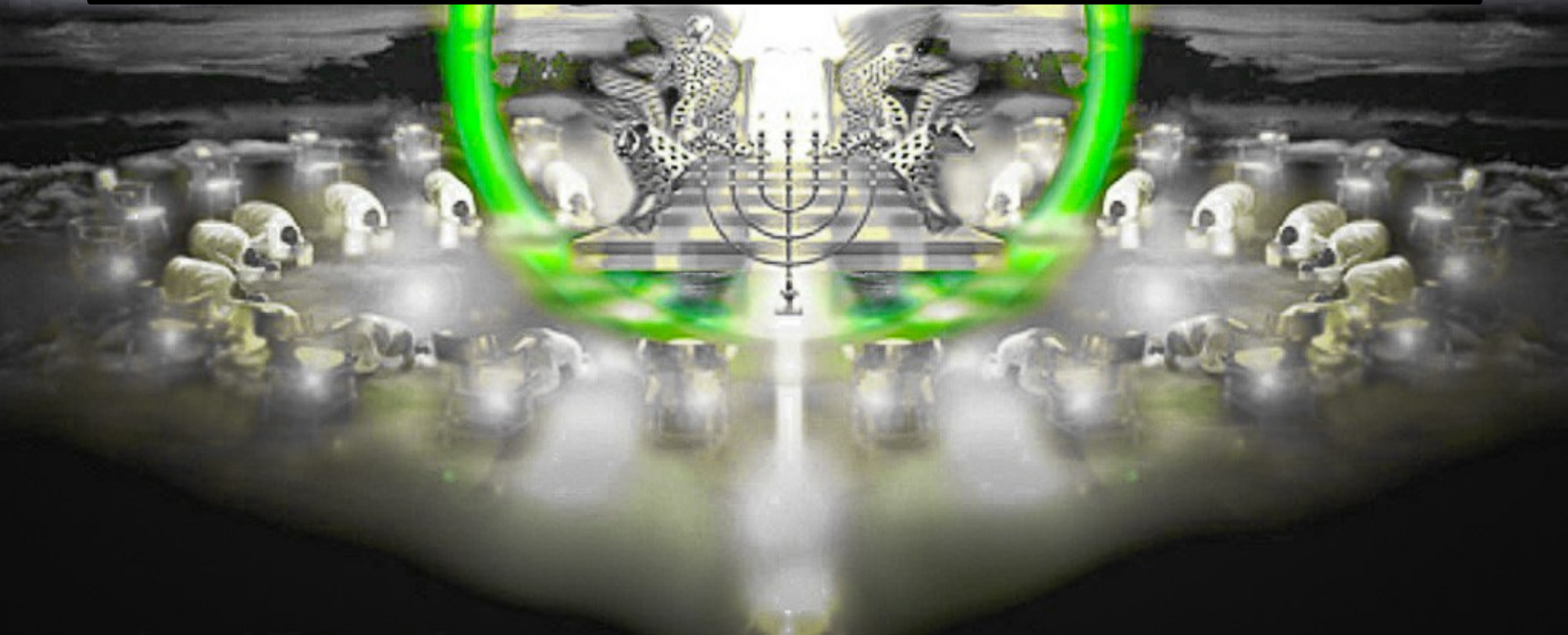
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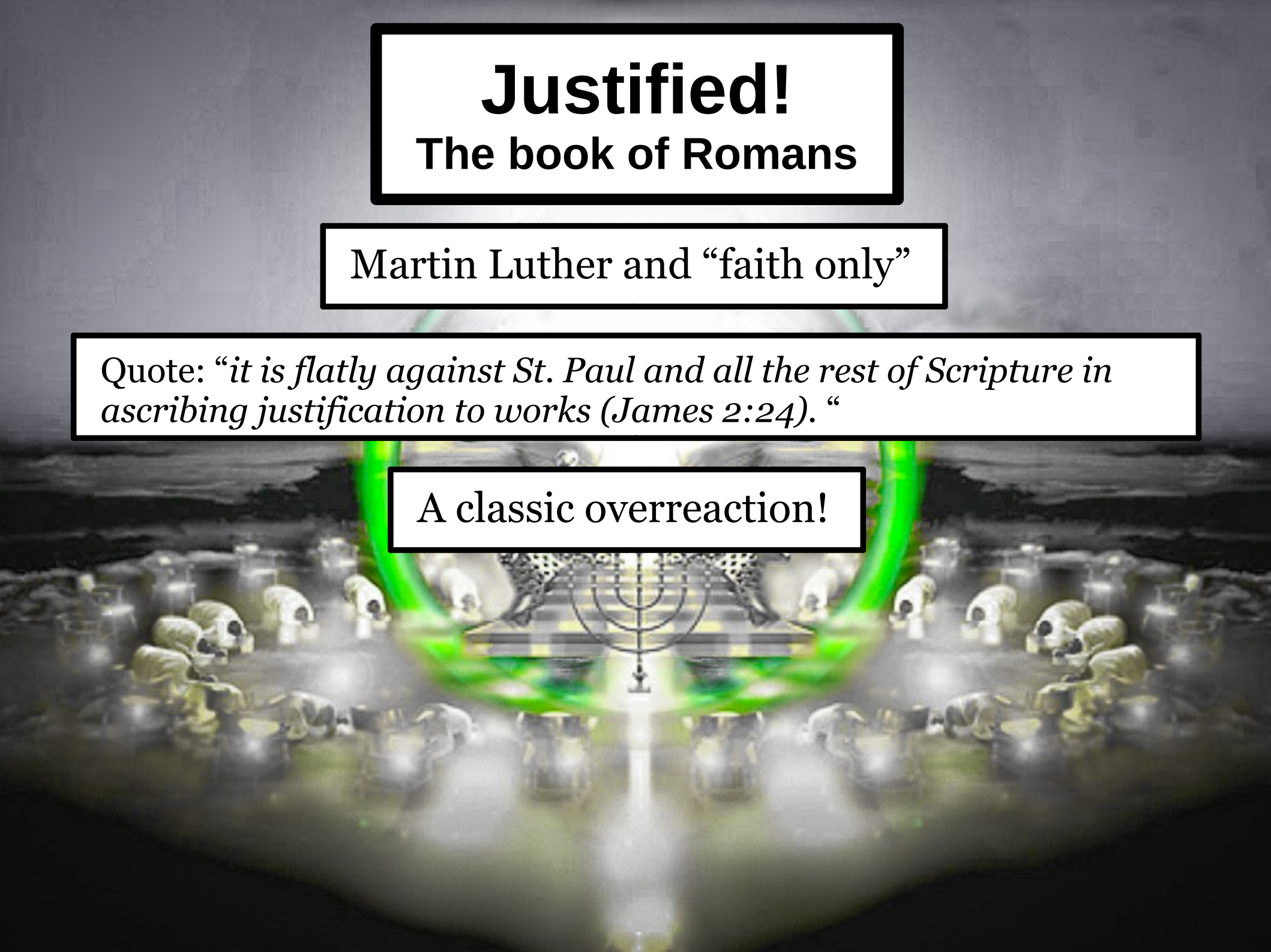
