

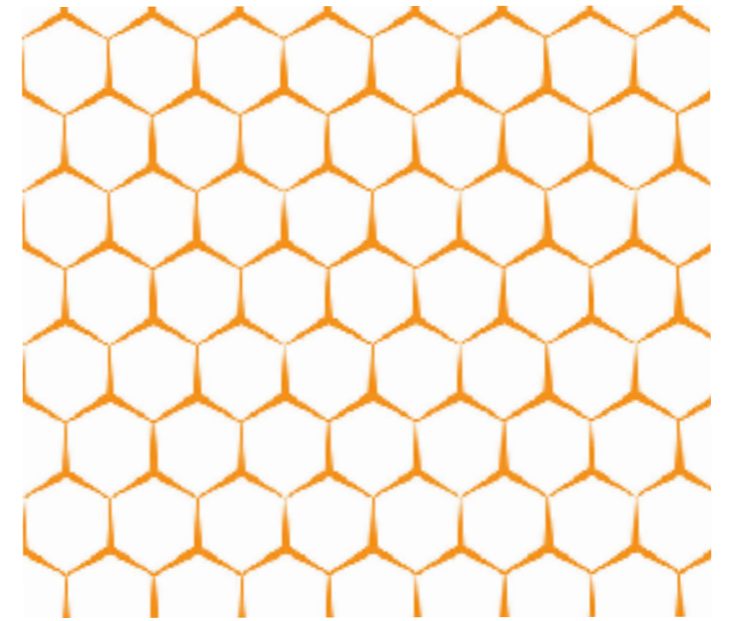
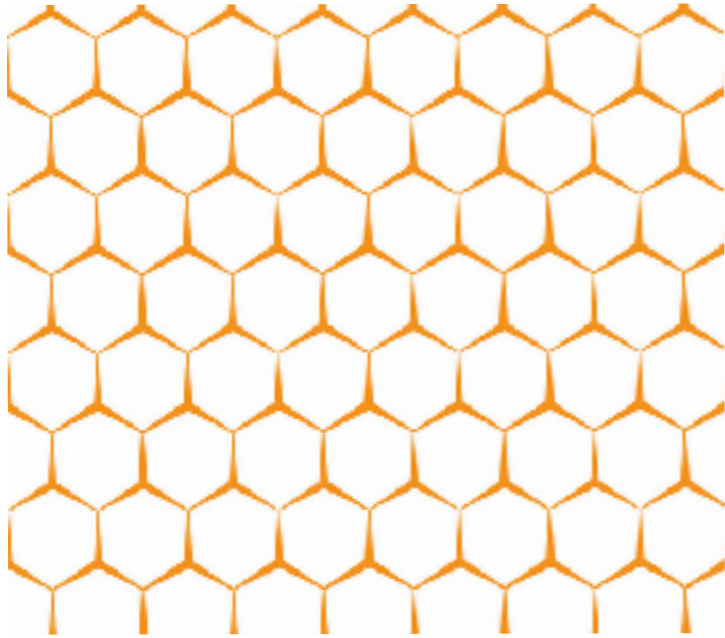


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(John 14:6, ESV)



