

Although not traditionally thought of as a artist's palette, TurboCAD makes a wonderful tool for artistic or creative expression.

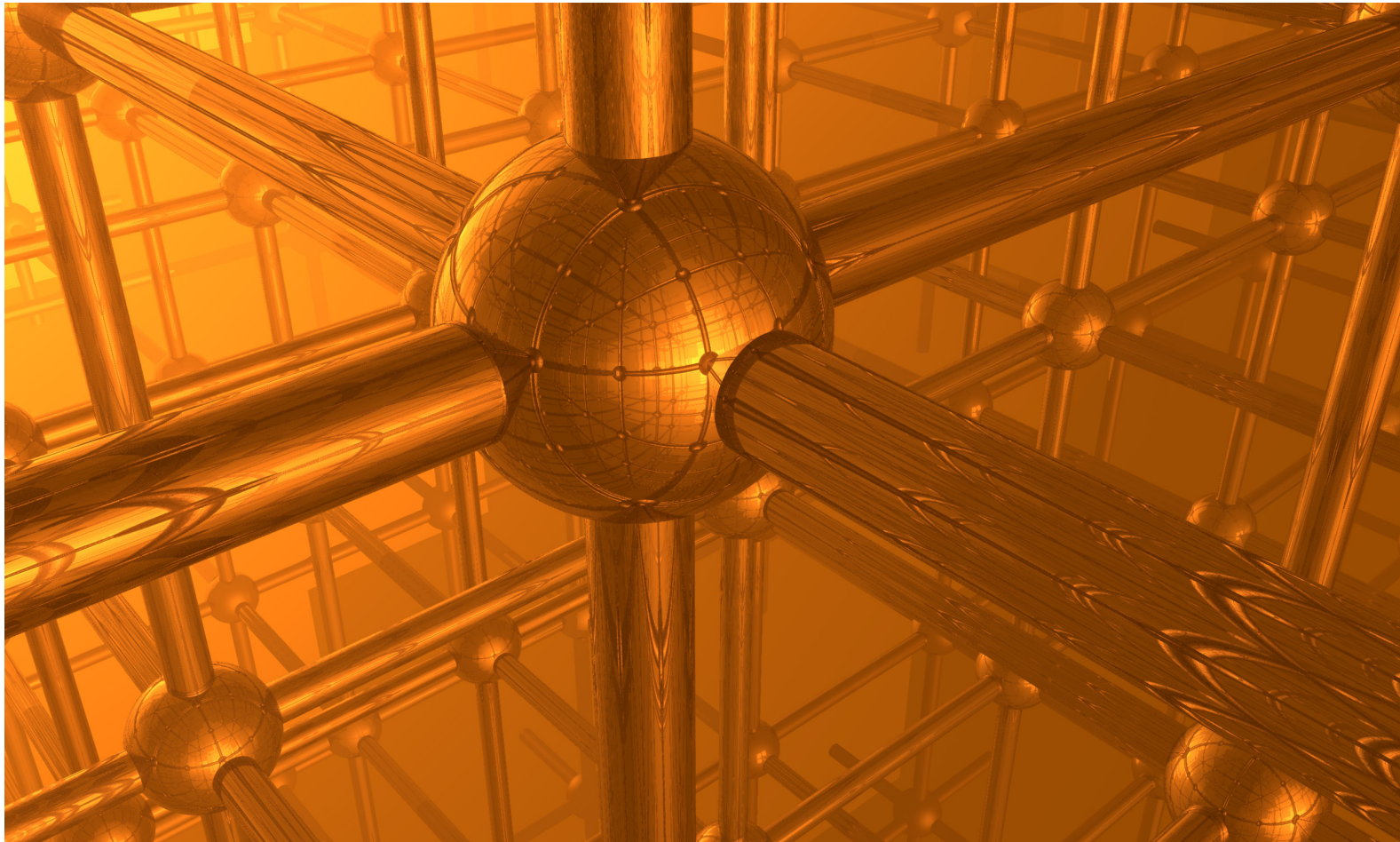
Over the course of many years a number of people have used TurboCAD as a form of artistic expression. These users shared their work on the TurboCAD user forum and this sparked the imagination of many others. It was a very exciting time to be a regular forum participant, all the while learning new TurboCAD strategies and capabilities.

Search the TurboCAD forum for people such as Kelly Torrance, David Mullins, Richard Brehm, Brad Easterday, David Voutsinas & Michael Geraghty for examples of their work.

Within this tip Don Cheke will illustrate a number of artistic endeavors he has taken over the years.

