

PACKS Thursday's Wisdom Journal

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BHC PACKS THURSDAY'S WISDOM

Day Five (Genesis 1:20-21)

The First Creatures With A Living Soul & They Are Not Monsters!

Legends of other nations recounted battles of their gods against "Great Sea Creatures" -- sea dragons and similar monsters. Elohiym creates something that is very different & challenges their realities.

Connect With The Bible's Wisdom of the Beginnings Every Day!

Yesterday elohiym made the heavenly bodies. I pointed out that the heavenly bodies were **the gods of other kingdoms and nations**. However, in the *Bible's Wisdom of the Beginnings*, they are simply **providers of light for things on Earth**. Instead of being created through the chaotic and violent behaviors of gods, they were **created in an orderly and peaceful way by one elohiym**.

Today this theme will continue as elohiym turns his attention to **Seas** beneath the **RAQUYA**. He will create the first creatures with a "**living soul**" -- a "**water soul**." *The Hebrew & Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament* (Vol. 2, p. 713) provides the following information about the Hebrew word translated soul: *It is the center and transmitter of feelings and perceptions: a) longing, desire; b) low morale of someone dispirited; c) feeling, taste; d) intent, volition.*

The soul is the center of a creature's appetites, desires, and longings. These creatures have appetites, desires, and longings related to the waters in which they live. Elohiym created "the great sea creatures" first. "**Great sea creatures**" were well-known in Egypt, Mesopotamia, Canaan, and in the countries of the East generally. Legends recounted battles of the great gods against the sea dragon and similar monsters. In particular the people nearest to Israel, the people of Canaan, these creatures were very important – *their gods fought with a number of different monsters like the Dragon, Leviathan the Fleeing Serpent, the Twisting Serpent, and similar creatures.*

In the *Bible's Wisdom of the Beginnings*, **the great sea creatures** are treated as natural living creatures, just like all other creatures of the Sea. They were created by elohiym at the time and place of his choosing. Elohiym measured them by his **TOV Standard** and they were **TOV**. We can now update the meaning of TOV:

For something to be TOV, it must protect lives, preserve lives, make lives more functional, and increase the quality of life.