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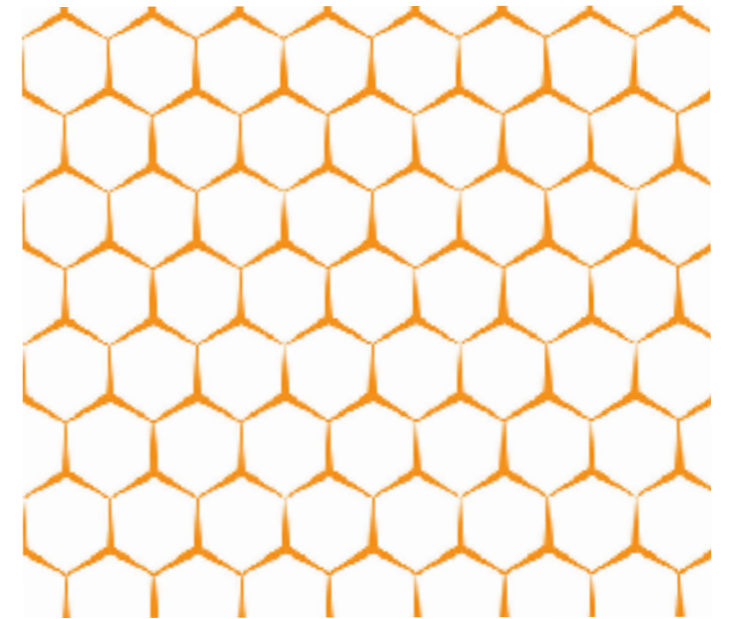
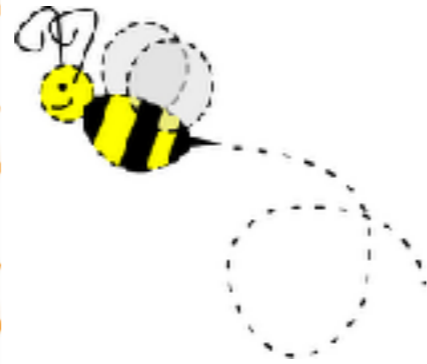
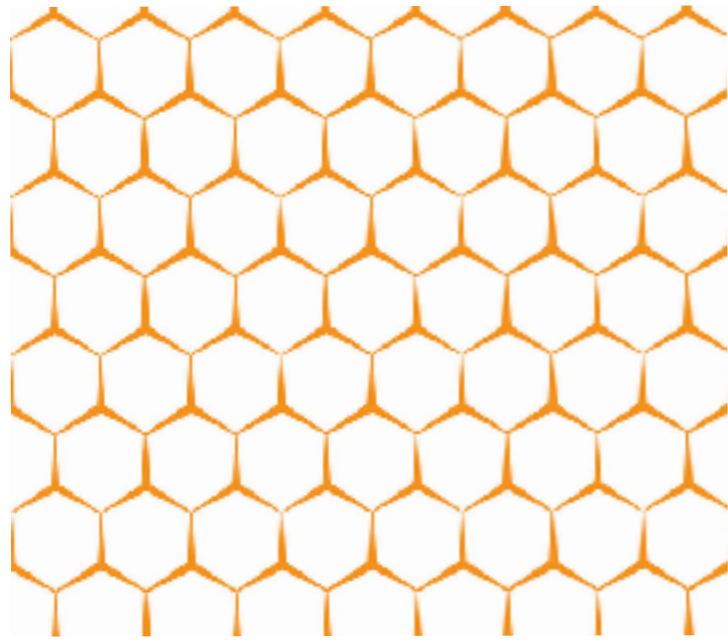
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Water and Spirit

Spirit = Holy Spirit

WATER

***Water* = BAPTISM**

Acts 2:38 (Day of Pentecost)

Acts 9, 22, 26 (Conversion of Paul)

**Early Christian Writers Agree Jn. 3:5 =
Baptism**

Justin Martyr (100-165 AD)

Irenaeus (130-202 AD)

Tertullian (155-240 AD)

**“Not a single writer from antiquity denied the link
between water and baptism in John 3:5.”**

-William Wall, 1705

Alternate Beliefs

- **Both water and Spirit are the same thing**
If true then Jesus would be saying:
“You must be born of the spirit and the spirit in order to enter into the kingdom of God.”
- **Water refers to the amniotic fluid in childbirth**
If true then this is the only place in the NT where “water” is used to describe the childbirth process.
If true then Jesus would be saying:
“You must be physically born ... in order to enter into the kingdom of God.”

Would **Nicodemus** have thought about baptism?

Yes, because of the **fame** of the baptism of John.

