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Ancient Chinese DRAGONS



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Today, we know that magical dragons exist only in imagination and myth. They are *mythical* creatures.

But in ancient China, the people firmly believed that dragons were real and powerful. The dragon was the sign of the emperors.

Over time, “**The Dragon**” became a nickname for China.



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In ancient China, dragons were thought to be wise, caring, and a bit mischievous.

They did *not* breathe fire. They had personalities. They had magical powers.

They could appear and disappear whenever they wanted.



They could turn into beasts if they were angry.

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Dragons in ancient China were a composite (a mix) of parts from different animals.



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These mythical creatures had
a camel head,
a snake neck,
fish scales,
eagle claws,
tiger paws,
ox ears,
deer horns,
and whiskers.



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Their job in ancient China
was to act as guardians.



Wood Dragons

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Legend says **Wood dragons are brown.**

They guard the forest. They are imaginative and curious, and come up with brilliant new ideas.

They are not as selfish as the other dragons. They share well.



Fire Dragons

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Legend says **Fire dragons are red.**

They guard the wind, fire,
lightning and sky.

These dragons are
the most
outgoing and short-
tempered.



Earth Dragons

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Legend says ... **Earth dragons are green.**

They guard the earth, the crops, and the mountains. They know the value of cooperation.



Metal Dragons

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Legend says **Metal dragons are gold.**

They guard metals and precious gems. These dragons succeed because they refuse to accept failure.

They have little caring for the feeling of others. These dragons are quite selfish.



Water Dragons

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Legend says **Water dragons are blue.**

They guard rivers, rain,
wells, and water.

They get along well
with people.

They know how
to accept defeat
and how to
rebuild.



Conclusion

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Since the ancient Chinese firmly believed that dragons were real and had special magical powers, dragons were an important part of ancient Chinese daily life.

They were blamed for a great deal that went wrong, and credited with things that went right.

Dragons were (and still are) a fun ancient Chinese invention!



Discussion

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Question: Do magical dragons really exist? Did they ever exist?

Answer:

