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Pastel rubbing from a hand carved wood block
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The symbolism of the circle can be traced through ancient history and all cultures, and is usually connected with nature and the concept of being inclusive or continuous as in life itself. The Celtic knot, often referred to as the mystic or endless knot, draws on this inspiration by having neither a beginning nor an end. Overall, it gives a sense of continuity, while its interlacing segments suggest being interconnected.

We are taught how our lives are reflected in nature's life cycle through birth and rebirth - both physical and spiritual. We can relate this to the Celtic knot with its infinite path, but there is more. The knot, like the circle, is all encompassing - not bound but embraced.