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TESTS
ALL THINGS
1 THESSALONIANS 5:21

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FEAR OF THE LORD
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OF WISDOM
PROVERBS 9:10



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This print edition follows the complete linked Library of Rickandria investigation: Abstract, Sections I-XLV, evidence categories, Claim Matrix, provenance method, full post-by-post thread walk-through, recognized Masonic degree systems, hexagram history, Star of Remphan analysis, UN SDG branding, narrative amplification, the 32-point clue, Crowley and Fellowship of Isis parallels, psychology of pattern perception and illusory correlation, the proposed pattern-mining experiment, Revelation 13 and the 616 variant, numerology versus exegesis, biblical theology of images, Bronze Serpent principle, provenance timeline, steelman, alternative hypotheses, image forensics, falsifiability, known/unknown findings, Christian research method, false-positive/false-negative analysis, proposed next phase, Research Creed, Scripture Index, source notes, and conclusion. The text is re-typeset and closely paraphrased for print rather than copied as a raw webpage transcript.

ABSTRACT

Resemblance Is a Lead. Provenance Is a History.

An anonymous /x/ poster uploaded a dense red geometric figure and called it the “most evil symbol in the world.” Other users connected it with a supposed 666th Masonic degree, a hexagram, the United Nations SDG colour wheel, wolves and lambs, thirty-two points, talismans, and hidden occult structure.

The thread contains a mix of jokes, sincere questions, historical assertions, real symbolic parallels, and unsupported leaps. Recognized Masonic sources do not support a 666th degree. The hexagram has a broad multicultural history. The UN colour wheel is identifiable branding but is not genealogically linked to the OP image by the thread. Colour-emotion research also gives a plausible reason why red-on-black framing may heighten threat impressions.

The most interesting lead is the quiet reference to “32 points.” Aleister Crowley's preserved material genuinely describes a ceremonial arrangement as having “32 points in all,” while the Fellowship of Isis developed a separate thirty-two-working-degree system and thirty-third mystical level. These are authentic parallels. They still do not identify the OP graphic without a chain of provenance.

Scripture is equally precise. It condemns idolatry, sorcery, deception, false worship, and fellowship with devils, while also containing divinely commanded imagery. Revelation 13 gives 666 inside a narrative of beastly authority, worship, deception, coercion, image, mark, name, and economic restriction - not as a universal cipher for any organization with enough numbers.

GOVERNING RULE

Do not confuse resemblance with transmission, emotional response with provenance, numerology with exegesis, secrecy with evidence, or a real occult parallel with a demonstrated origin.

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RESEARCH SECTION

I. Why This Little Thread Is Worth Studying

The visible research snapshot is short, yet it reproduces a complete internet-symbolism cycle: an unfamiliar object appears, a dramatic moral meaning is assigned before origin is known, familiar sub-symbols are extracted, numbers become significant, institutions are introduced by resemblance, and the conversation moves from 'what is this?' to 'look how much connects' without solving provenance.

Skeptical mockery commits the opposite error when ridicule substitutes for source criticism. The biblical posture in Acts 17, Proverbs 18, and 1 Thessalonians 5 is neither credulity nor contempt, but examination.

RESEARCH SECTION

II. A Note on Evidence

Historical, visual, psychological, theological, and biblical claims are graded separately. A historically documented fact can carry a disputed theological meaning; a biblically condemned practice can be falsely attached to the wrong historical object. Keeping those distinctions explicit prevents one kind of certainty from borrowing authority from another.

Category	Working Meaning
DOCUMENTED	Tied to a reliable primary source or strong independent documentation.
PROBABLE	Available evidence strongly favors the explanation without establishing every step.
POSSIBLE	Compatible with the evidence but not demonstrated.
SPECULATIVE	The proposed connection materially exceeds what the evidence establishes.
CONTRADICTED	Authoritative evidence conflicts with the claim as stated.
UNVERIFIABLE	Necessary information is unavailable, inaccessible, undefined, or not yet recovered.

