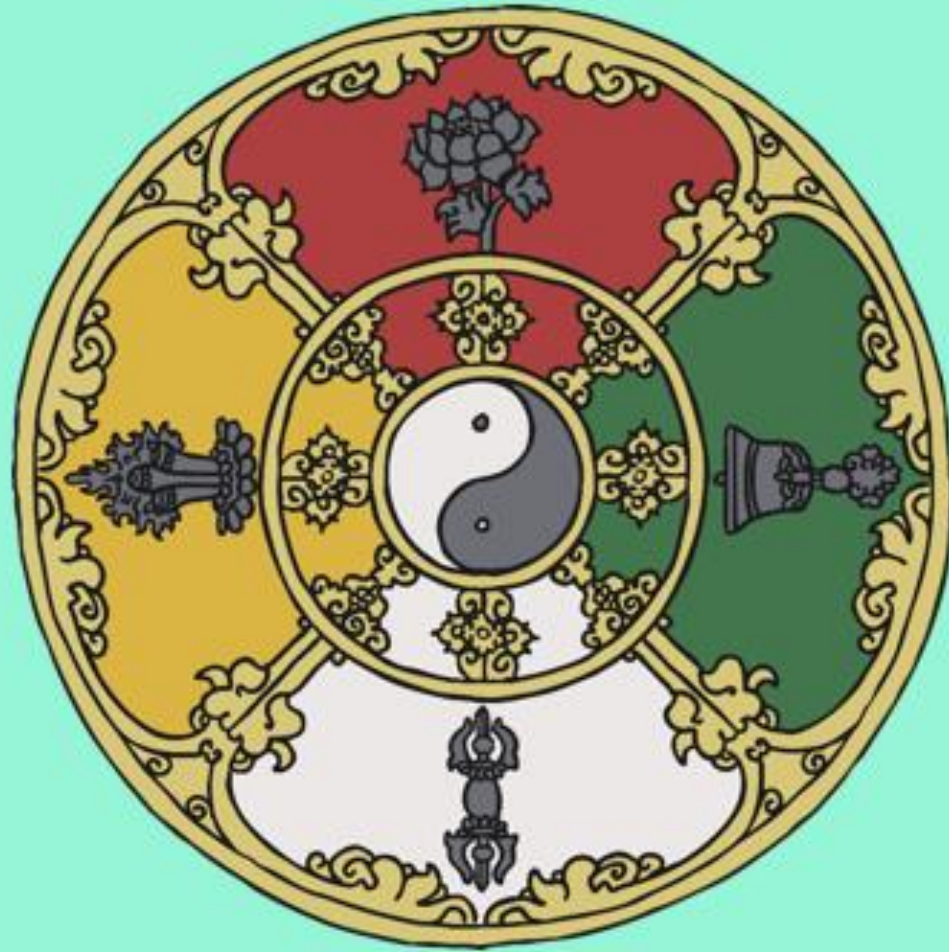


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What is a Symbol?

A symbol is an image or emblem. It represents and stands for something special, such as an idea, object or person.

How many of these symbols do you recognise?



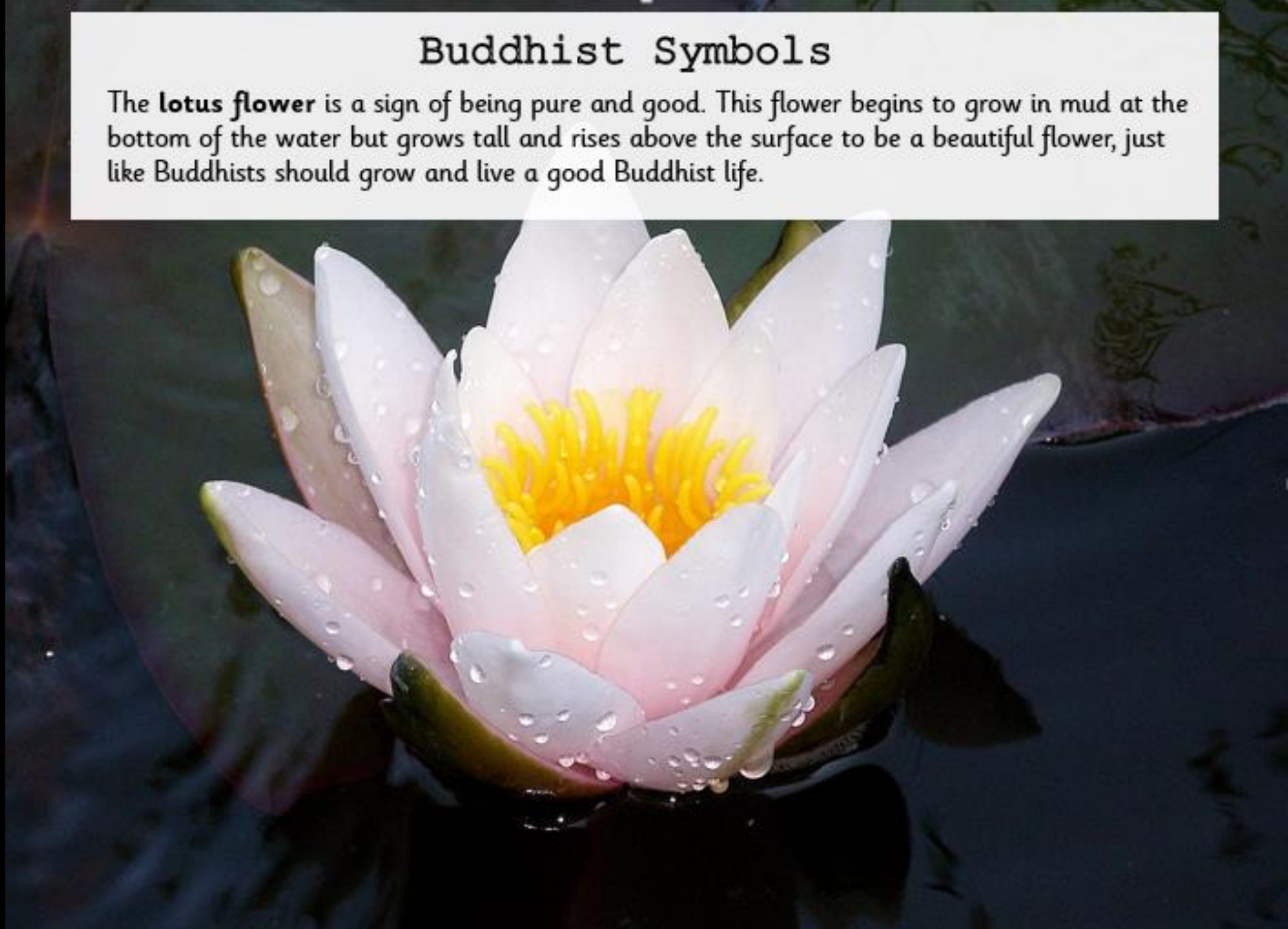
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This symbol is known as the **wheel of life** because Buddhists believe in a cycle of birth, living, death and re-birth (born again).



