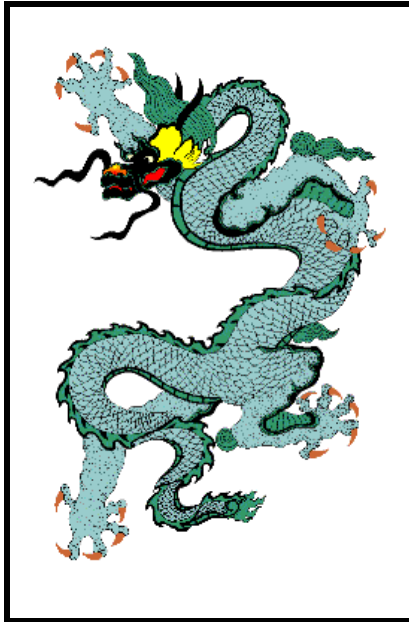


**Enter – The Dragon**



The dragon, a popular figure in many cultures became the centre piece of the Chinese culture. ‘The One Dragon’, was adopted by the Emperors as the symbol of power and their position. The Emperors robes were adorned with a very Chinese vision of the mythical creature. Today the dragon is recognised as symbolic of Chinese culture.

The long slender body is more reminiscent of a snake than the bulkier bodied western dragon. Indeed the Chinese refer to the birth years as Big Dragon and Little Dragon. The symbolism is also frequently used in Daoism and represents the Male or Yang side to nature. There are three frequently used themes that incorporate The Dragon.

- The One Dragon – Represents the Emperor, Power and Authority.
- Two Dragons Chasing a Pearl – Conflict & Life’s struggle in pursuit of an allusive treasure.
- The Dragon and Phoenix – The two sides of life.

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