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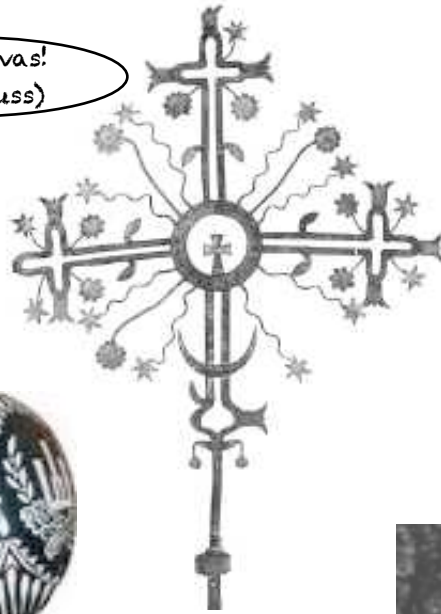
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God? Dievas!
(DEE-e-vuss)

Lithuanians were the last Europeans to convert to Christianity, about 600 years ago. Before then, they worshipped gods of nature. The country is deeply religious, as you can see in the video about the **Hill of Crosses**. But instead of denying its ties to nature, Lithuanian religious symbols instead merge the natural with the Christian. For example, in pagan times the oak tree was of special significance and still means long life and strength. Now, "Worrying Christ" figures are carved from oak. Wayside crosses are carved from wood or forged from iron, and link Christianity to nature in their intricate forms.



Can you find symbols of nature in these Lithuanian crosses?
(hint: moon, sun, star, flower... what else?)

