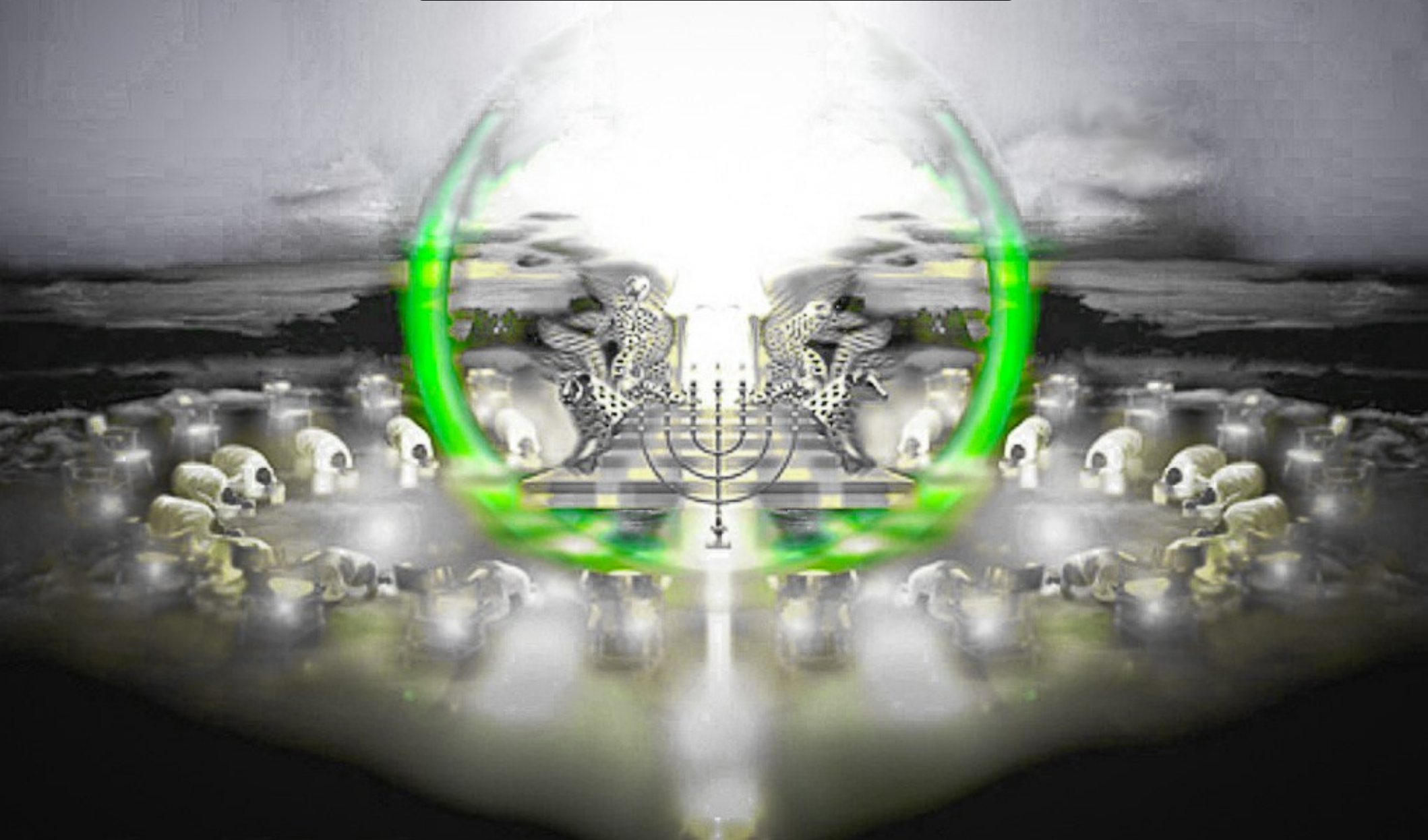


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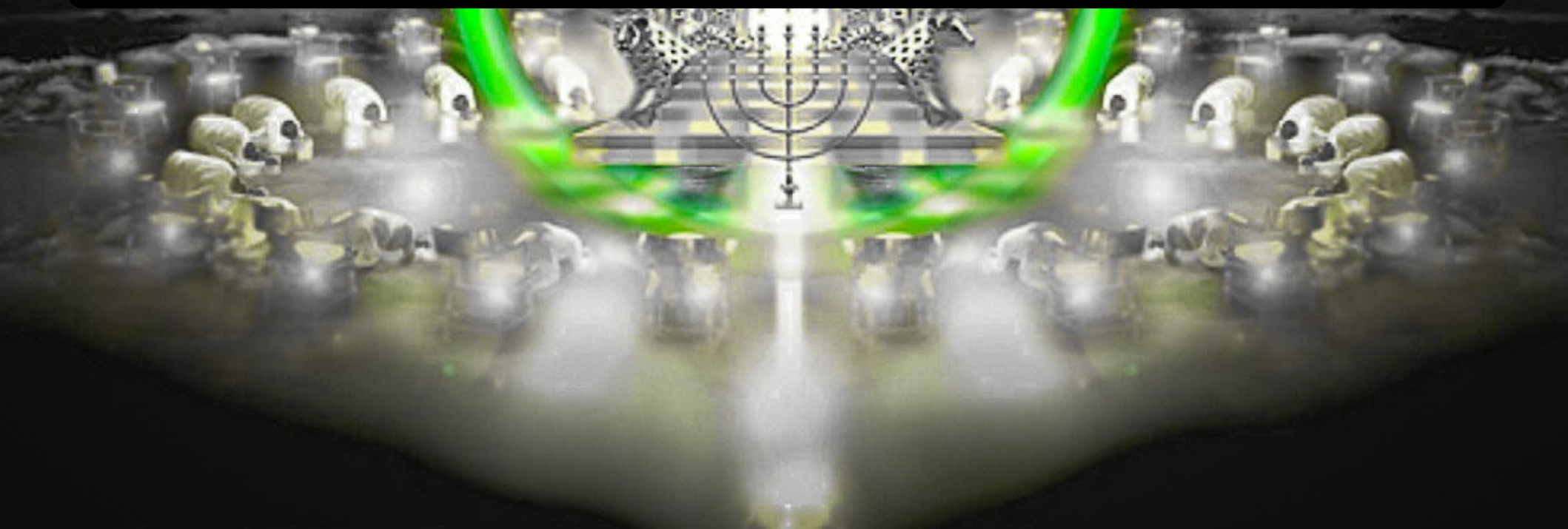
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Our theme for 2016: “Be transformed!”

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In view of God's mercy!

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**Rom 6:2** By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

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**Rom 7:23** but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.

**Rom 7:24** What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

**Rom 7:25a** Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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Life in the Spirit