- People came from all over to be baptized in water (Mark 1:5).
- When Jesus was baptized by John, both the water and the Spirit were involved in the process (Matt. 16:16-17).
- John's teaching connected water baptism and the coming of the kingdom (Mark 1:4-8).

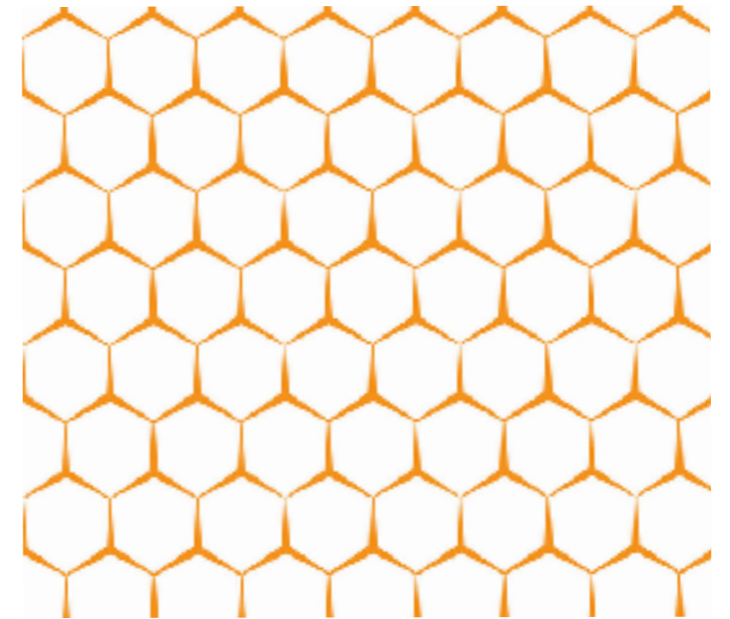
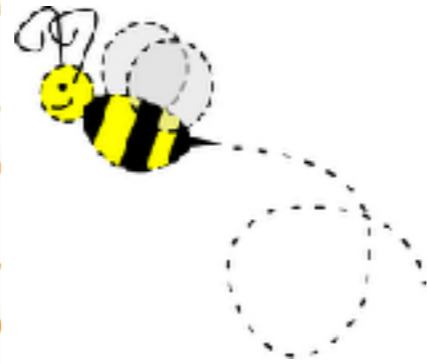
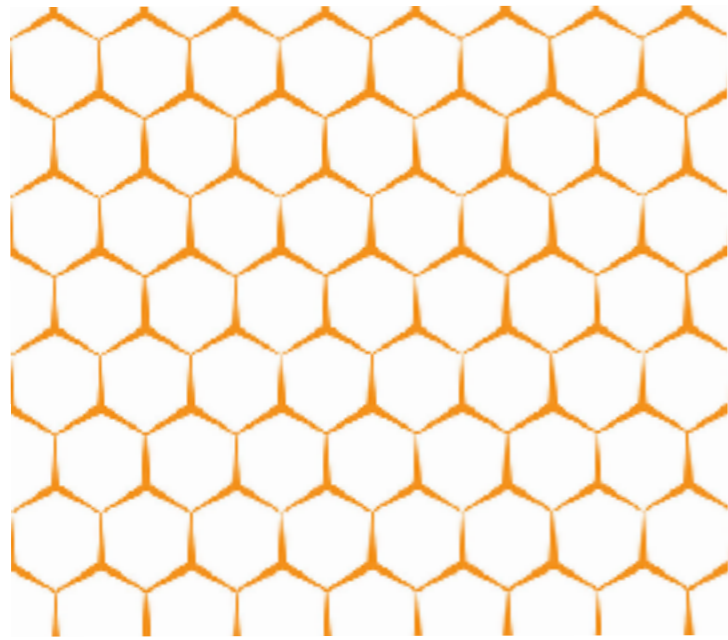
Being raised from the dead is continually linked to baptism in the NT.

11 *In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, (Col. 2:11–13)*

3 *Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Rom. 6:3–4)*

Also see: 1 Peter 3:21

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