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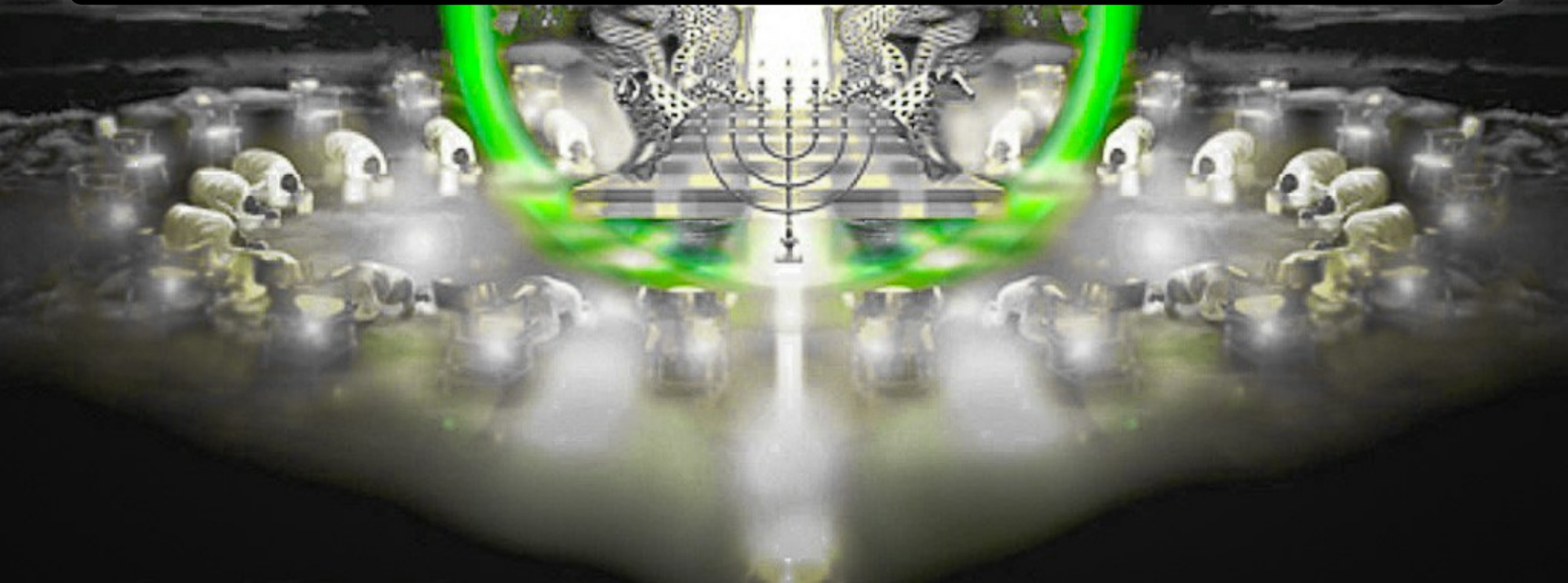