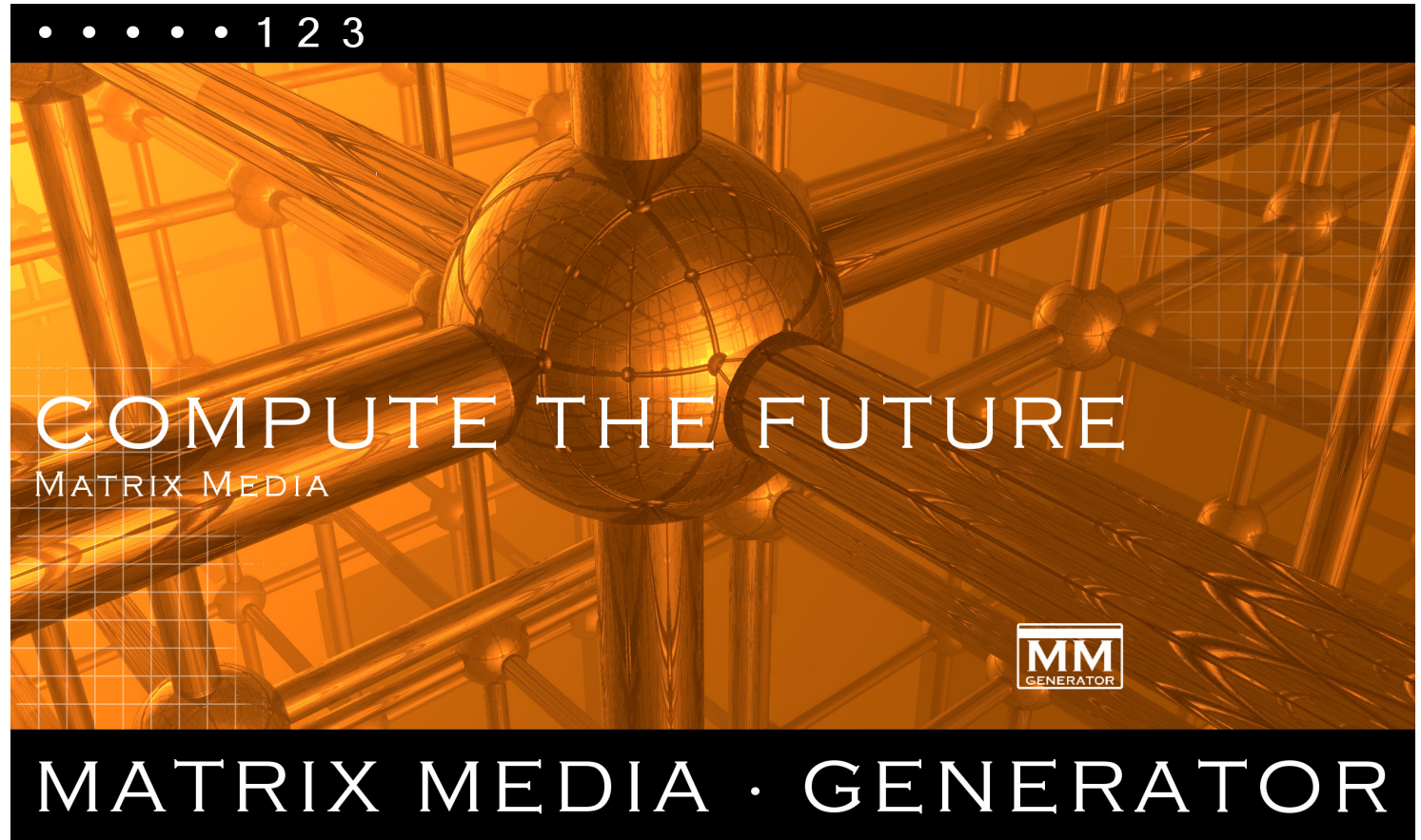


Paint Cans was 3D modeled in TurboCAD and rendered with the integrated LightWorks render engine. Brush bristles are a wrapped image texture. The intent behind the creation of this piece was to illustrate the great depth of color and artistry that can be achieved with the program.



The *Matrix* was 3D modeled in TurboCAD and rendered with the integrated LightWorks render engine. It consists of a gold sphere with six gold rods within a mirrored box. View is set within the box using the walkthrough tools to move into the box. A mirror texture creates the matrix with mirrored reflections. The intent behind this piece was simply to experiment with mirror reflections within a box.

Being able to make use of the artistic objects created in TurboCAD, this image illustrates how the reflective matrix became part of a company marketing strategy. Here, a factitious company called Matrix Media takes full advantage of this.



Final output was enhanced using Photoshop. This included adding text and the ghosted grid.

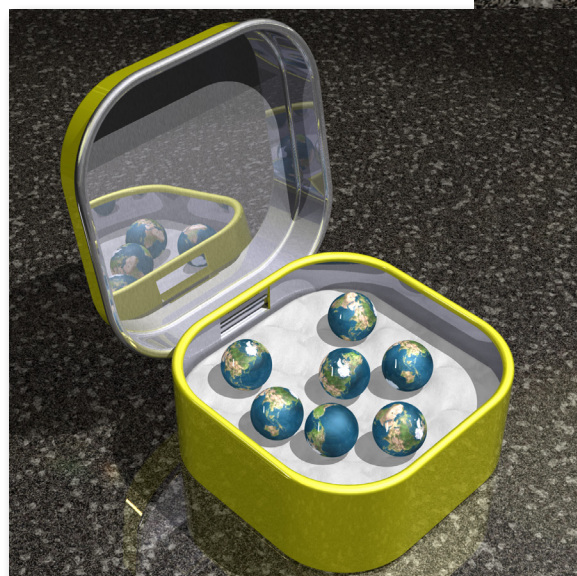


Donald B. Cheke

Life was 3D modeled in TurboCAD and rendered with the integrated LightWorks render engine. Extruded chrome text within an image wrapped sphere. A flare was added with Photoshop. The intent behind this piece was to celebrate the wonders of life.

