

# MODERNITY ART

## Symbolism in the 5<sup>th</sup> day

1. Here we see the waters are swarming with living creatures and the fowl fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.
2. There are 47 creatures to see in this picture, 47 is the numerical value of the verse of Genesis where it is written: "And G-d saw that it was good"
3. The Earth is open like an egg shape to symbolize all of the creatures of the air (and some by water) which are born from an egg.
4. Another reason why the Earth is shown as open is to signify that the planet has opened up to animal life and that nature is taking its course.
5. There are 9 pieces of the universe below the Earth. The number 9 represents first the ninth letter in the Hebrew alphabet tet. In the Torah, Tet appears the first time in the word tov of Genesis (translated as good). The first tet of tov is unusual as it has 4 crowns instead of 3 which when 4 is multiplied by 9 you get 36, which in the Torah is used to describe the Hidden or Primordial Light (tov) which represents all that is beneficial or good.
6. 9 is also equivalent to the Hebrew word EMET (emes) meaning TRUTH as every multiple of 9 remains 9 and thus the truth can never be altered and must always remain the same.
7. The next day will we see Adam which is in mispar katan gematria 9, because he alone from the entire universe was faced with the seal of truth from his Creator.
8. In one window into the water we see 10 creatures of the sea. 10 is the number of utterances spoken by G-d during the creation of the world, manifesting as the 10 Sephirot.
9. In the second window into the water we see 18 creatures of the sea, 18 meaning Chai (Life) and symbolizing life within the water which has now formed
10. There are 19 fowl flying above the Earth, 19 is the number of years in a cycle in which the date on the lunar calendar matches the date on the solar calendar.