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III. The Claim Matrix

The thread's loudest historical claim turns out to be one of its weakest, while the quiet reference to thirty-two points becomes the most productive historical lead.

Claim / Implication	Type	Thread Evidence	Independent Finding	Status
OP image is the world's 'most evil' symbol	Theological/evaluative	Image plus assertion	No name, designer, ritual, provenance, or primary source supplied	UNVERIFIABLE / unsupported
Looking at the design can 'get' one's soul	Supernatural / possibly joking	None	No biblical or evidentiary mechanism supplied	UNSUPPORTED
Image is the '666th degree of Freemasonry'	Historical	Assertion only	Craft Masonry documents three degrees; Scottish Rite degree work culminates at 32 with honorary 33	CONTRADICTED as stated
A hexagram is hidden in the design	Visual	Perceived resemblance	A subfigure may be extractable; intentional encoding and genealogy remain unproved	POSSIBLE visually
UN SDG colour wheel is related	Historical/genealogical	Juxtaposition	Wheel is identifiable UN branding; no transmission chain to OP image	CONNECTION UNSUPPORTED
Symbol represents wolves versus lamb	Interpretive	Metaphor	No provenance evidence	SPECULATIVE
Geometry itself is not inherently evil	Philosophical/theological	Argument	Substantially defensible; symbolic uses can still be religiously significant	PARTLY DEFENSIBLE
Image has '32 points'	Geometric/esoteric	Assertion	Authentic 32-point and 32-degree parallels exist; identity remains unproved	IMPORTANT LEAD
Red on black makes it look more evil	Psychological/aesthetic	Observation	Consistent with broad colour-emotion research	PLAUSIBLE / supported confound
Final montage means the case is wrapped	Rhetorical	Composite image	No new provenance	NO EVIDENTIARY VALUE

RESEARCH SECTION

IV. From Resemblance to Provenance

A six-pointed subfigure, even if visually recoverable, initially establishes morphology only. It does not identify Jewish, occult, Masonic, Saturnian, or Revelation-related meaning. Those are separate historical propositions.

A strong identification grows from neutral description toward earlier source, documented meaning, traceable transmission, and independent corroboration. The thread often reverses the order by selecting an evil category first and then searching the diagram for compatible shapes.

Step	Requirement	Why It Matters
1	Distinctive configuration	Describe the geometry neutrally before attaching occult names.
2	Recurring configuration	Locate the same or highly similar form elsewhere.
3	Earlier source	Establish that the comparison source predates the OP artifact.
4	Documented meaning	Determine what the earlier source itself called or used the form for.
5	Traceable transmission	Show how the later creator could have received or copied the form.
6	Independent corroboration	Use artist statements, manuals, archives, design files, or continuous reproduction history.

RESEARCH SECTION

V. The Thread, Post by Post

The post sequence is best read as an evidentiary audit rather than a contest between believers and skeptics. Humor, insult, symbolism, historical assertions, psychological observations, and methodological questions are not equivalent evidence.

Post(s)	Move	Assessment
42976011	OP: 'most evil symbol'	Provides the artifact and a moral frame, but no title, creator, date, ritual, order, archive, or provenance.
42976021	Mockery	Sarcasm does not refute the historical or theological claim; ask for source and mechanism.
42976058	'It got my soul'	Likely humor; if literal, no evidence and no biblical rule of automatic soul-transfer by visual exposure.
42976072	'666th degree of Freemasonry'	Concrete and testable; contradicted by recognized Craft and Scottish Rite structures.
42976151	Six-pointed star offered	The hexagram is historically multivalent; form alone does not establish one religious identity.
42976157	'It's in there'	Pattern extraction requires defined rules for rotation, omission, extension, vertex selection, and symmetry.
42978464	SDG colour wheel	Pin is identifiable; genealogical connection to the OP design is not established.
42978482	Wolves/lamb imagery	Narrative amplification; evocative symbolism is not provenance.
42978486	Greater geometric complexity could be made	Useful distinction: formal complexity is not a moral property.
42978499 / 42978522	Insult followed by 'Proof?'	The one-word demand is methodologically stronger than ridicule because it exposes the specific burden of proof.
42978538	Geometry not inherently evil; talisman comment	Separates intrinsic shape from religious use; talismanic practice raises a different question.
42979143 / 42979449	Identity and anonymity insults	No provenance value; illustrates why social dominance is a poor proxy for expertise.
42979148	'All 32 points'	The thread's most substantial lead because genuine esoteric 32-point parallels exist.
42979221	'So many layers'	Complexity increases both information and opportunities for selective discovery.
42980584	Red-on-black makes it look evil	Empirically grounded confound worth testing with colour-controlled variants.
42981037	Final composite / 'wrap'	Visual adjacency can simulate cumulative evidence without independently established links.