Who doesn't give thought to the meaning of life and its genesis?

Seeds of Life was 3D modeled in TurboCAD and rendered with the integrated LightWorks render engine. Intersected 3D text and extruded objects were utilized to bring this model to life.



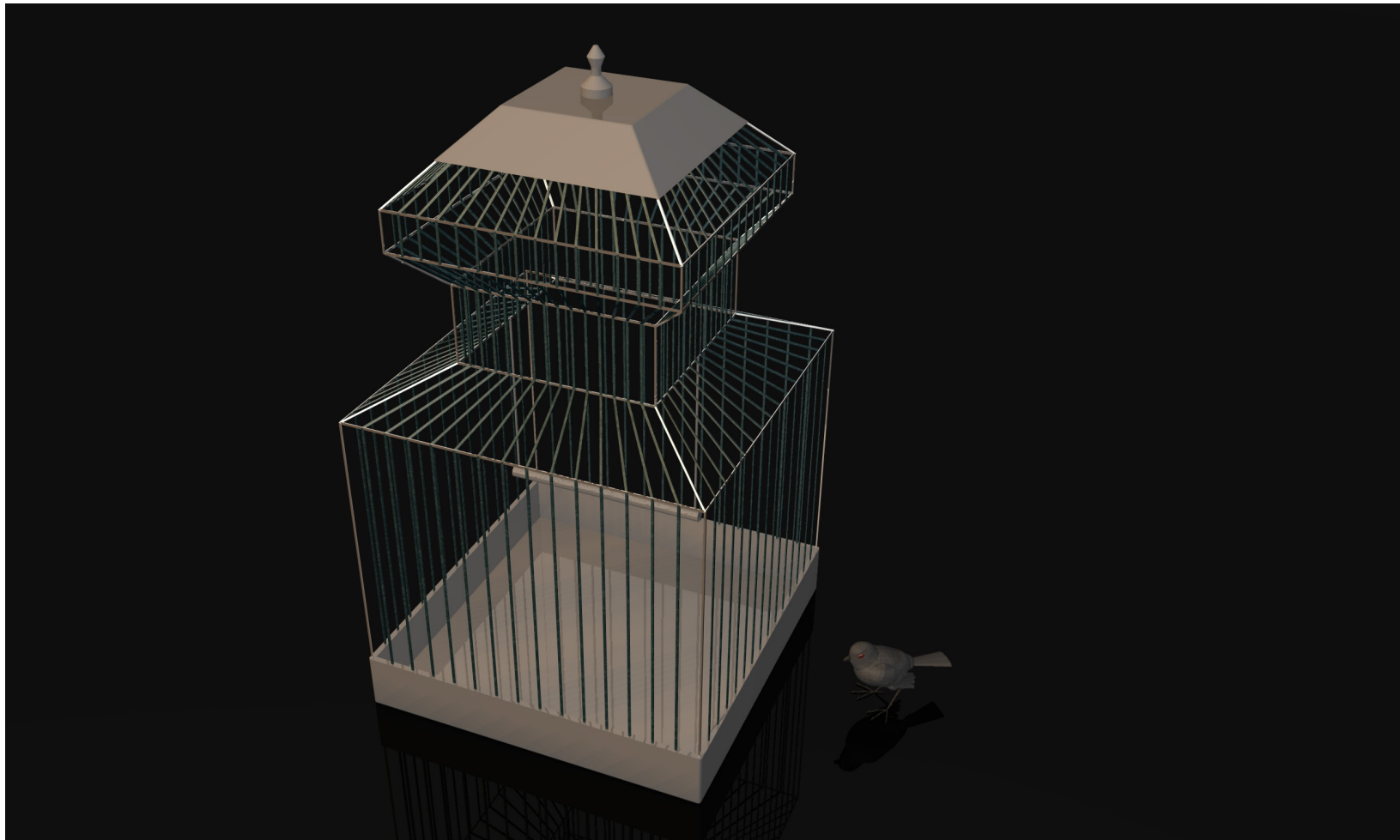
Death, like life, also gives one pause to think.

This image was created after learning of the death of a young man. He chose to end his life in a most public manner by hanging himself from an overpass of a major roadway in Saskatoon, SK.

