Symbolic Tattoo

Design an ORIGINAL tattoo design that expresses meaningful or personal symbolism as art

Tattoos are an art form, and should be treated as such. Cookie cutter tattoos are fine for many people, but you are a unique person with unique experiences. The challenge is to create a well rendered, but meaningful tattoo design that uses symbolism to express your individuality as human being.

Symbolism – 1) the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities 2) using symbolic images and indirect suggestion to express mystical ideas, emotions, and states of mind

<u>Media:</u> You have choices here. Since tattoos need to have a degree of "solidity", use of line is important. Color may or may not be present.

A) Graphite   B) Ink   C) Colored Pencil   D) Markers (you supply)

<u>Process:</u>

1) Research potential imagery on your own. The goal is <u>NOT to copy</u> an existing piece of art, but rather to <u>create</u> something new that symbolically represents something important to you.
2) Sketch your design until you reach a finalized decision
3) Choose the order of the media you will use. Carefully render the design, and then add coloring and/or value to detail the tattoo

Grading:

1) Many tattoos are good designs that rely on simplicity. For this art class version of your drawing, you are encouraged to get more detailed in your rendering. This is not an actual tattoo that you are inking tomorrow (although it could be if you're old enough) so for this assignment please add the bells and whistles.
2) Proportion – You need to create your design large enough so that it fills approximately 2/3 of the work space. This may be larger or smaller than actual size if it was to be inked. Again, this is drawing class.
3) Cleanliness of the rendering. A good tattoo needs to be clean and perfect, due to the nature of the inking process. Parts of it may be "broken" or "jumbled", but the appearance of messy is not allowed.
4) Written explanation of your artwork. You will fill out a self-evaluation grading sheet that includes what your symbolic imagery is, how it fits together (if necessary) and what it is meant to represent.

Ideas:

Family, Cultural Heritage, Astrology Signs, Phases of Life, Conservation, Personal Passions, Hopes and Dreams, Overcoming Personal Challenges, etc.

You can take a classic design and create a new version of it with different symbology if you want. Just don't copy a played out idea.