RESEARCH SECTION

VI. The '666th Degree of Freemasonry'

The first concrete institutional claim is testable. United Grand Lodge of England describes Craft Masonry around three degrees, while the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction describes degree work from 4 through 32 and an honorary 33. Within those recognized systems, a '666th degree' is not documented.

That conclusion is precise rather than universal: an obscure, irregular, satirical, pseudo-Masonic, or private group could coin any phrase. The burden remains on the claimant to produce the charter, ritual, manual, tracing board, archival photo, or lodge publication connecting this image to such a degree.

Revelation 13 contains 666 but ties it to a beast, name, mark, worship, deception, image, and economic restriction. It does not call 666 a Masonic degree or authorize its use as a universal key for unrelated numbering systems.

RESEARCH SECTION

VII. The Hexagram Appears

A six-pointed star is recognizable, but the hexagram has a broad cross-cultural history. The National Library of Israel traces examples in Jewish, Islamic, Christian, alchemical, Indian, decorative, and other contexts before its later consolidation as a distinctly Jewish emblem.

Therefore an occult hexagram does not prove a Jewish origin, and a Jewish Star of David does not become occult because other traditions have used the same geometry. Same form does not guarantee same referent.

RESEARCH SECTION

VIII. The 'Star of Remphan' Problem

Acts 7:43 and Amos 5:26 concern idolatrous astral worship, but neither passage draws a six-pointed star, names the Star of David, or states that every later hexagram is Remphan. The philological history of Remphan/Rephan and Chiun/Kiyyun is itself complex.

The chain hexagram -> Remphan -> Saturn -> Moloch -> modern Judaism -> Satan therefore contains multiple historical steps that cannot be imported into the verse as though they were explicit text.

RESEARCH SECTION

IX. The United Nations Colour Wheel

The multicoloured pin is genuinely identifiable as Sustainable Development Goals branding; UN guidance explicitly recognizes the colour wheel and seventeen icons.

Identity of the pin is documented. Relationship to the red OP design is not. No design memorandum, designer testimony, transmission history, or primary source in the thread connects the SDG wheel to Crowley, Masonry, Fellowship of Isis, or Revelation. Political evaluation of an institution and provenance of its logo are different questions.

RESEARCH SECTION

X. Wolves, Lambs, and Narrative Amplification

Predatory language can make a symbol feel more morally charged, especially after it has already been linked to Freemasonry, 666, and a hidden star. But multiple associations descended from the same unsupported premise do not become independent evidence merely by accumulating.

Biblical animal and beast imagery is real; exegesis still requires demonstrating that the modern object belongs to the biblical referent.

RESEARCH SECTION

XI. 'I Can Make Something More Complicated'

Geometric complexity is a formal property, not a moral property. Cathedrals, circuits, Islamic decoration, mathematical tilings, labyrinths, and ceremonial diagrams can all be highly complex.

Meaning must therefore be established through context, use, provenance, intention, and documentary history rather than complexity alone.

