

THEOLOGY AREA GUIDELINES

The Theology Area is concerned with the historical study of the self-understanding of a religious tradition, mainly Christianity and Judaism, and with the constructive interpretation of its meaning and truth for the contemporary world. Students in theology must, thereby, address questions of the history of theology, the definitive characteristics of theological claims and discourse, the criteria of meaning and of truth within a tradition, methods of theological reflection, the warrant (if any) for revision within traditions, and, the manifold ways to answer or to sustain the criticism of theological ideas and religious beliefs. Students in theology thereby demonstrate their historical competence, methodological sophistication, and also grounding in some specific form of theological reflection.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Purpose

The purpose of the doctoral examinations (written and oral) in the Theology Area is to establish the student's expertise in the Area for the purposes of teaching and further scholarly research. In this respect, the examinations are not in direct service of the student's dissertation project, but, importantly, aim to determine competency for teaching and advanced research.

2. Examinations

Students concentrating in Theology take three exams from those offered by the Area. These choices should be determined, in consultation with the relevant faculty, on the basis of the student's intended scholarly focus in the field. All students are required to take at least two of the three offered examinations in the History of Christian Thought (i.e., TH 1, TH2, TH3). In all Theology examinations attention will be given to the use of Scripture in the pertinent tradition as a theological source and norm, and the student will be expected to know the exegetical foundations of the theological positions discussed. The examinations will also test historical understanding and the ability to deal critically and, when appropriate, constructively with theological texts.

The Theology Area offers the following written qualifying examinations:

- TH1. History of Christian Thought, 150-1325 (Ancient and Medieval)
- TH2. History of Christian Thought, 1277-1600 (Early Modern)
- TH3. History of Modern Religious Thought (1600-1950)
- TH4. A Constructive Theological Perspective (e.g., liberation, feminist, mystical, process theologies)
- TH5. Theological Ethics/Moral Theology
- TH6. A Major Theologian or Doctrine (e.g. Augustine; Christology)

Given the purpose of the examinations in the Theology Area stated above, all examinations in theology will have "set bibliographies" meaning, thereby, that examinations are not tailored to the student's dissertation topic. Additionally, a student may not take an examination of a perspective, theologian, or doctrine that is the principle focus of his or her intended dissertation.

3. Examination Research Paper

A student concentrating in Theology will submit for the oral examination a Research Paper which typically engages a thinker or problem, relevant primary materials, and also important secondary scholarship with respect to the student's scholarly aspirations. This paper is to be no longer than 25, double-spaced pages and must follow rubrics of *The Chicago Manual of Style*. Students should consult with their advisor about the most suitable paper for submission for the examination. If possible, the paper should represent some preliminary thoughts about a possible thesis topic.

As a Preface research paper, the Theology Area would like each student to submit a one-page summary of the significance of the paper in light of the student's future work in the Area. This statement should include: a) a summary of the thesis of the paper, and b) a statement of how this paper relates to the student's current theological interests.

The completed paper with preface should be distributed to all of the examiners at least two weeks prior to the time of the oral examination.

II. QUALIFYING EXAMINATION BIBLIOGRAPHIES

TH1: HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT, 150-1325 (Ancient and Medieval)

Key themes: 1) scripture and exegesis
 2) faith and reason
 3) the Trinity
 4) Christology
 5) grace and free will
 6) soteriology
 7) mystical theology
 8) the relationship between modes of religious life and of theological practice and understanding

Primary readings:

Justin Martyr, 1 Apology

2 Apology

Dialogue with Trypho

Irenaeus, Against Heresies (in Grant ed., Routledge edition and selections in Bettenson)

Origen, On First Principles, esp. Books 1 and 4

“Prologue,” Commentary on the Song of Songs

Gregory of Nyssa, Selections (in Meredith ed., Routledge edition)

Introduction and documents in William G. Rusch, The Trinitarian Controversy

Introduction and documents in Richard A. Norris, The Christological Controversy, esp. pp. 1-31, 83-159

Frances Young, From Nicaea to Chalcedon (a secondary study, but essential)

