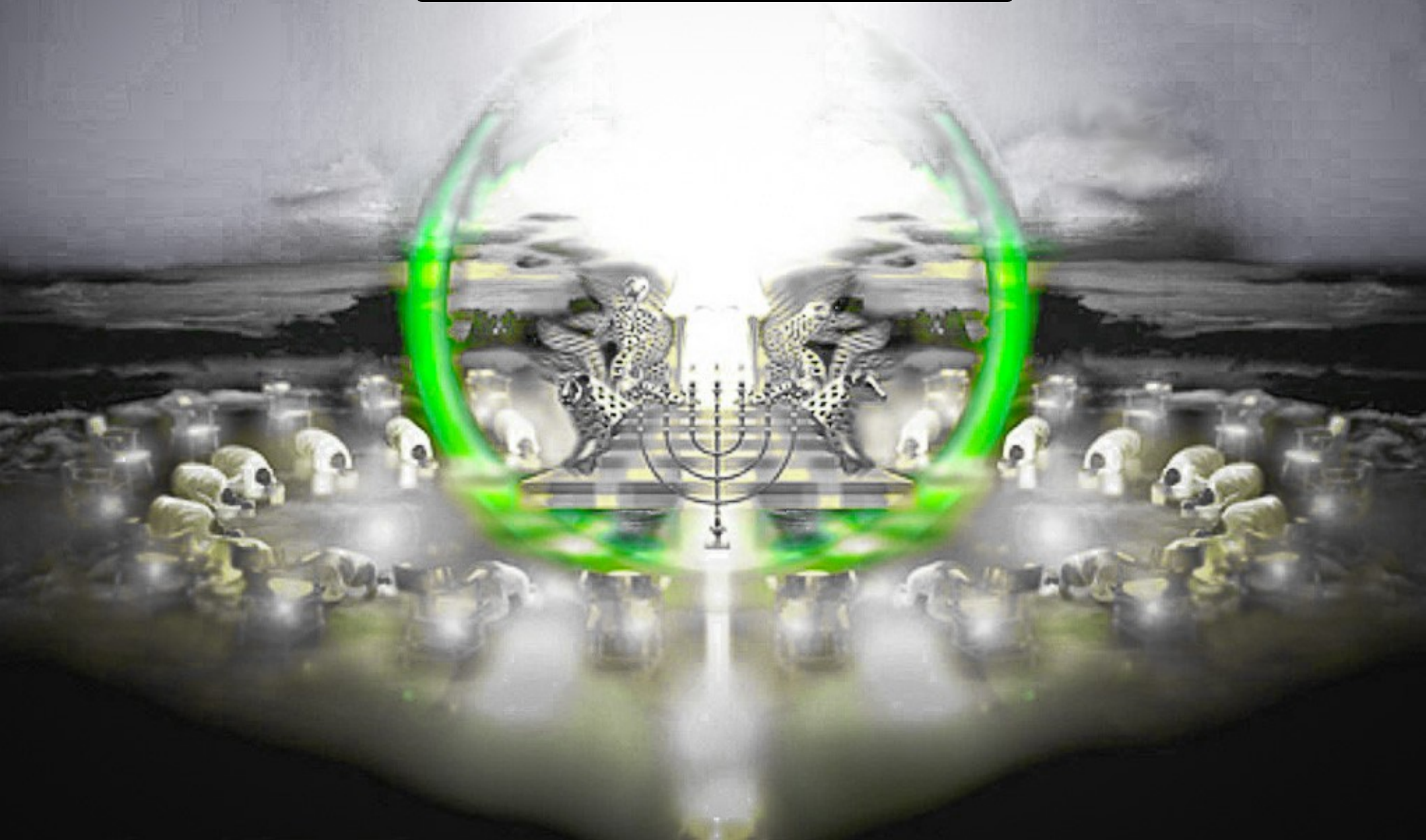


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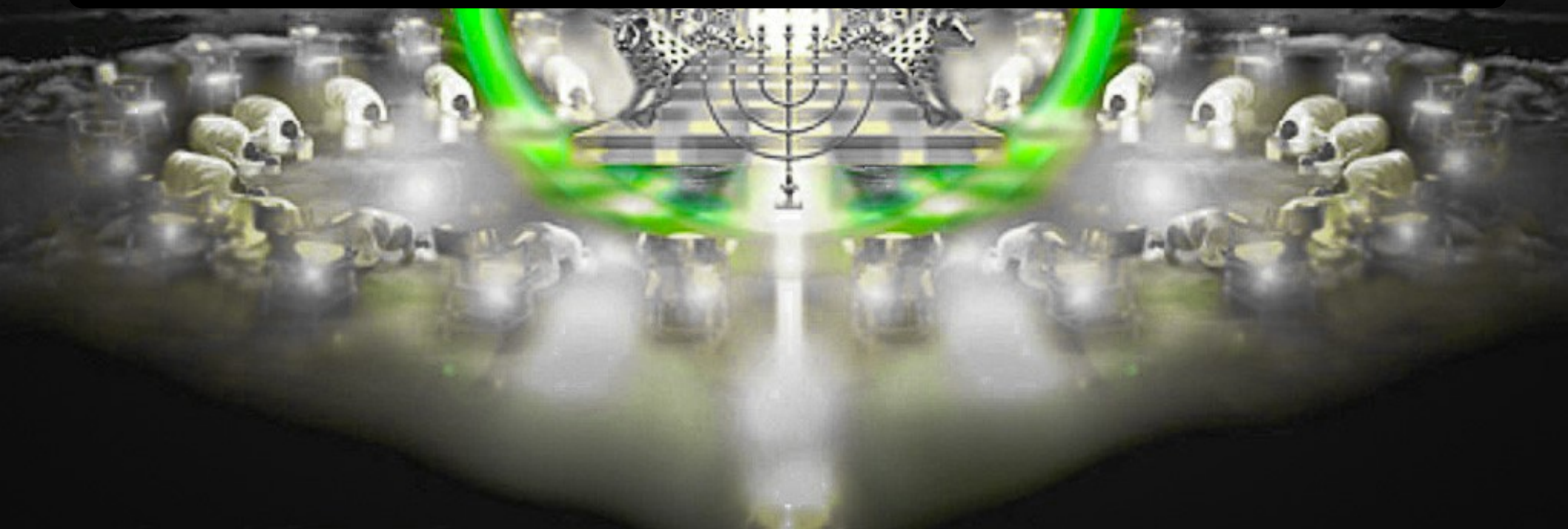
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In view of God's mercy!