RESEARCH SECTION

XII. 'Proof?'

The thread's simplest methodological intervention is also one of its strongest. Once 'proof of what?' is asked, the problem decomposes: proof of evil, Masonic origin, intentional embedding, 666, thirty-two-point correspondence, or ritual function all require different evidence.

Biblical witness and examination principles likewise favor corroboration rather than intuition elevated into accusation.

RESEARCH SECTION

XIII. Can Geometry Be Inherently Evil?

The claim that geometry itself lacks moral guilt is substantially defensible, but the stronger claim that symbolism is only projection is too simple. Societies really do attach historical meanings to emblems, uniforms, flags, marks, signs, and ritual objects.

First Corinthians offers a useful distinction: an idol is not a rival true deity, yet participation in idolatrous worship remains spiritually serious. A shape need not possess autonomous power for its religious use to matter.

The same distinction applies to a 'good luck talisman.' Personal aesthetic attachment is one thing; attributing supernatural agency, seeking power through the object, invoking entities, or using it in magic is another.

RESEARCH SECTION

XIV. Anonymous-Board Behavior

Insults about names and anonymity do not establish the symbol's origin. Research on online disinhibition identifies features such as anonymity, invisibility, asynchronicity, and reduced authority that can change online behavior.

This is environmental context, not diagnosis. The practical consequence is that independent sourcing becomes more important when confidence and aggression are cheap.

RESEARCH SECTION

XV. The Thirty-Two-Point Clue

The phrase 'all 32 points' is the most historically productive line in the thread. Thirty-two-point constructions and thirty-two-stage esoteric structures genuinely exist. That makes the observation worthy of investigation without yet identifying the OP image.

RESEARCH SECTION

XVI. Aleister Crowley: '32 Points in All'

Crowley's preserved material describes a ritual arrangement with four pentagrams and two hexagrams and explicitly assigns '32 points in all' to the configuration. This is a genuine Western ceremonial-magical parallel.

It does not identify the flat red 4chan figure. A historical identification would require showing that the OP geometry derives from the same six component stars, that its thirty-two count uses the same rule, or that a matching diagram appears earlier in Thelemic literature and can be traced into the posted file.

RESEARCH SECTION

XVII. A Second Thirty-Two-Degree Parallel: The Fellowship of Isis

The Fellowship of Isis, founded in 1976 at Clonerg Castle, developed a College of Isis system with thirty-two working degrees and a thirty-third mystical level. Its handbook associates the rites with an eight-pointed Star of Ishtar and Tiamat-related geometry.

This parallel proves that 32/33 structures occur in esoteric contexts outside Freemasonry. It therefore weakens the assumption that every 32 or 33 must be Masonic. The FOI material still does not identify the OP image.

RESEARCH SECTION

XVIII. Why Recurring Numbers Are Not Automatic Proof of Common Origin

Thirty-two can arise from different internal structures: ten sefirot plus twenty-two paths, point totals from combined stars, independent initiatory stages, or separate historical degree systems.

Numerical correspondence becomes historical genealogy only when transmission is shown. Recurrence is a research lead, not a family tree.

RESEARCH SECTION

XIX. 'So Many Layers'

Dense designs genuinely contain more layers, but each extra line also increases available subsets, angles, polygons, letters, stars, and counts. Complexity increases both information and false-discovery opportunities.

Prediction disciplines interpretation. A proposed encoded system becomes stronger when its expected locations and relationships are specified before searching every intersection.

RESEARCH SECTION

XX. The Red-on-Black Observation

A 2025 systematic review covering 132 studies and more than forty-two thousand participants found systematic colour-emotion correspondences: dark colours tended toward negative valence, black toward negative high-arousal associations, and red toward high-arousal emotions of both positive and negative kinds.

