

LQ: What are the Buddhist symbols and what do they mean?

Explain the significance of different forms of religious expression.

Link things that are important to them and other people with the way they and others think and behave.

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What do you remember so far about Buddhism?

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What are symbols?

Why do we have them?

Which ones are religious?

Which ones are secular?



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These are some Buddhist Symbols

Which is the odd one out and why?

What do you already know about these symbols?



Why have Buddhists chosen these symbols?

1. Parasol - royalty and spiritual power;
2. Golden Fishes - good fortune, fertility and salvation;
3. Treasure Vase - spiritual and material abundance;
4. Lotus - mental and spiritual purity;
5. Conch Shell - the fame of Buddha's teachings;
6. Endless Knot - infinite wisdom of the Buddha;
7. Victory Banner - victory of the Buddha's teachings and wisdom over ignorance;
8. Wheel - the teachings of the Buddha.



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Your Task

Research a bit more about each symbol, then write an explanation of what each symbol means.

C. Choose the symbol that means the most to you and write how it is reflected in your own life.