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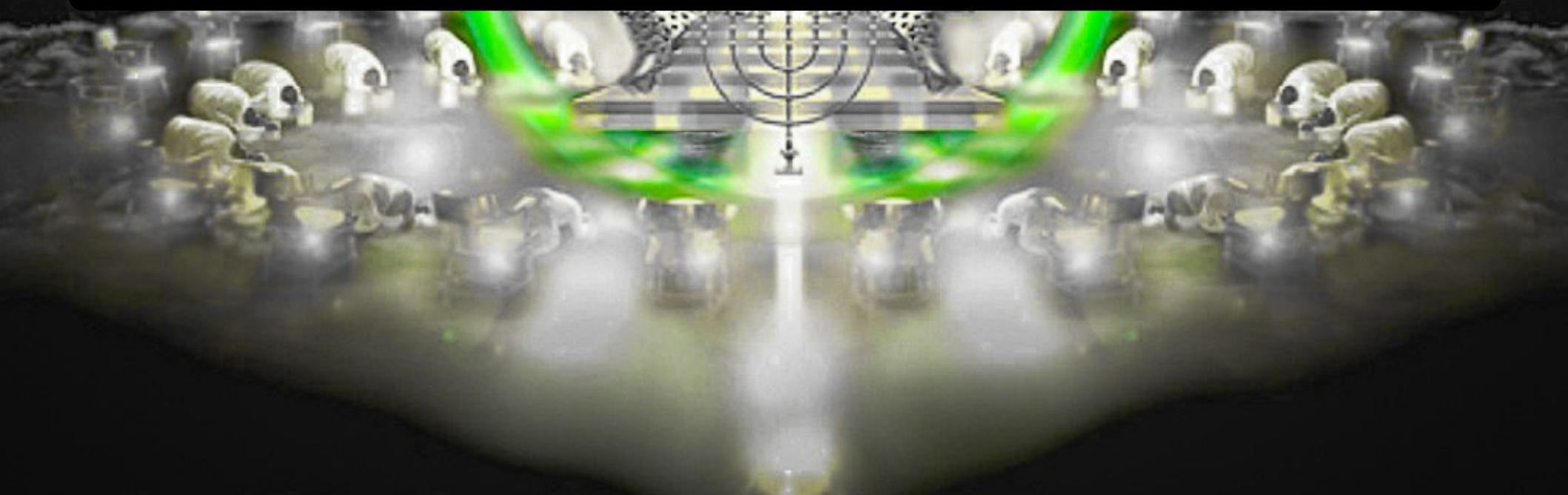
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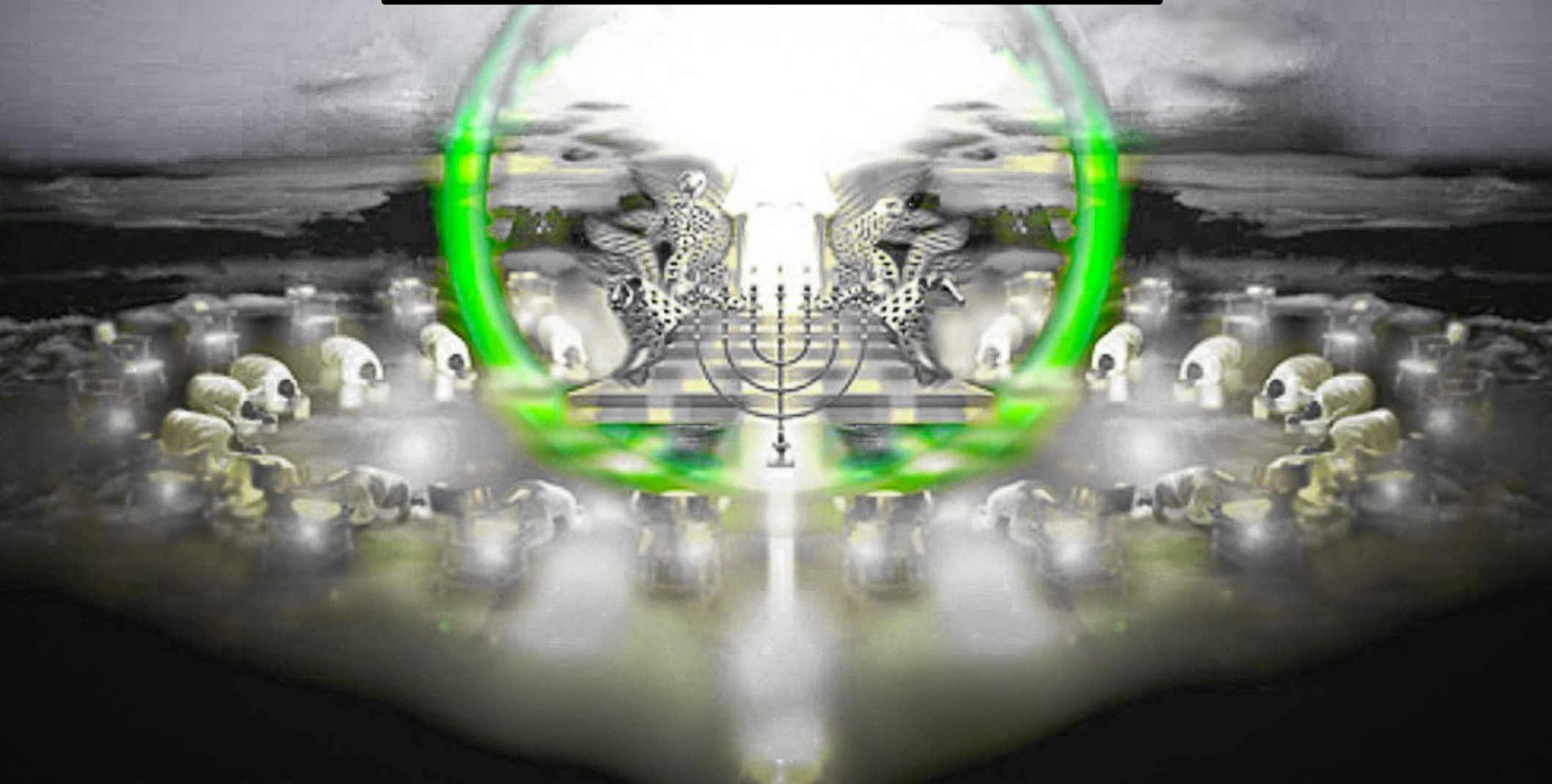