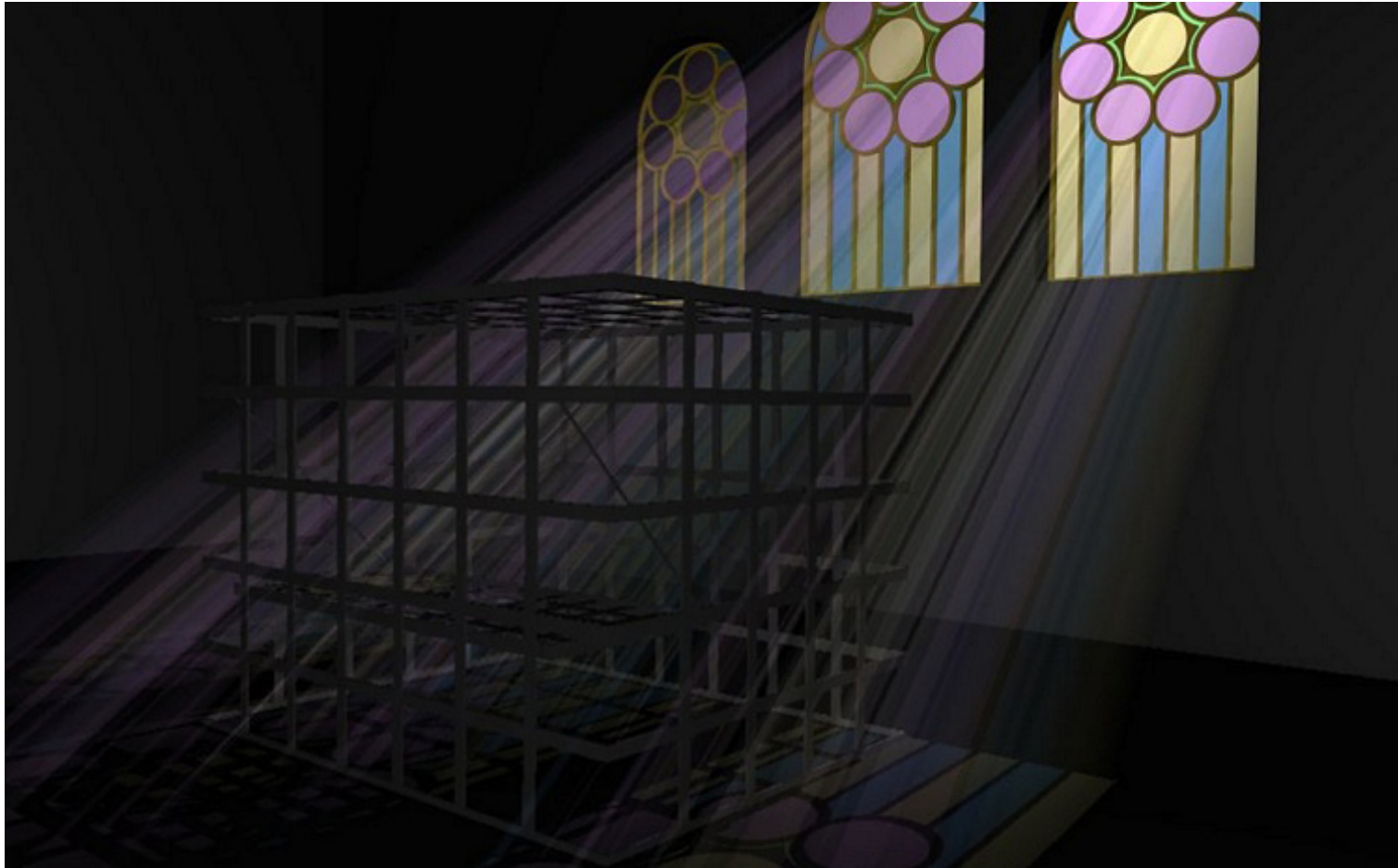


Casket was 3D modeled in TurboCAD and rendered with the integrated LightWorks render engine. The glow (ground fog) within the hole symbolizes the mysteries that surround death.

