

The Re-emergence of Dragons in Modern Times

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Dragons are sentient aliens from a parallel universe:

They dwell in a parallel universe or dimension. For the sake of this paper we will call that dimension or universe Drakonia. It is separated from earth by a null space that is generally referred to as The Void. This null space forms a barrier between all the various dimensions.

Time flows at a slower rate in Drakonia. A healthy dragon's life span is around 2-3000 years in earth time or about 400 Drakonian years. They continue to grow in mass (weight and size) through most of their life span. Unlike humans who grow based on physical resources consumed, Dragons' mass is directly related to their 'spiritual' growth and development. Dragons, as a race, tend to look on human in a benevolent fashion like younger brothers or students. Individual relationships with humans are seen as an opportunity for the dragon's spiritual growth; although, humans are not the only sources for relationships of this kind.

There is a small minority of dragons that have a more antagonistic view of mankind. Just as with humanity, these darker aspects of the dragon race have historically gotten more press and notice. Many of the myths and legends of destructive, fire breathing, monsters have been about this minority of dark dragons. Originally, these stories were "news" because everyone at the time knew that most dragons were benevolent. Back then no one took the time to record the positive dragon relationships because it was always assumed to be public knowledge. Following the Middle Ages, most of the dragons left; the only remaining records were of dark dragons and their violent sagas.

Dragons have the ability to cross the dimensional barrier but require the assistance of humans.

They need a telepathic connection with an individual on this side of the void, to act as a kind of landing beacon. To be this 'beacon', an individual must have an inherited ability to make the connection or call dragons. There are several genes in the individual's genetic structure that are associated with this ability to call dragons. Additionally, the dragon caller or beacon must have the intellectually flexible to admit the existence of dragons. The calling of dragons is, in one sense, a leap of faith. You have to decide to believe before you will be able to see. Finally, the caller must have a need or inclination to reach out and make the connection.

The individual usually has some intellectual or spiritual appeal to the dragon called. This is not an absolute requirement. If you pester a dragon long enough he or she will respond regardless how unsavory the individual appears to the dragon. Their usual initial response in such cases is "Hmmm, maybe you'd look more appealing cooked," accounting for some, but not all, stories of human spontaneous combustion. The more people that generally believe in dragons the easier it is for them to cross the barrier. Residents of Drakonia are more generally attentive to Earth's dimension when more people believe in their existence. Faith is a strong spiritual power that dragons can tap into to facilitate crossing the void. The more spiritual power directed towards them the easier it is to cross. This power is drawn through the dragon calling individual. In some cases the individual alone has a strong enough belief in dragons to facilitate the crossing.

Symbiotic Relations with Dragons

When a dragon crosses he does so in part by establishing a symbiotic relationship with the individual who called him on this side. This relationship varies in strength depending on a lot of factors. The common terms that reflect the strength of the relationship and symbiosis are as follows: Dragon-cousin, layman, or visited. The human is able to communicate with the dragon but is unable to provide the necessary catalyst for the dragon to establish a presence within the human perceptual range (see, hear, smell, touch). The dragon is limited to invisible interactions. There is a connection to the intellectual consciousness of the layman but little or no emotional or spiritual connections. This level of relationship is very susceptible to outside influences such as the general social consciousness of the symbion's peers. Connections are generally intermittent and inconsistent. Often the human, as layman, has only a partial set of the genetic structure needed for symbiosis. If the cousin has the full set of abilities, it may be that they are acculturated to resist the connecting symbiosis. The frequency of this level of talent generally run about 1 percent in the general population. Most cousins are able to communicate with dragons on only a subconscious level. A rich dream life filled with dragons can be indicative of this level of relationship.

Dragon-brother, Dragon-Sister, or Dragon-Rider

This relationship is characterized by either a strong emotional connection, a strong spiritual connection, or a mild connection on both the spiritual and emotional levels. The dragon's connection to the intellectual consciousness of the brother is stronger than a layman or cousin. The brother has the complete set of genetic abilities to establish symbiosis. The relationship is generally consistent and grows in strength and depth over time. In the general population, the genetic pattern needed for this level fluctuates from 1 in 10,000 to 1 in a 100,000. It is theorized that 20,000 years ago, the occurrence may have been more predominant with rates of 1 in 10 to 1 in 100. The loss of large numbers of dragon lords in past seriously depleted the available genetic resources. At the dragon-rider level, the bond between human and dragon is strong enough for the dragon to be manifested on most of the planes of our existence: physical, spiritual, emotional, and intellectual. Hence, the Dragon can establish a physical presence that is complete and tangible. The brother is able to communicate affectively with his paired dragon on a psychic level. They can share thoughts, emotions, and even physical perceptions. They can see through each other's eyes, feel each other's emotions, and hear through each other's ears.