That makes colour a genuine confound. The same geometry could be tested in neutral palettes without occult framing. Higher threat ratings for red-on-black would show that presentation contributes to the response without settling historical provenance.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXI. The Final 'It's a Wrap' Post

The closing montage supplies visual simultaneity rather than a new chain of evidence. Evidence boards become persuasive when each connecting string represents a relationship established independently; otherwise the board itself can become the argument.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXII. The Psychology of 'Connecting the Dots'

Psychological analysis should explain mechanisms without using 'conspiracy thinking' as a synonym for falsehood. Real conspiracies, private organizations, covert institutions, and concealed crimes exist.

Research nevertheless shows why some evidence styles can feel stronger than they are: illusory pattern perception, hypersensitive agency detection, and epistemic, existential, and social motivations have all been studied in relation to conspiracy belief.

The safeguard is symmetrical: Christians, skeptics, historians, and scientists should all test satisfying totalizing patterns more carefully, not exempt their own worldview from evidence.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXIII. Illusory Correlation

Illusory correlation concerns perceiving relationships as stronger than objective covariation warrants. Symbol research is especially vulnerable because distinctive overlaps feel rare and therefore informative.

A six-pointed emblem in two places is more meaningful when we know its base rate across architecture, decoration, heraldry, mathematics, religion, art, and unrelated institutions. Count misses and alternatives, not only hits.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXIV. A Proposed Pattern-Mining Experiment

The OP image could be vectorized and analyzed under preregistered rules: whether lines may be ignored, shapes rotated, incomplete edges extended, approximate angles accepted, and interior intersections counted.

Observers unaware of the occult hypothesis could identify recognizable forms, while another group receives a mixed target list containing genuine candidates and decoys. The key question is whether alleged occult forms are recovered more reliably than arbitrary alternatives.

That experiment tests structural recoverability, not historical intent. Provenance would still require documentary evidence.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXV. Revelation 13:18 - What the Text Actually Gives Us

Revelation situates 666 inside a narrative of beastly authority, dragon, worship, blasphemy, persecution, deceptive signs, image, coercion, buying and selling, name, mark, and 'the number of a man.'

Preterist, historicist, futurist, idealist, and mixed interpretations disagree on historical fulfillment, but all responsible readings should preserve the chapter's textual relations. Free-form number hunting that adjusts spellings, alphabets, dates, measurements, logos, degrees, barcodes, and addresses until 666 appears is a different procedure.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXVI. The 616 Variant: Why Textual History Matters

The supplied Pure Cambridge KJV reads 666 at Revelation 13:18. Historical scholarship also records an early 616 variant known by Irenaeus and attested in ancient witnesses such as Papyrus 115.

This paper does not replace the KJV reading with 616. The methodological point is that elaborate modern theories depending on every modern character and arithmetic choice landing exactly on 666 should reckon with ancient textual history rather than treating the number as detached from Revelation's narrative.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXVII. Numerology Versus Exegesis

Scripture does use numbers symbolically. Seven, twelve, forty, seventy, forty-two months, 1,260 days, twelve thousand, and 144,000 all matter in their literary contexts.

The difference is textual control. Exegesis receives the number, context, object, and literary relationships from the text. Free-form numerology chooses among alphabets, transliterations, ciphers, titles, spellings, and arithmetic after deciding what result would be interesting. Undisclosed analytic flexibility makes eventual 'hits' cheap.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXVIII. A Biblical Theology of Images

Exodus 20 condemns idolatry and service to images. Exodus 25-26 and 37 simultaneously contain divinely commanded crafted cherubim. Scripture therefore refuses the equation 'crafted visual form = idol.'

First Corinthians distinguishes ontology from participation: the idol is not another true god, yet idolatrous sacrifice and fellowship remain spiritually serious. Revelation 13 likewise shows that images, marks, names, and numbers can function in coercive worship. Symbols may matter deeply without each frightening shape being the mark of the beast.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXIX. The Bronze Serpent Principle

Numbers 21 records a divinely commanded bronze serpent; 2 Kings 18 later records its destruction after Israelites burned incense to it. The object's material form did not carry a permanent moral polarity; its covenantal use and worship context changed.