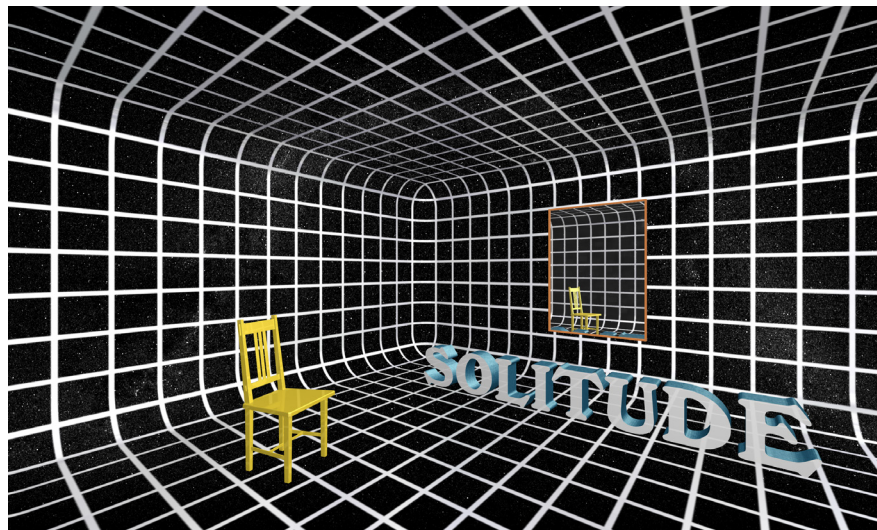
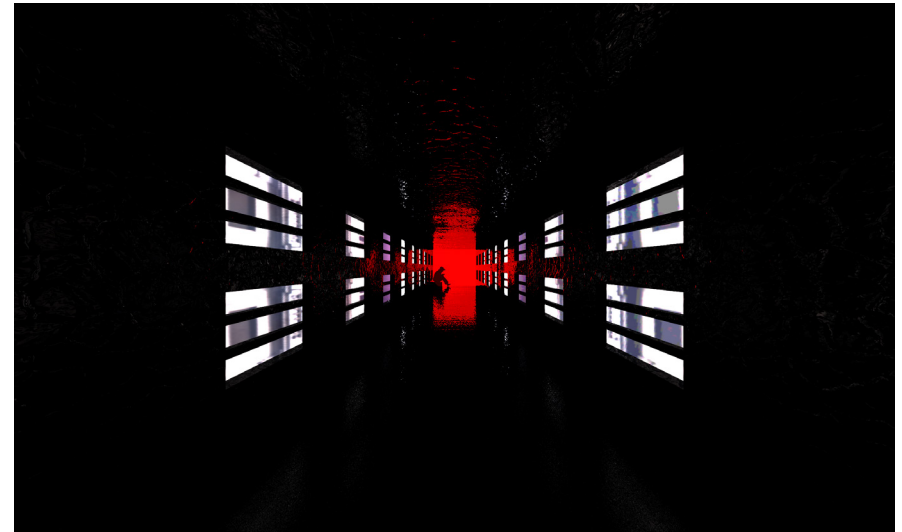
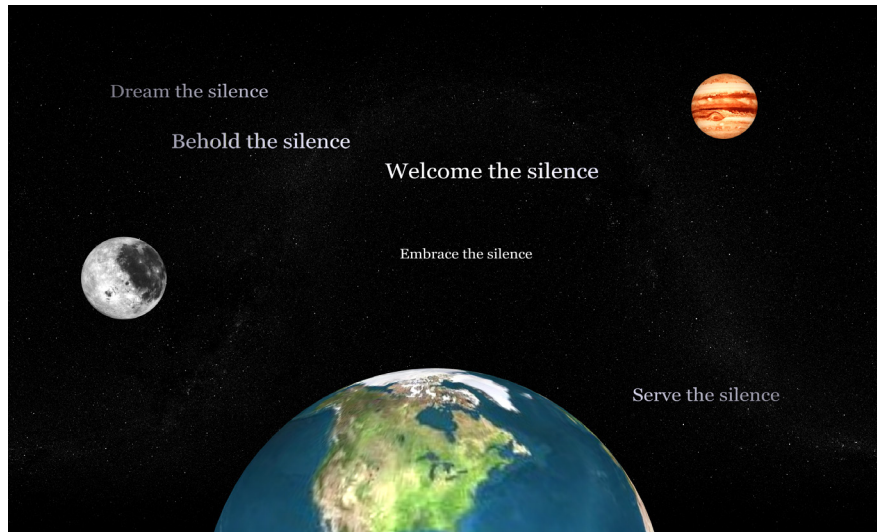
The 3D bird was found in the Google Warehouse for use in this render.



Bird Cage was 3D modeled in TurboCAD and rendered with the integrated LightWorks render engine. The intent behind this image was to symbolize fear of freedom. The bird is on the outside looking in, with a desire to return to the false security of the cage. Real freedom requires courage.



Pleasure and Pain was 3D modeled in TurboCAD and rendered with the integrated LightWorks render engine. The intent behind this image was to symbolize the relationship between pleasure and pain. Life can be painful but we can come through that pain to a place of pleasure. Luminance light through a foreground medium makes the powerful light transpose the darkness into something beautiful.



Silence, Despair and Solitude were 3D modeled in TurboCAD and rendered with the integrated LightWorks render engine. The intent behind these images was to explore the many faces of isolations. It is welcome in one form, as it is while meditating, while in another form it is painful, as it may be the basis for despair.