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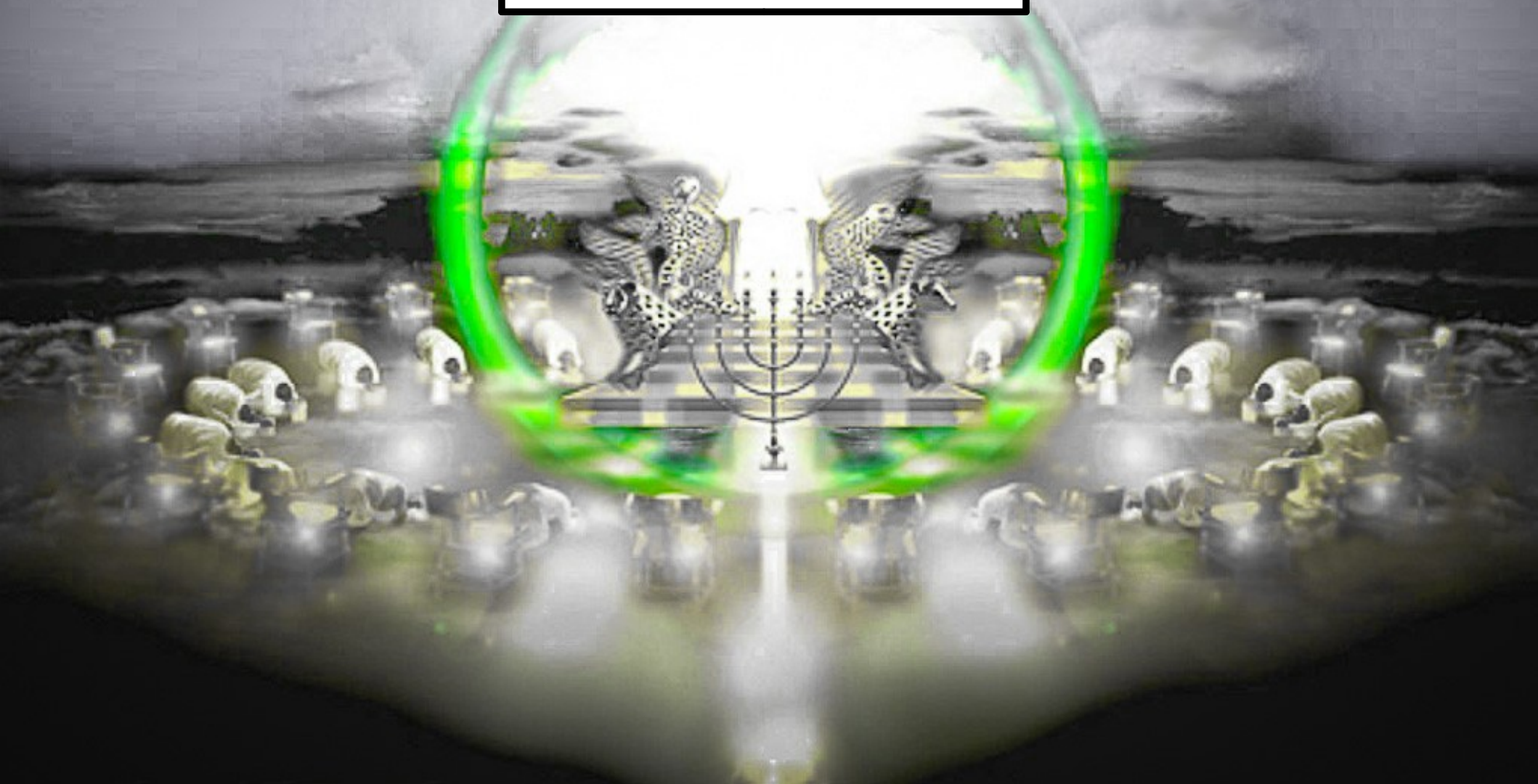
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Parenthetical discussion of patience in suffering