This is a stronger biblical framework than assuming a triangle or star is metaphysically evil because of its angles.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXX. A Symbol-Provenance Timeline

Chronology helps prevent backward projection. Ancient biblical texts, cross-cultural hexagram history, Crowley's modern ceremonial magic, the 1976 Fellowship of Isis, twenty-first-century UN branding, and the 2026 4chan thread occupy different historical layers.

Influence must move through demonstrable transmission. A modern resemblance cannot rewrite an ancient source retroactively.

Period	Source Layer
Ancient biblical contexts	Idolatry, astral worship, images, marks, names, numbers, and allegiance occur in Israelite and early Christian texts.
Hexagram across cultures	Six-pointed forms appear in multiple religious, decorative, magical, and mathematical contexts before becoming distinctly Jewish in later history.
Modern Western ceremonial magic	Crowley's early-twentieth-century material describes a ritual configuration with '32 points in all.'
1976 onward	Fellowship of Isis develops its own 32 working degrees and a 33rd mystical level.
Twenty-first century	UN Sustainable Development Goals branding uses a documented colour wheel and seventeen icons.
September 2026	The 4chan thread juxtaposes these themes around an unprovenanced red geometric file.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXXI. The Chain of Inference

The thread's implicit chain is: complex red geometry -> occult meaning -> hidden hexagram -> Freemasonry -> 32/33 -> 666 -> beast/Satanic significance -> modern institutional symbolism.

That is not one claim. Every arrow requires its own evidence. The image could be occult without being Masonic, could have thirty-two features without being Crowley-derived, could use a hexagram without referring to Judaism, and could resemble a modern institutional logo without any common ancestry.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXXII. Steelmanning the Strongest Occult Interpretation

The strongest case begins with real history: Western esoteric traditions use pentagrams, hexagrams, circles, crosses, planetary signs, Qabalistic diagrams, directional arrangements, and number correspondences. Freemasonry uses symbolic ritual and degrees. Crowley genuinely has a thirty-two-point construction; other esoteric groups genuinely use 32 and 33; symbolism can migrate across organizations; secretive groups may withhold internal material.

Those premises justify serious investigation. They do not identify this specific image. The correct next step is neither automatic confirmation nor automatic debunking: find the source.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXXIII. Alternative Hypotheses for the OP Image

Several explanations remain open, and each predicts a different paper trail. The present evidence does not justify choosing one by intuition.

Hypothesis	What Should Be Found
Established ceremonial diagram	Should have earlier copies, manuals, names, ritual references, or institutional use.
Modern esoteric-inspired artwork	May lead to a portfolio, social post, design statement, or identifiable source material.
Mathematical / aesthetic construction	May be reproducible from neutral geometric rules without occult genealogy.
Derivative recombination	Graphical ancestry may be traceable to older ceremonial figures without direct identity.
Imageboard bait / hoax	Earliest circulation may begin immediately around anonymous-board posting and provoke intended overinterpretation.
Digitally generated or heavily composited design	Tooling history or source file may reveal construction if the earliest file is recovered.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXXIV. Image Forensics: What We Can and Cannot Say

The thread establishes that a file named file.png, listed as 4351 x 4000, was posted in No. 42976011 on September 17, 2026. It does not establish where the image originated.

The research surveyed for the source paper found nearby traditions but no authenticated pre-thread primary source displaying and naming this exact figure. Ordinary web search is not the same as exhaustive reverse-image forensics, so the careful conclusion is that earlier provenance has not yet been established.

A stronger continuation would search reverse-image systems, archived imageboards, occult forums, art portfolios, cached social pages, and metadata from the earliest recoverable file.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXXV. Falsifiability: What Would Change Our Minds?

A dated Masonic document predating the thread and using this exact design would materially support the Masonic hypothesis. A documented non-Masonic source with a different origin would weaken it. A matching Thelemic diagram or creator statement would support Crowley influence; an independently generated mathematical source would weaken it.