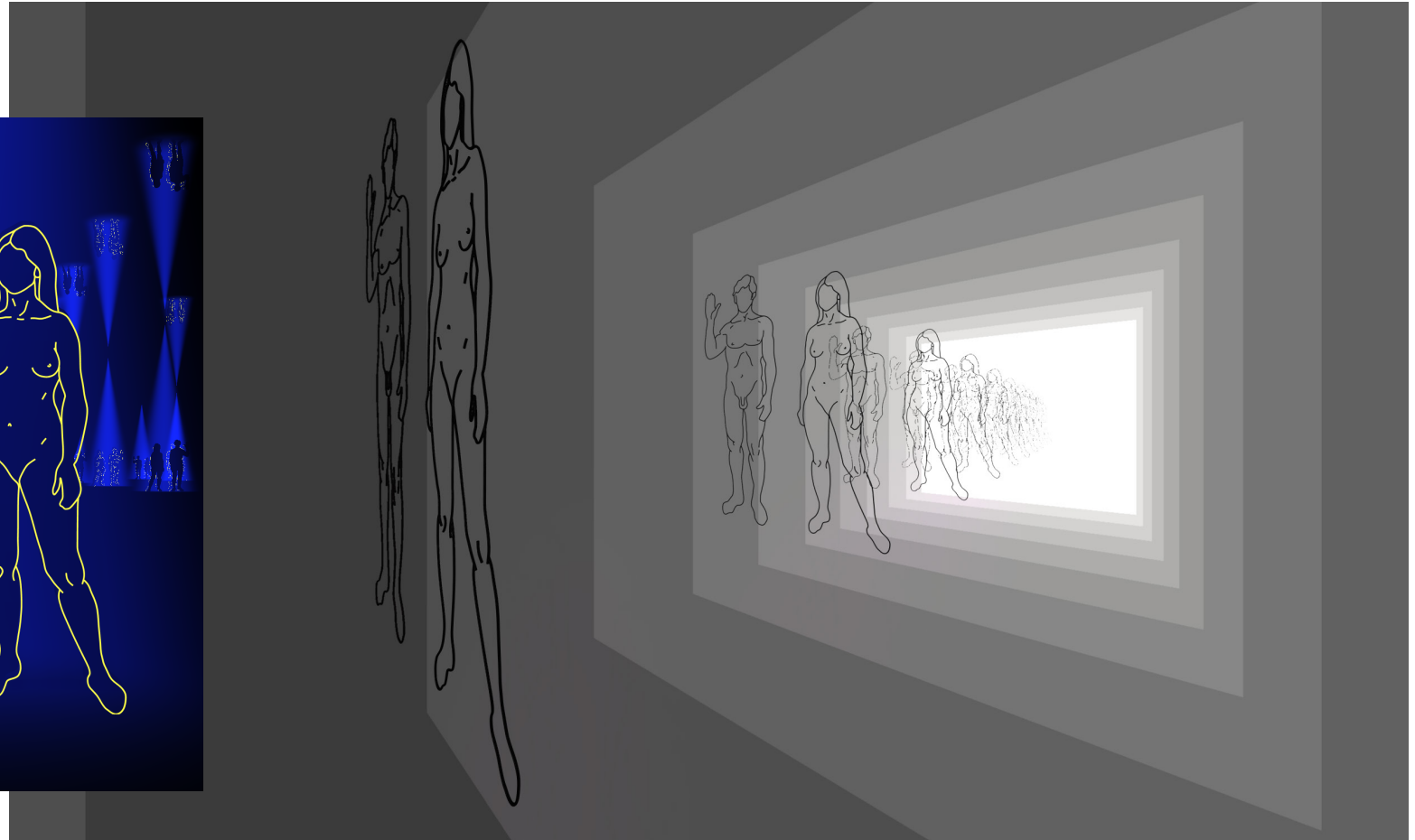
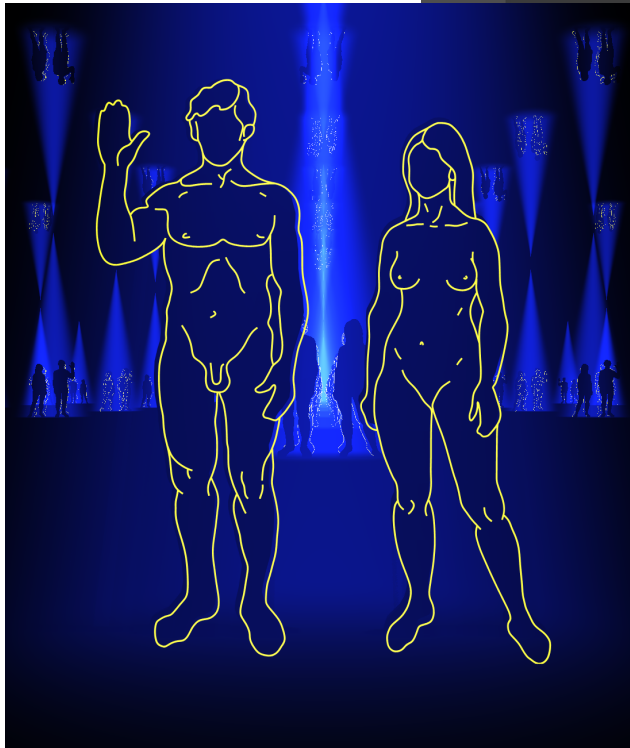


Research showed that the image of the cartoon cat on the screen to be the first image seen in this medium called the television.

