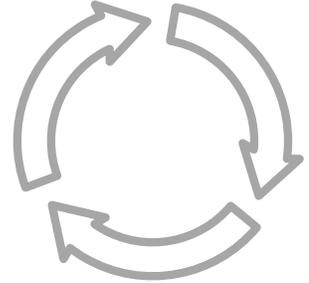


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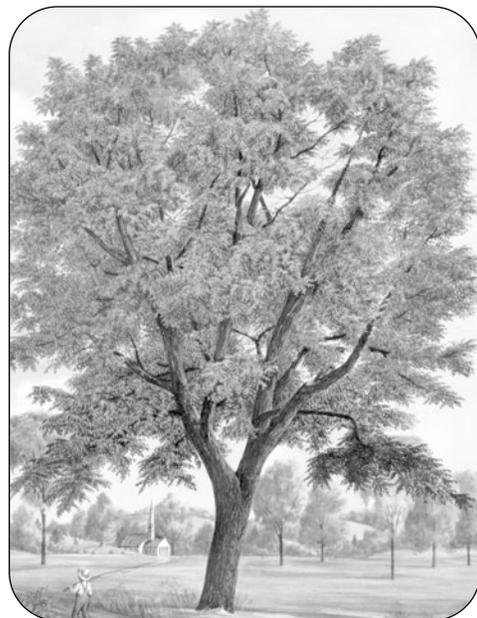
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*In spiritual terms,
the rebirth of the phoenix out of the fiery flames
portends both the testing and the reincarnation of the soul.
Through the sometimes fiery trials and traumas of life,
the soul is purified and refined,
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