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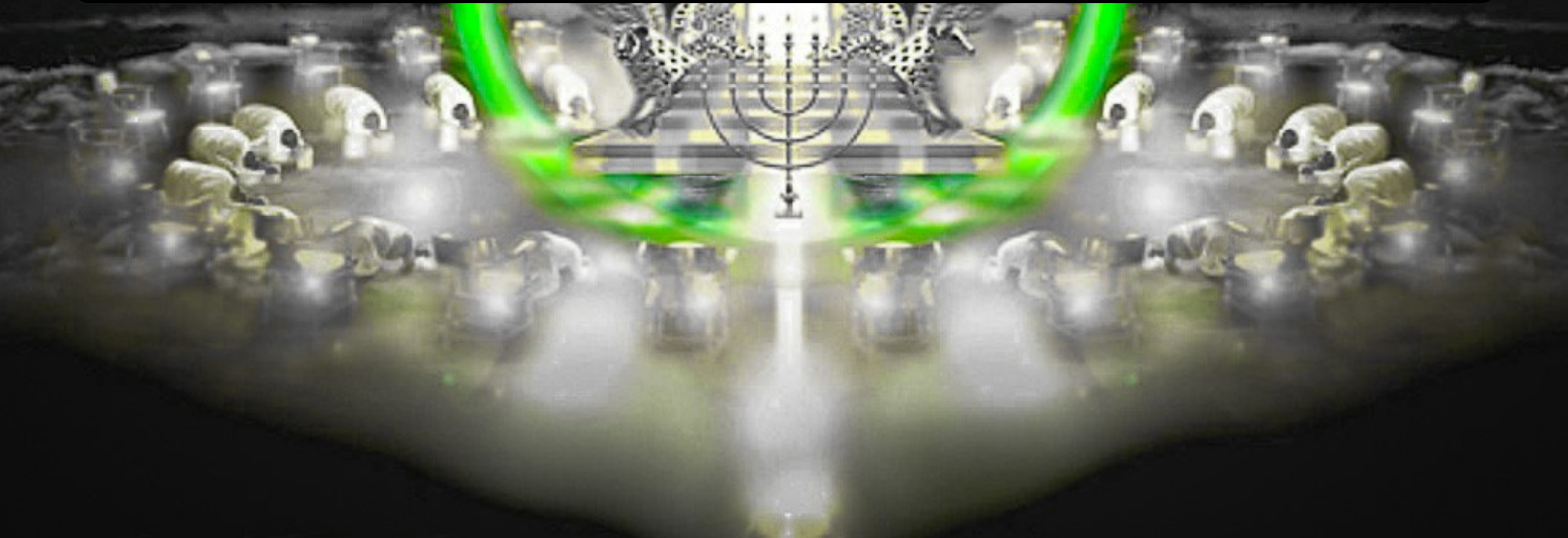
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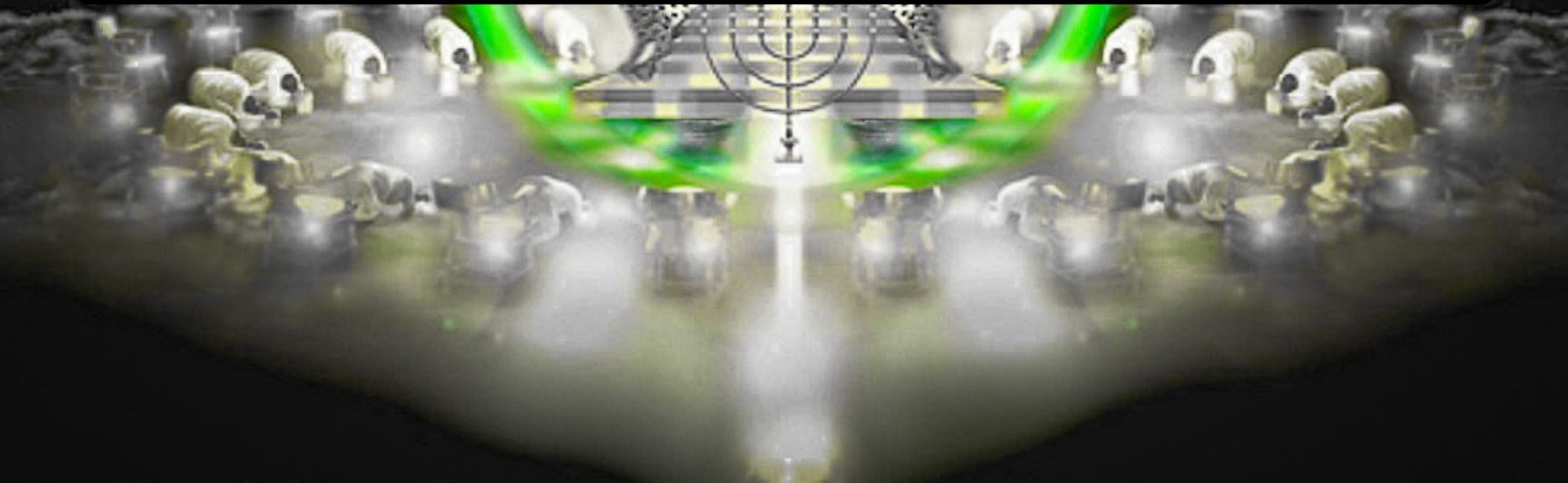
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The sin that entered the world through Adam and infected all mankind

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