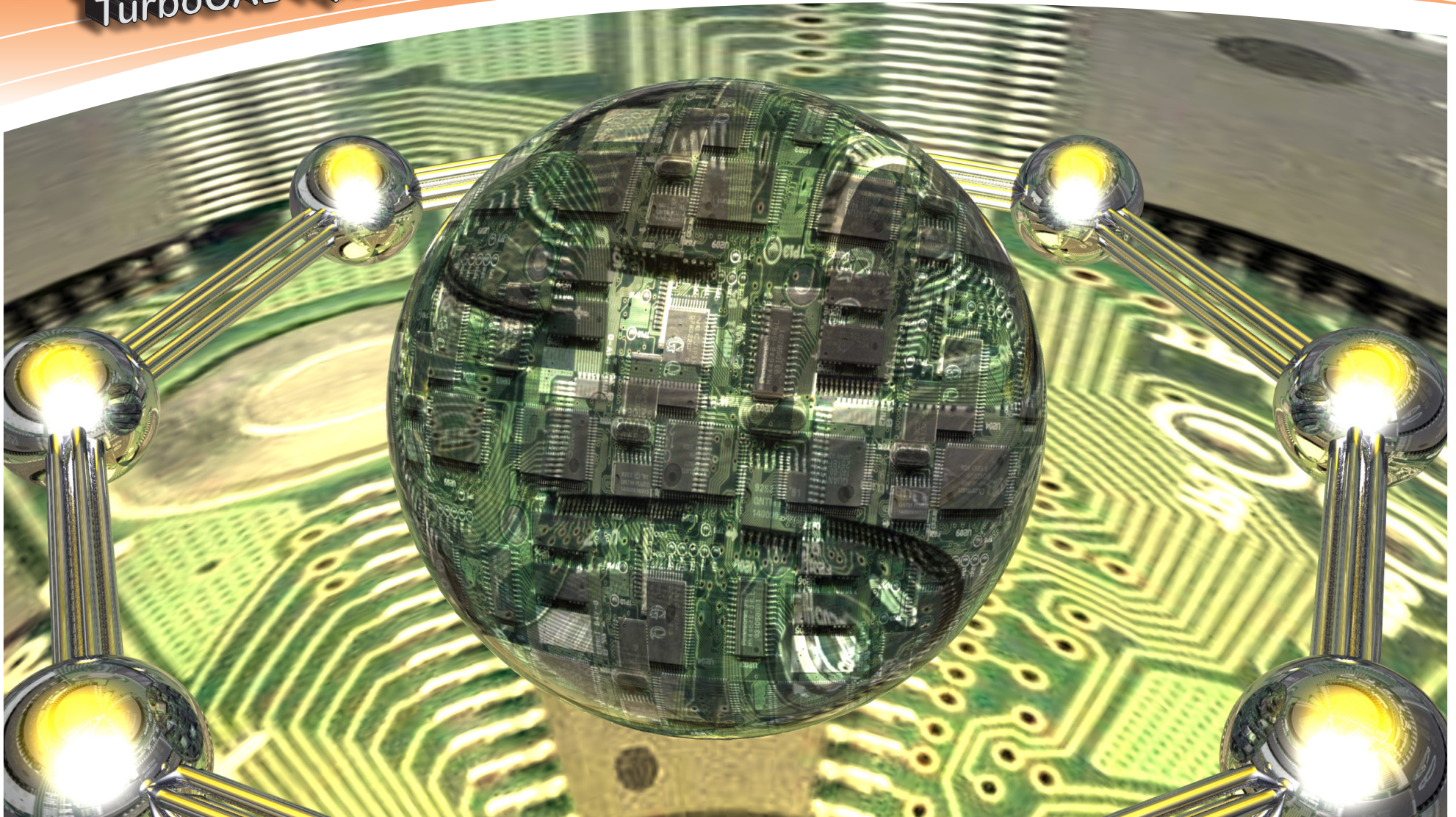
Of course, the title of this piece is inspired from the movie called "The Day the Earth Stood Still". Here the TV comes to Earth and the masses stand still...

...hoping to find fulfillment watching from the periphery.

The Day the Mind Stood Still was 3D modeled in TurboCAD and rendered with the integrated LightWorks render engine. The intent behind this image was to have some fun poking fun at the 'boob tube' and how it keeps viewers from being creative themselves.

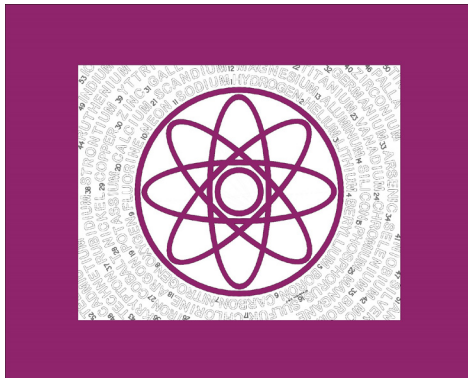


Pioneer 10 & Pioneer Infinity were 3D modeled in TurboCAD and rendered with the integrated LightWorks render engine. The intent behind these images was to further explore rendering with mirrored surfaces. It was a delight to find that mirrored surfaces in TurboCAD reflected real-world results. The figures were created by sweeping a small circle along the sketched paths. The Pioneer 10 figures were incorporated to add a bit of sci-fi mystery to the scenes.

