Questions for Thought and Discussion

- Did Homer write the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*? Both? Neither?
- Who, or what, was Homer? Could he have been a woman? Could there have been more than one of him? Could it have been a profession rather than a person?
- What happened to all of the rest of the poems of the *Epic Cycle*? Why do we have only scraps of them left to us? Could we find more of them someday? If so, how?
- Why does Paris/Alexander have two names?
- Do you really think such a war would have been fought for ten years simply because one person was kidnapped? Or was there probably more to it than that?
- Does the *Iliad* reflect the Bronze Age, the Iron Age, or both?
- Are the Mycenaean the Ahhiyawans? If not, then who are the Ahhiyawans?
- Is the Assuwan Rebellion an early Trojan War?
- Which level at Troy was Priam’s? VI or VIIa?
- Was Troy VI destroyed by an earthquake or by humans?
- What was the Trojan Horse?
- Is Alaksandu of Wilusa the same as Alexander/Paris of (W)ilios?
- Do the Hittite treaties with Wilusa, esp. with Walmu, have any relevance to the Trojan War?
- Do you think that there was a Trojan War? Or were there many? Did Homer telescope centuries of fighting into a single epic example?
- Does the Trojan War still have relevance today? If so, why?
- Should the recent (2004) movie *Troy* have left out the gods and goddesses from the story? What did that do to the telling of the story?