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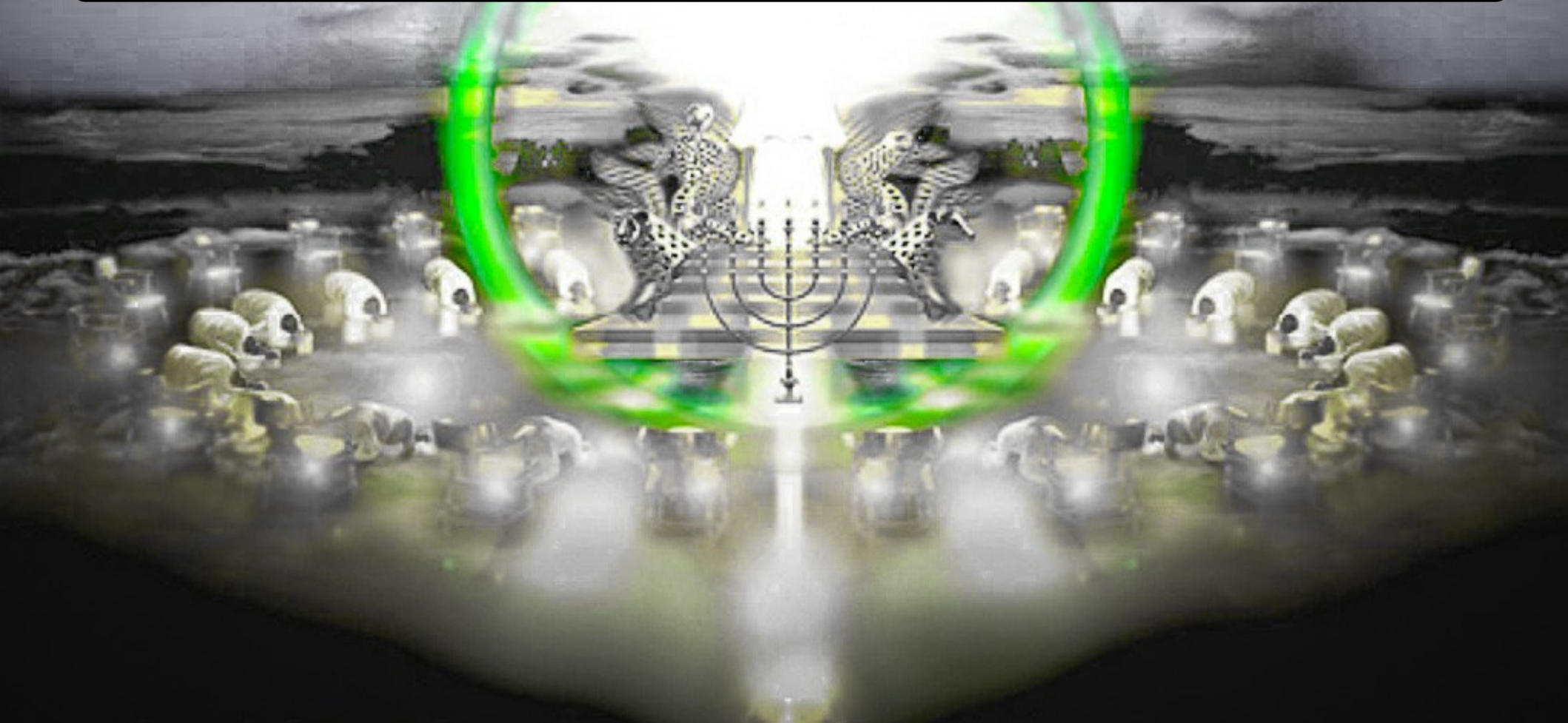
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