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The **lotus flower** is a sign of being pure and good. This flower begins to grow in mud at the bottom of the water but grows tall and rises above the surface to be a beautiful flower, just like Buddhists should grow and live a good Buddhist life.



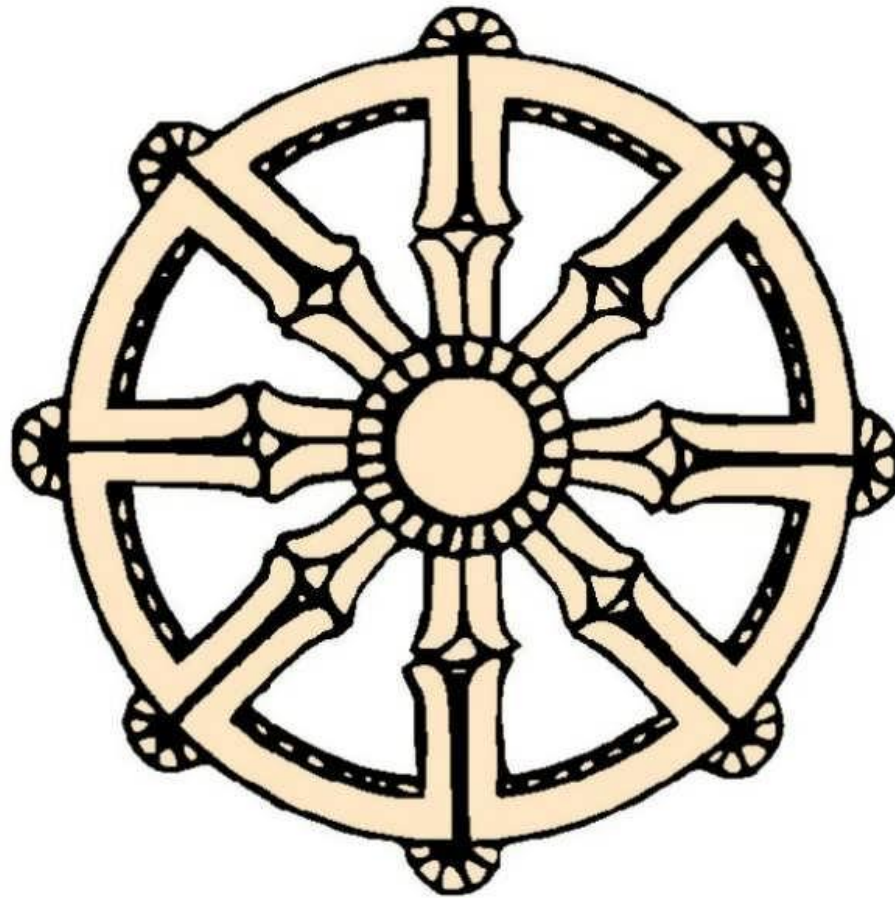
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The **Buddha statue** reminds Buddhists of the story of Siddhartha Gautama, the first Buddha, who taught people about his thinking and discoveries about suffering.



If you want to find out a little bit more about Buddhist Symbols, here is a lovely website to have a look at.

<https://buddhismforkids.net/symbols.html>



Philosophical Question

Who do symbols matter to?

Which symbols are important to you? Why?

Which symbols are important to others? Are they the same or different to yours?

Where might you need to use a symbol?

Where might you find different symbols?

TASK

Can you design your own symbols?

Think about family, friends, school, faith and culture and hobbies.