A Case for Dragons: A Non-Traditional View

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Since the Middle Ages, dragons have been linked to evil or Satan. This paper challenges those views by exploring evidence for positive representations of dragons & how contradictory views can co-exist.

Myths and legends turn historic

### Official symbol of Wales since 1901

King Arthur: More than Legend
Iconic hero of England and Wales

Merlin is standard bearer for Arthur Pendragon. Standard bearer is Draconarius

![Merlin and Dragon](image)

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### Dragon ends War of Roses

Henry Tudor marched into battle at Bosworth Field under ensign of dragon and banner of St. George, joining two opposing images

King Henry VII Coat of Arms, 1504 (National Archive, Britain)

Crown imperial over realm of England & Wales: white greyhound of Richmond and red dragon of Cadwaladr (National Archive, Britain)

### Guardian of water & cultural treasure

HIC DRACO

Roman battle standards introduced to Germanic tribes, & later to Anglo-Saxon regions

Red Dragon of Wessex: 1066 Harold dies in Battle of Hastings beneath adopted Anglo-Saxon dragon standard of Wessex, England

Bayeux Tapestry: Blue Dragon of Normandy in lower margin

The Bayeux Tapestry

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