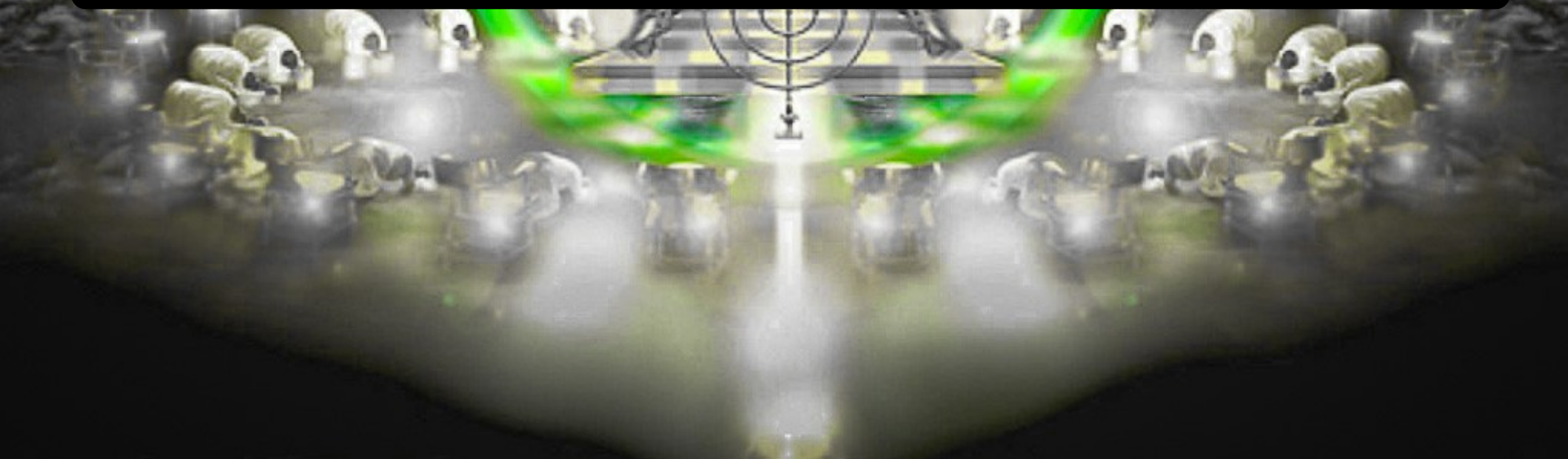
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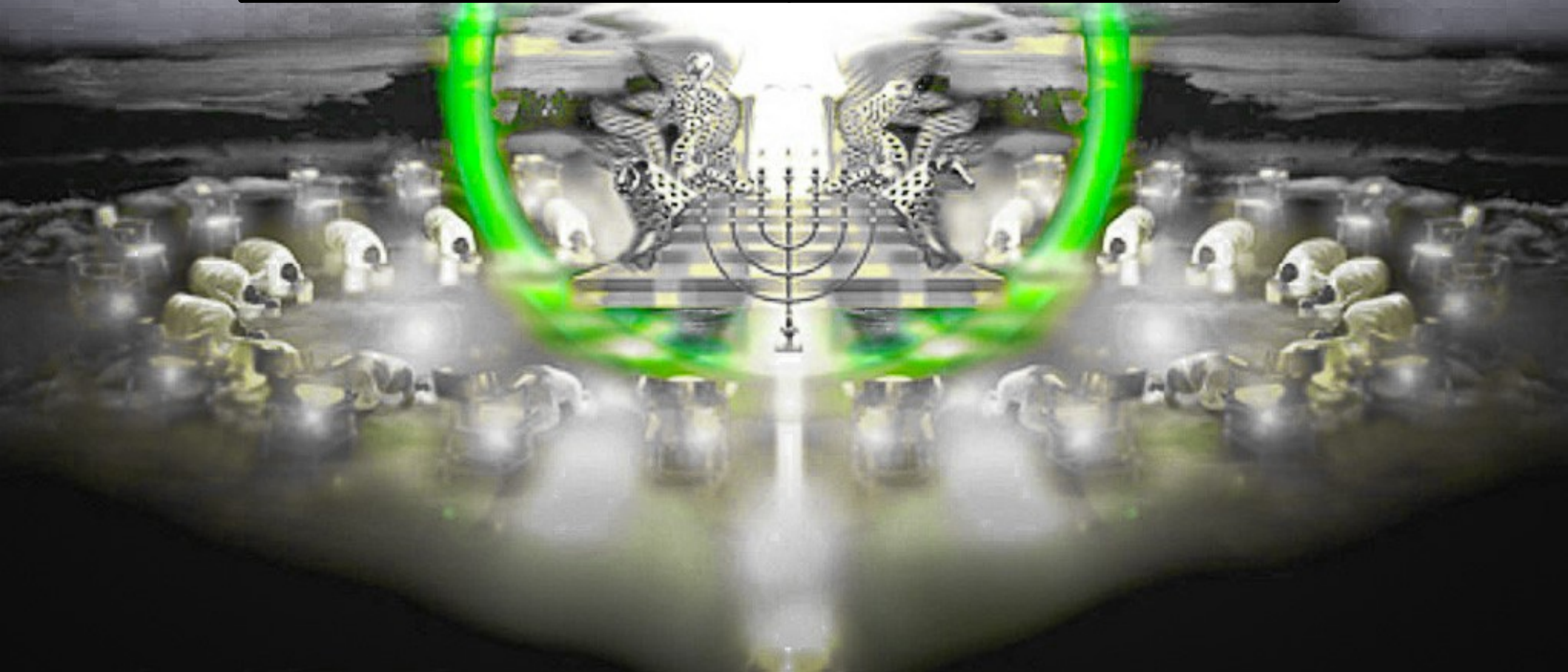
