

A Modern St George & a Tribe of Dragons

A modern St George vowed one day to save his people from the ravages of a tribe of dragons. These monsters had been setting fire to towns and villages throughout the land, and if something wasn't done soon, there would be no people left to save.

Of course St George knew very well that not all dragons behave in this way. For example, some dragons only use their fire to light a cigarette or to defrost a drainpipe. It was imperative to avoid anti-dragonism, and so he would only target those dragons who used their fire in an antisocial way.

In other words, he was an anti-arsonist, not an anti-dragonist. There was absolutely no justification for associating dragons with arson. Talk like that could lead to another holopnigo (mass drowning). After all, human beings could be arsonists as well.

St George considered being a dragon a fine thing; dragons had a long and venerable tradition, and he respected that. He realised, however, that this should not lead him into the trap of assuming that dragons had anything in common with one another, still less that they ever acted collectively in their rampages.

This led St George to agonise still further. Perhaps even the arsonist dragons were not responsible for what they did. They only acted the way they did because of the holopnigo in which they had suffered so terribly.

It was really imperialists who were responsible for using these traumatised dragons for their own ends. They wanted to control the world, and so they used dragons to do it for them. In other words, dragons were victims, not oppressors.

And so St George spent the rest of his days ferociously attacking the imperialists, while the dragons continued ferociously attacking his people.

It has to be admitted that this strategy was somewhat ineffective, but it has one over-riding virtue. It mirrored the dragons in its adherence to the principle of purity of arms.