

Afterword - Shades of Troy

This story came from the confluence of two very different experiences.

The group of friends I describe is heavily based on my own experiences as an undergraduate student at Manchester University back in the 1970s. The “last pint” and late-night debating was much as I describe and my friend really did have a card on his pin-board.

Much more recently, I remember getting an email out of the blue, by someone who wanted to co-author a book about Helen of Troy, believing that she herself was the spirit of Helen re-incarnated. The collaboration never happened, but I took to wondering what would be the impact and future life of someone revealed as a demi-goddess.

After all, one has to wonder about the - literally - fabulous lifestyles of the rich and famous, and wonder if there is a significant difference between their modern existence and the Gods and Goddesses of old.