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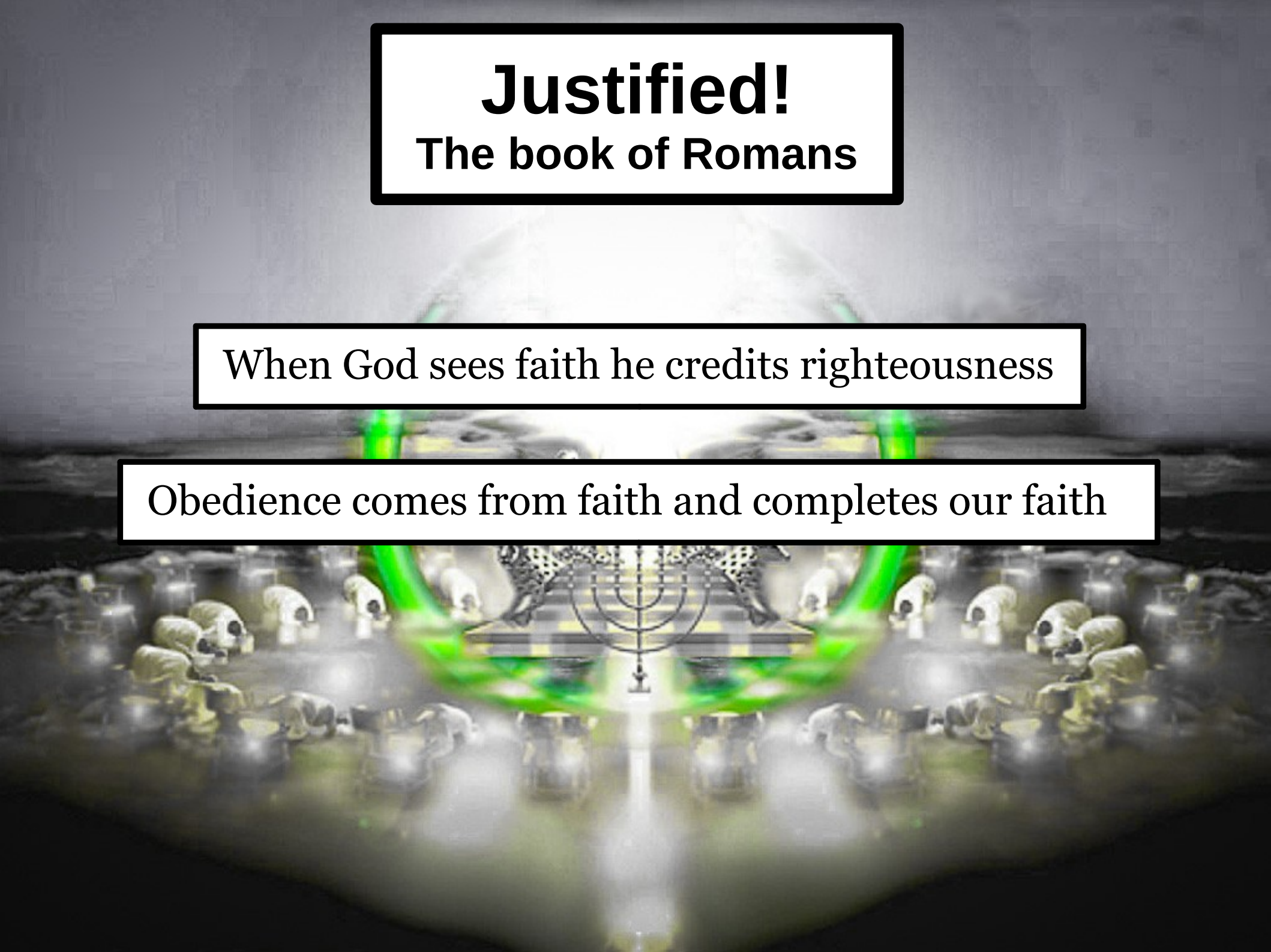