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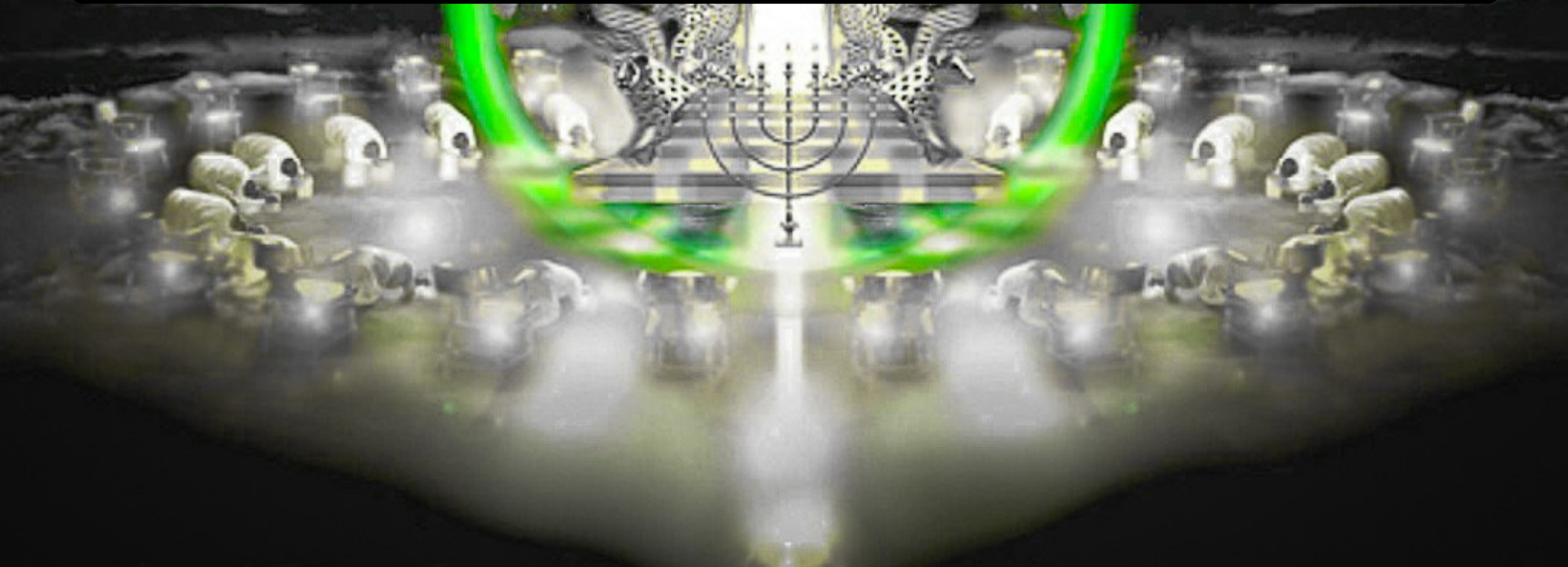


