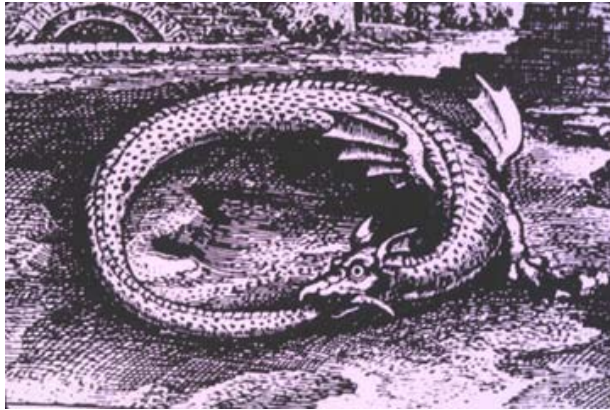


The circle is the symbol for *infinity*, because the circle is endless, and may be considered a polygon with an infinite number of sides.

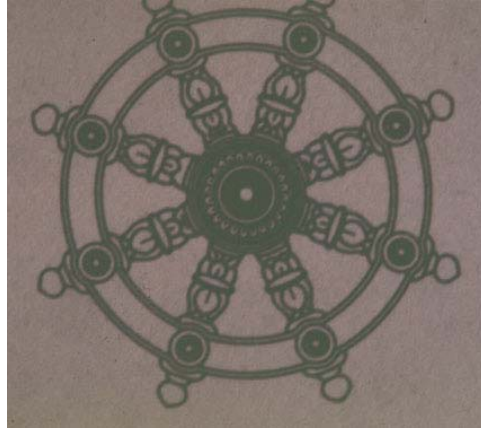
The snake or dragon with its tail in its mouth continually devouring itself and being reborn from itself is a symbol of eternity and of the cyclic nature of the universe. It expresses the unity of all things, which never disappear but change form in a cycle of destruction and re-creation.



An ornate Christian Cross



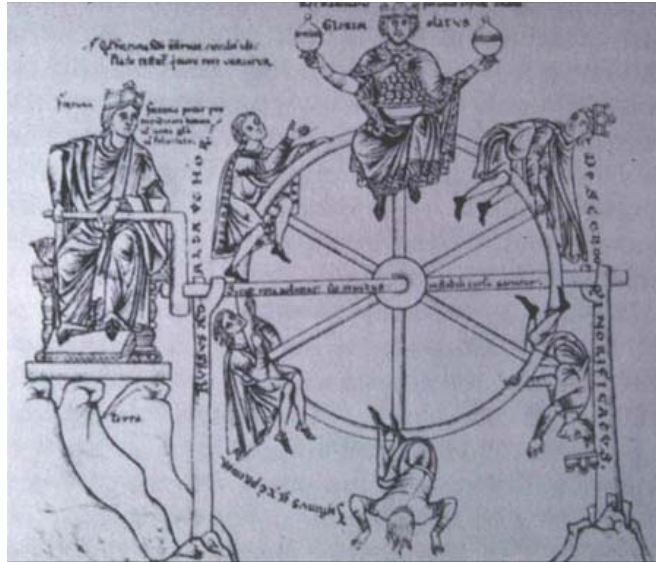
The *Wheel of Dharma* is a common symbol of Buddhism. Like the wheel of a cart that keeps turning, it symbolizes Buddha's teaching as it continues to spread endlessly. The eight spokes represent the eightfold Path of Buddha.



Shiva Nataraja, Lord of the Dance, South India, 11th Century



The wheel, because it can *turn*, has often been associated with chance and fortune. In this picture, *Fortuna* is shown turning the crank on the wheel of fortune.



TV show: “The Wheel of Fortune”



Where else do we observe circles:

Tree trunks, waves on a pond when a pebble is dropped, the five Olympic circles, Stone Hedge, Navajo's Kivas