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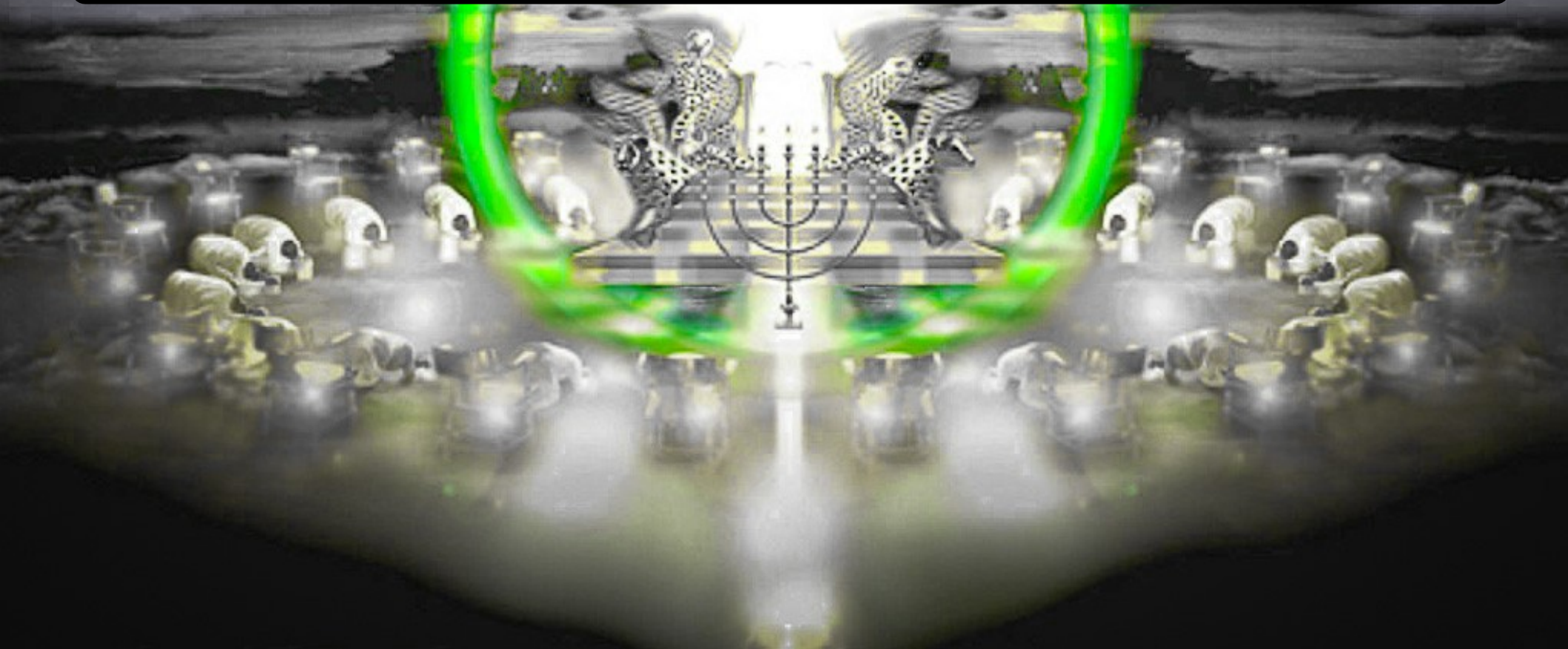
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