This examination explores major works in hermeneutical inquiry. Hermeneutics is the
theory of interpretation; its subject matter is the meaning and truth of human
understanding. The examination is concerned with the development of hermeneutical
inquiry, but the focus of the examination is the thought of major contemporary
hermeneutical theorists in relation to religious reflection. The bibliography below is
required of all students who take this examination. A student seeking to take this
examination should speak to Professor Schweiker about the examination and her or his
specific area of interest and research.

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