Secrecy may explain why evidence is difficult to obtain. It cannot convert absence of evidence into positive evidence, or the theory becomes self-sealing.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXXVI. 'But Secret Societies Really Exist'

They do. Freemasonry has initiatory degrees and private ritual elements; occult orders have graded teachings; governments classify information; corporations protect trade secrets; political groups strategize privately; criminal conspiracies occur.

Precisely because secrecy is real, research quality must rise rather than fall. Fragmentary, partisan, forged, misunderstood, and decontextualized material demands more historical care, not less.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXXVII. What We Do Not Know

The creator, original title, pre-4chan existence, intended point count, possible Crowley influence, possible Fellowship of Isis influence, Masonic usage, deliberate hexagram embedding, and intent behind the UN association all remain unknown.

The private beliefs and psychological states of anonymous participants are also unknown. The research cannot responsibly declare the graphic spiritually harmless or spiritually dangerous on historical provenance alone. Those gaps are not defects; pretending they are filled would be.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXXVIII. What We Do Know

Recognized Masonic degree structures conflict with the '666th degree' claim. The hexagram has a multicultural history. The SDG wheel is genuine UN branding without a demonstrated genealogy from the OP image. Crowley's thirty-two-point construction is authentic. Fellowship of Isis uses a distinct 32/33 structure.

Psychological research documents pattern perception, agency-detection tendencies, colour-emotion correspondences, conspiracy-related motives, and online disinhibition without proving any particular symbol claim false. The KJV gives 666, while early textual history includes 616. Scripture condemns idolatry while also containing commanded sacred imagery.

RESEARCH SECTION

XXXIX. A Christian Method of Symbolic Investigation

Christian caution is not spiritual blindness. Deuteronomy's witness principle restrains accusation; Proverbs requires hearing and examination; Acts commends testing; Paul commands proving.

The standard is not 'believe whatever sounds spiritually urgent' or 'mock whatever sounds strange.' It is to test claims honestly and let certainty track evidence.

RESEARCH SECTION

XL. Scripture, Symbols, and Fear

The New Testament does not present believers as helpless before accidental visual contact. Its recurring concerns are allegiance to Christ, deception, idolatry, holiness, discernment, truth, and faithfulness.

Even Revelation 13 is centrally about worship and coercive allegiance, not frightened polygon hunting. The danger is deception joined to worship, not merely seeing the wrong geometry.

RESEARCH SECTION

XLI. The Danger of False Positives

Calling ordinary symbols demonic without evidence can obscure real occult history, damage the credibility of serious warnings, falsely accuse innocent people or institutions, generate unnecessary fear, and attach Scripture to propositions Scripture never made.

A false positive is not harmless simply because it was motivated by vigilance.

RESEARCH SECTION

XLII. The Equal Danger of False Negatives

The opposite error is real. Occult ritual geometry exists. Secret societies have existed. Institutions communicate through symbols. Propaganda and branding shape populations. Scripture genuinely warns about idolatry, deception, sorcery, false signs, and spiritual powers.

Responsible skepticism does not say 'nothing is connected.' It says connections must be demonstrated.

RESEARCH SECTION

XLIII. The Most Important Discovery in the Thread

The dramatic '666th degree' claim is easiest to challenge. The quieter '32 points' remark opens the serious historical door because Crowley and, independently, the Fellowship of Isis provide authentic esoteric thirty-two structures.

The next research question is therefore concrete: is the OP figure's thirty-two-point structure real, intentional, and genealogically connected to a known diagram?

RESEARCH SECTION

XLIV. A Proposed Next Phase of Investigation

Redraw the OP graphic as a precise vector construction and catalogue points, intersections, symmetries, layers, polygons, and repeated angles without occult labels. Compare it under one transformation standard against Crowley/Thelemic material, Golden Dawn diagrams, Masonic sources, Fellowship of Isis material, ceremonial-magic manuals, mathematical star polygons, and modern digital art.

