

MODERNITY ART

Symbolism in the 6th day

1. On day six we find six clouds in the sky echoing number of the day which day we see
2. One bird we see is white symbolizing the white dove of peace
3. There are 12 animals in the picture, 12 is the number of lines that border a cube and according to Chazal all of reality. So here we see that with the creation of animals and humans so begins our understanding of reality.
4. In the image there are 12 animals and Adam and Eve as pair of humans is seen as adding up to 13. Thirteen relates to the transcendent dimension of G-dliness and it what allows one to bring spirituality into our material world.
5. Thirteen is the number that bonds multiplicity into oneness – for example there are 12 tribes which are all bonded to their father Israel, Israel is the 13th meaning that many are bonded into one.
6. HaShem is thirteen and the meaning of thirteen is the oneness and love of HaShem.
7. The animals and Adam and Eve are portrayed in a dark grey color which is symbolizing sunset on that day as it is said that man and woman were created toward the end of the 6th day
8. The two hydraulics found on either side of the Earth, are meant to show that through the eyes of man the Earth is fully open to all possibilities and the beauty of all G-d's creation.
9. The four pieces of the universe bellow symbolize the four stages, which according to Kabbalah, were used in the create the universe: Emanation (Atzilut), Creation (Bri'ah), Yetzirah (Formation), Asiyah (Action)
10. In this picture we see that Adam and Eve are holding hands to represent that although they are two individuals – they are both the image of G-d and therefore part of each other and bound together.
11. The artist chose to show Adam and Eve walking through the water in Eden as a reminder of the importance of water and our connection to it. Not only do we need water to survive, our life also begins in water inside the womb and we are made of more than 60% water ourselves.
12. The river that flows from Eden – the place of Joy – and is the place where we all come from. The river is that which connects us all to the source of life and we feel most connected when we experience joy and our own personal Eden on Earth. Through learning Torah, the act of Mitzvah and Tzedaka can we truly find our way to the river and to the source of life and the joy within.