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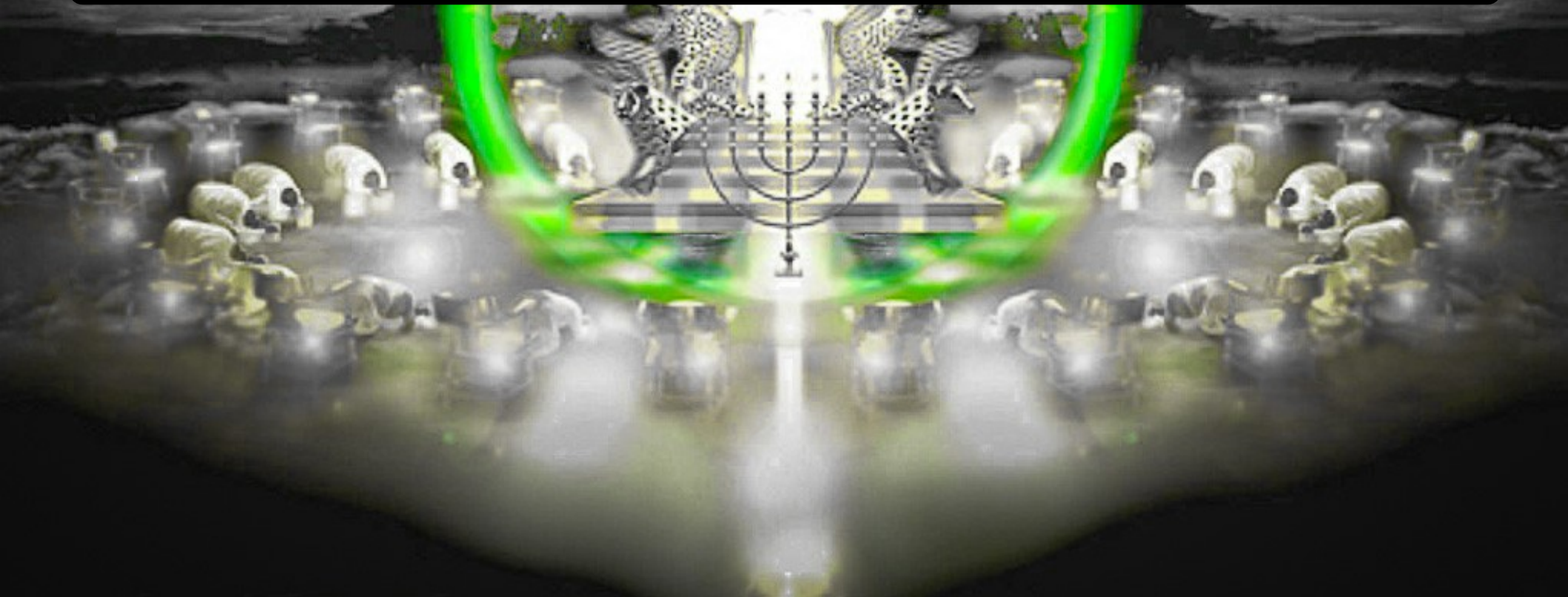


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Sufficiency of the Gospel





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Wondering whether you can make it?

Let the Apostle Paul help you.

You can make it. The Gospel is that good!



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