

Yes, there is a marine creature known in Swahili as Nguva, commonly referred to in English as the sea cow or dugong. This is a real aquatic mammal that lives in warm coastal waters. It feeds on seagrass, gives birth to live young, and can be studied scientifically. You can learn more about it on Wikipedia: Nguva (Sea Cow).

However, this creature is not the same as the mythical “mermaid” — the half-human, half-fish figure often found in legends, stories, and movies. In God’s created order, as revealed in Scripture, no such being exists.

### The Myth of the “Mermaid” (Half-Human, Half-Fish)

The idea of a mermaid — a creature with a human upper body and the tail of a fish — comes from myths and folklore, not from divine revelation. These legends can be traced back to ancient cultures in Europe, Asia, and Africa, and are often tied to mystical stories or spiritual encounters. But biblically speaking, these creatures do not exist in the physical world.

Some legends claim that mermaids can speak like humans, live under the sea, or even interact with mankind. But these claims

fall into the realm of fables and superstitions, which the Bible warns us to avoid:

2 Timothy 4:3-4 (ESV)

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching... and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

God's Word is clear: we are to build our beliefs on truth, not myths or man-made tales.

### Were There Any Human-Like Creatures in the Bible?

The only creature in the Bible that temporarily exhibited human-like behavior was the serpent in the Garden of Eden. Before being cursed, the serpent could communicate and may have had a different physical form. Genesis records:

Genesis 3:1 (KJV)

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said...

After tempting Eve, the serpent was judged:

Genesis 3:14 (KJV)

And the Lord God said unto the serpent... upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.

This transformation marked the end of any animal behaving in a way remotely close to humans. From that point on, no animal or spirit was given the ability to resemble humans in that manner — unless it was a manifestation of the demonic realm.

### The Spiritual Danger Behind Mythical Creatures

Many of the so-called mystical beings — such as dragons, mermaids, multi-headed beasts, and gods with many arms — are

more than just fiction. In many cultures, they are symbols of false gods or are inspired by demonic powers.

The seven-headed dragon seen in some Asian beliefs is similar in appearance to the dragon described in Revelation 12:3 (KJV):

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns...

But in the Bible, this dragon symbolizes Satan and his rebellion against God.

The many-armed elephant god worshiped in parts of India is a product of idolatry. God strictly forbids the worship or creation of images meant to represent deities:

Exodus 20:3-4 (ESV)

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image...

The concept of mermaids and other hybrid creatures often features in occult practices, where spirits disguise themselves to gain access into people's lives.

The apostle Paul warns:

2 Corinthians 11:14–15 (ESV)

And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness.

What may appear beautiful or magical on the outside can actually be a doorway into spiritual deception. Many people are led into false teachings, witchcraft, and demonic experiences through these images and stories — thinking they're harmless, but in reality, they are stepping into the doctrines of demons.

1 Timothy 4:1 (KJV)

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

## A Call to Truth and Salvation

These are the last days, and deception is increasing. If your foundation is not built on God's Word, it's easy to be misled by spiritual counterfeits. Do not be fooled by appearances or traditions. The devil is subtle, but the truth of God is clear.

Have you given your life to Jesus Christ?

John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

No myth, no spirit, no creature can offer salvation or truth — only Jesus can. He died on the cross to save you from sin, and He rose

again to give you eternal life.

Romans 10:9 (ESV)

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart. Surrender your life to Jesus. He is full of mercy and ready to forgive you, no matter your past.

May the Lord bless you and guide you in His truth.

## Is It True There's a Mermaid (Nuguva) in the Sea?

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