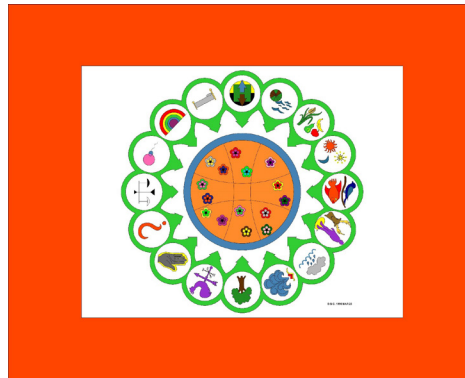


Artificial Inelegance was 3D modeled in TurboCAD and rendered with the integrated LightWorks render engine. An image wrapped glass ball, chromed spheres and rods and an exterior image wrapped surround constitute its makeup. The intent behind this image was to explore the 'look' of artificial intelligence.

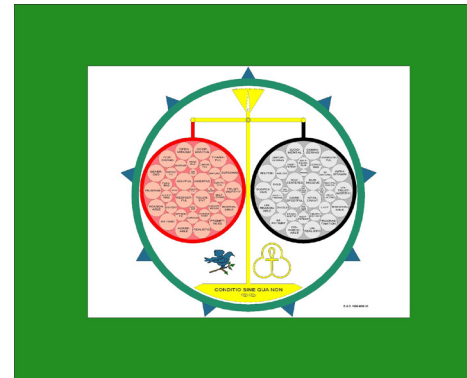
Artistic endeavors are not limited to 3D. This series of Mandalas called *Deep Within* are 2D constructs, created in TurboCAD, that symbolically represent the human condition. They utilize many of TurboCAD's 2D tools including solid fills.



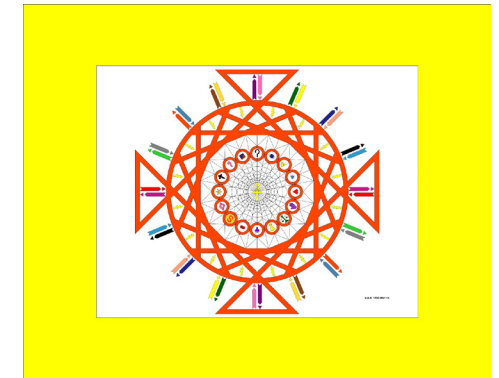
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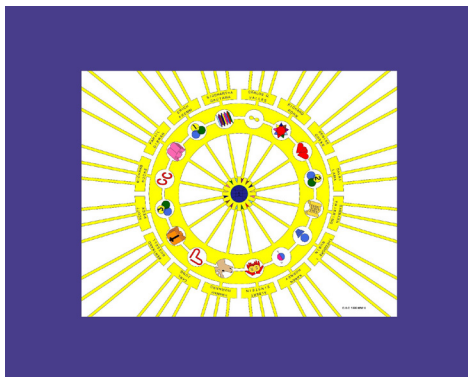
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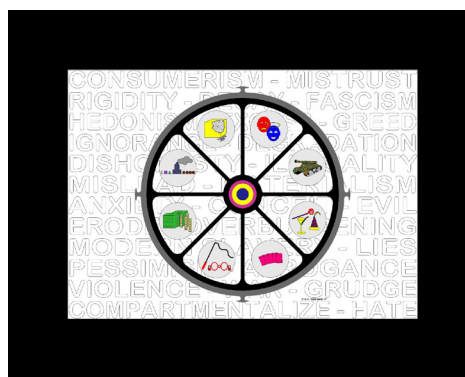
Mandala 3 - Who Am I



Mandala 4 - Mind in Motion



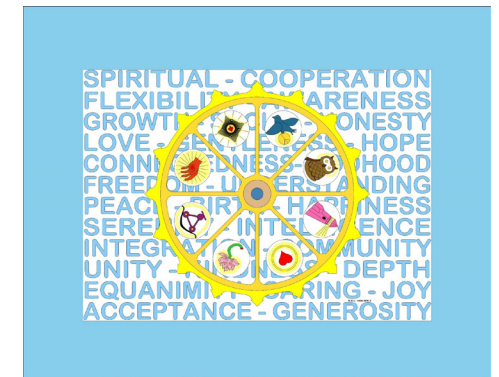
Mandala 5 - Meeting of the Spirit



Mandala 6 - The Dark Circle



Mandala 7 - The Human Condition:
Twentieth Century



Mandala 8 - The Assemblage

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