A Dragon Rider can sense the presence (invisible or otherwise) of other dragons. His communication with other dragons is severely limited and usually limited to the physical perceptible sphere. For example if a dragon speaks even physically or signs to the individual in human or Drakonian languages the brother can hear and understand. At the brotherhood level of symbiosis, the human can communicate psychically only with the dragon he or she is bonded to. If the symbiotic brotherhood relation is extremely strong and the human half of that relationship dies suddenly and tragically, then the dragon half may become stranded on earth. A stranded dragon will remain here until supplied with sufficient psychic energy to return to his own dimension. Strong human emotions and will power act as a catalyst for the revitalization of the dragon's basic psychic energies.

Dragon-priest, sensei, wizard, master

At this level the relationship is so strong that the psychic abilities of the bonded dragon flow freely across the symbiotic connection to the human. From a genetic ability stand point, the drakonian oriented genes are supplemented by generally higher intellectual and social talents. 1 in 5 dragon riders could eventually develop relationship to this level with extensive study and apprenticeship under a sensei. 1 in 100 dragon riders develop to this level on their own without a mentor. The sensei can see invisible dragons, and hear their open psychic communications. The human at this level can often establish psychic connections to humans at the lower levels through their draconian symbol. The sensei or priest can thus offer guidance and counseling for

brothers and cousins that will improve the strength of their relationships with their dragons. The sensei can usually speak to stranded dragons and facilitate their return to Drakonia. Many of the stories of "slayed" dragons are simply the result of a dragon master freeing a trapped, stranded dragon to return home. Wizards, priests, and sensei's can maintain invisibility and use other telekinetic powers common to dragons. This including pyrotechnical manifestations (psychic manipulation of fire). They are not all powerful; they cannot teleport themselves across space or time. Most psychic manifestations by require expenditures of personal or human energy and resources. Usually these expenditures are at a much more efficient rate. Telekinetic work can burn 5 to 50 percent of the calories needed to do the same work by hand. The efficiency rate is dependent partially on the strength of the symbiotic relationship between wizard and dragon; and partially on the skill of the wizard. As a by product of the telepathic and telekinetic powers, a sensei, priest, or wizard can heal injuries in other humans. This ability is limited by the sensei's amount of medical knowledge which allows him to understand the nature of the physical condition. Most humans at the sensei level manifest improved resistance to aging and resistance to any kind of physical illness. After reaching this level of relationship, the sensei or priest ages at about 1/4 the rate of normal humans. Brothers who reach this level generally do around age 45-55 and hence live past 180 earth years old. A human reaching this level as a teenager could expect to live to be 250-350 years old.

Dragon Lord.

A dragon lord can maintain a psychic presence in Drakonia. The lord can sense activity in Drakonia and project his connection across the void to contact any dragon in Drakonia. Lords can teleport along spatial dimensions, i.e. from one place to another. Their temporal teleportation (moving from one time to another) is generally limited to forward movement into the future. They can also psychically explore other dimensions. Older dragon lords tend to spend more and more time exploring other dimensions psychically until they fade from this dimension completely. No dragon lord has ever died in this dimension. Dragons generally appeared as large winged creatures in this dimension but can take on more humanoid form. Size and shape are partially defined through the symbiotic relationship with the human that called them. Dragons can psychically control what they refer to as phasing in this dimension. They can thereby control the amount of matter their bodies manifest in this dimension. From the human point of view, dragons can become translucent, transparent, or disappear all together while maintaining a presence and perceptual awareness through their symbiotic relationship with their human counterpart. Dragons can shield their thoughts from each other and from their bonded human halves. However, the stronger the connection with their human counterpart the more leakage around the shield occurs. Dragons do not normally shield their thoughts, feelings, or spirits; however, it does take conscious effort to listen to another's thoughts. To do so un-invited is considered rude at best and lethally provocative at worst.