At the same time, trace the image backward. A verified pre-2026 artist page, occult-order publication, image archive, or forum appearance could change the investigation immediately. Until then, artifact provenance should outrank symbolic speculation.

RESEARCH SECTION

XLV. Research Creed

Hear before answering - Proverbs 18:13. Examine the competing case - Proverbs 18:17. Seek corroboration - Deuteronomy 19:15. Search Scripture rather than borrowing its authority - Acts 17:11. Test before holding fast - 1 Thessalonians 5:21.

That is not timid investigation. It is disciplined investigation.

RESEARCH SECTION

Conclusion

The thread begins with certainty and almost no provenance, then accumulates Freemasonry, 666, hexagrams, UN branding, predatory imagery, talismanic interpretation, thirty-two points, insults, and a final declaration of completion.

Separated into claims, the picture changes. The 666th Masonic degree is contradicted within recognized systems; the hexagram is multivalent; Acts and Amos do not draw a six-pointed Remphan star; the SDG wheel is real but genealogically unconnected; red-black presentation is a plausible psychological confound; and 'Proof?' is the thread's best methodological instinct.

The thirty-two-point clue is the most historically interesting because authentic esoteric parallels exist. Those parallels justify further research, not skipped research.

The final rule is demanding but simple: do not confuse resemblance with transmission, emotion with provenance, numerology with exegesis, secrecy with evidence, skepticism with investigation, occult parallel with demonstrated origin, or interpretation with Scripture. Find the artifact, find the earliest source, trace how it travelled, test alternatives, and let the conclusion stop where the evidence stops.

APPENDIX A

Scripture Index

Passage	What It Establishes	What It Does Not Establish
Exodus 20	Idolatry and serving images are condemned.	Does not teach that every geometric image is intrinsically evil.
Exodus 25-26, 37	God commands crafted cherubim and tabernacle imagery.	Prevents 'crafted image = idol' as a universal equation.
Numbers 21 / 2 Kings 18	The bronze serpent is first commanded, later destroyed after idolatrous use.	Meaning and use can change without material form carrying permanent moral polarity.
Amos 5:26 / Acts 7:43	Condemn astral/idolatrous worship and man-made figures.	Neither passage draws a hexagram or identifies every later six-pointed star with Remphan.
1 Corinthians 8	An idol is 'nothing in the world' in contrast to the one God.	Does not make participation in idolatrous worship morally neutral.
1 Corinthians 10	Believers are told to flee idolatry; pagan sacrifices are linked with fellowship with devils.	Spiritual seriousness concerns participation and allegiance, not merely polygonal form.
Revelation 13	Links beast, dragon, worship, signs, deception, image, mark, name, economic coercion, and the number 666.	Does not identify 666 as a Masonic degree or a universal cipher for disliked institutions.
Deuteronomy 19:15	Multiple-witness principle in judicial context.	Not a mechanical modern research rule, but a strong model of corroboration.
Proverbs 18:13,17	Hear before answering; the first case is tested by another.	Discourages both gullibility and reflexive dismissal.
Acts 17:11	Bereans search Scripture to test what they hear.	Discernment is examination rather than fear.
1 Thessalonians 5:21	'Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.'	Testing is not permission to announce certainty before evidence.

APPENDIX B

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RESEARCH NOTE

Psychology is used here to identify population-level cognitive and social mechanisms, not to diagnose anonymous posters. Historical occult parallels document the existence of symbolic systems, not the origin of this particular image. Official Masonic sources establish recognized degree structures, not a universal negative about every irregular private group that has ever existed. Ancient 616 manuscript evidence is included as textual history and is not presented as a replacement for the supplied KJV reading of 666.

FINAL PRINCIPLE

The strongest symbolic investigation is not the one that discovers the most shapes. It is the one that can show where an artifact came from, what its source called it, how its meaning was transmitted, what alternative explanations were tested, and exactly where Scripture speaks - and stops speaking.

Original web edition: libraryofrickandria.com/geometry-of-deception/

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Soli Deo Gloria.