

OUR ANIMAL SPIRITS: Exploring some cultural myths

Are you certain
you are human?

There are plenty of other creatures
romping through our brains.

An entire horrorscope of existence yelps inside us:
each part insisting on its claims.

Can you feel falcons soar through your lungs?
Or sense sea creatures swimming in your intestines?

Have you ever felt monkeys toss your head?
Or bulls bellow in your brain?

In the jungle of existence
we must deal with many beings:
each clamoring for a voice;
each yearning to become a "reality."

Is it possible to exit from
this pandemonium alive?

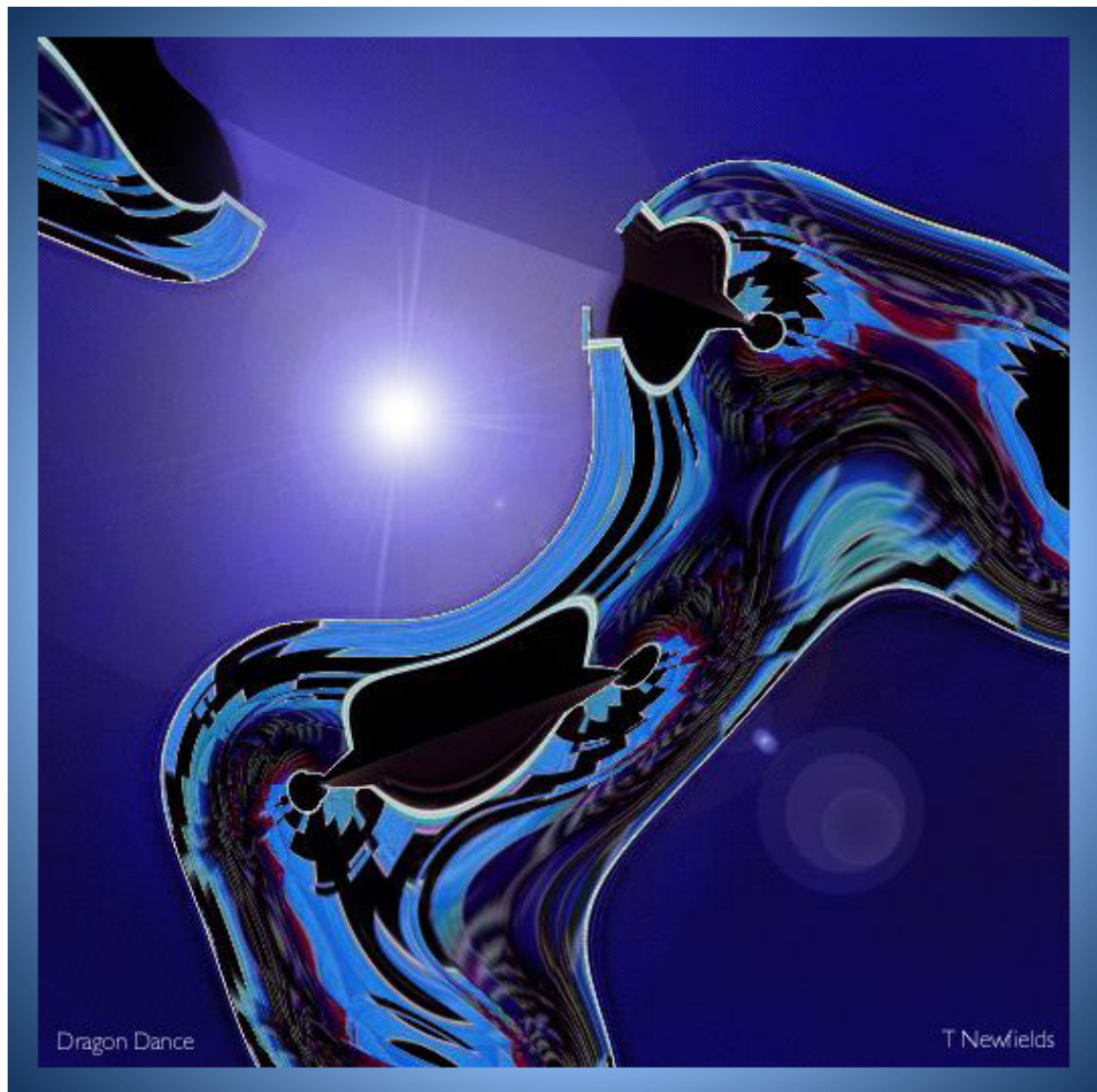
Perhaps
if we laugh, stay calm,
& cling to no vise.

Seems like a big "if," huh?
Most of us are suckers
for a skillful guise.

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Bhāraté: Huh? What's this got to do with China?

Daiki: (Scratching his forehead) Good question. I suppose to understand a nation we must learn its myths.

An-Yi: These myths are not actually "Chinese." Besides, television was the preeminent myth-making tool of the 20th Century.

Chariya: (Nodding) And the Internet is rapidly becoming the primary myth-making machine of this century . . .