R. P. C. Hanson, The Search for the Christian Doctrine of God, Ch. 1-6 (a secondary study, but essential)

Augustine, Confessions

On Christian Faith

The Spirit and the Letter

On Grace and Free Will
On the Trinity, Books 8-9, 14

Documents in J. Patout Burns, Theological Anthropology, esp. pp. 39-128
Pseudo-Dionysius, On the Divine Names
Mystical Theology
Maximus the Confessor, Mystagogy (CWS)
On the Cosmic Mystery of Jesus Christ: Selected Writings from St. Maximus the Confessor (ed. Paul M. Blowers and Robert Louis Wilken)
Anselm of Canterbury, Prayers and Meditations
Proslogion
Why God Became Man
Bernard of Clairvaux, On Loving God,
On Grace and Free Will
Sermons on the Song of Songs (all in CWS edition)
Thomas Aquinas, STh Ia, qq. 1-3 (sacred doctrine and the nature of God)
STh Ia, qq. 44-46 (creation)
STh IaIIae, qq. 109-114 (grace)
STh III, q. 2 (Christ)
Bonaventure, The Mind's Road to God
Marguerite Porete, The Mirror of Simple Souls
Meister Eckhart, "Prologue," Commentary on John and German Sermons in McGinn, Essential Eckhart

Secondary reading:

You should be familiar with these texts, which include both primary and secondary literature. Although they will not be the focus of exam questions, they will substantially enhance understanding of the primary reading list and the sophistication of thought brought to the exam questions.

Supplemental Primary Texts:

Athanasius, Life of Antony
John Cassian, The Conferences, Book 1, 9-10, 18
Benedict of Nursia, Rule
Gregory the Great, Dialogues, Book 2
A Scholastic Miscellany, Fairweather ed., pp. 261-360
Francis and Clare, The Complete Works
James of Vitry, The Life of Marie of Oignies

Supplemental Secondary Texts:

John Baldwin, The Scholastic Culture of the Middle Ages, 1000-1300
Peter Brown, Augustine of Hippo
Caroline Walker Bynum, Fragmentation and Redemption, pp. 119-297
M. D. Chenu, Man, Nature, and Society in Twelfth Century Thought
Elizabeth Clark, Reading Renunciation, pp. 1-232
David Knowles, The Evolution of Medieval Thought
Henri de Lubac, Medieval Exegesis: The Four Senses of Scripture, Vol. 1
Jean Leclercq, The Love of Learning and Desire for God
Bernard McGinn, The Presence of God, Vol. 1, esp. pp. 1-262; Vol. 2, esp. pp. 1-79, 119-224; and Vol. 3
Kevin Madigan, Olivi and the Interpretation of Matthew in the High Middle Ages

E. Ann Matter, "The Church Fathers and the Glossa Ordinaria," in Reception of the Church Fathers in the West, Vol. 1 (Leiden: Brill, 1997), pp. 87-111.

R. W. Southern, Saint Anselm: A Portrait in a Landscape

Brian Stock, Augustine the Reader

Frances Young, Biblical Exegesis and the Formation of Christian Culture

Robert Wilken, The Spirit of Early Christian Thought

TH2: THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT, 1277-1600 (Early Modern)

Late Medieval Theology:

Hyman, Albert and J. J. Walsh. *Medieval Philosophy*, Section on the 1270 and 1277 Condemnations.

Courtenay, William, J. "Nominalism and Late Medieval Religion," in *The Pursuit of Holiness*. Edited Trinkaus and Oberman (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1974), pp. 26-59.

Wippel, J. F., "The Condemnations of 1270 and 1277 at Paris," *The Journal of Medieval and Renaissance Studies* 7: 169-201.

Oberman, Heiko, "Some Notes on the Theology of Nominalism," *Harvard Theological Review* 53 (1960): 47-76.

_____, *Dawn of the Reformation*. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1986.

_____, ed. *Forerunners of the Reformation: The Shape of Late Medieval Thought Illustrated by Key Documents*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1966, 1981.

Hendrix, Scott, "In Quest of the *vera ecclesia*: The Crisis of Late Medieval Ecclesiology," *Viator, Medieval and Renaissance Studies*, 7: 347-378.

Nicholas of Cusa, *Selected Spiritual Writings*. Translated by H. Lawrence Bond. Classics of Western Spirituality. New York: Paulist Press, 1997.

Julian of Norwich, *Showings*, long text. Use the edition by Penguin Classics or Classics of Western Spirituality.

The *Theologia Germanica* of Martin Luther. Classics of Western Spirituality. New York: Paulist Press, 1980.

Readings in Reformation Theology:

Luther, Martin, *Freedom of a Christian*, any edition

_____, *Lectures on Galatians (1535)*. American Edition of Luther's Works, Vol 26. Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1963, chapters 2-4.

Luther and Erasmus, *On Free Will and Salvation*, includes, Erasmus, "On Free Will" and

Luther, "On the Bondage of the Will." Library of Christian Classics XVII. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1969,

Luther, Martin, *Lectures on Genesis*, American Edition of Luther's Works, chapters 1-3, 15, and 22-25. These chapters are found in volumes. 1, 3, 4, respectively.

-----*Lectures on Isaiah*. American Edition of Luther's Works. Vol. 17. Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1972. Chapters 40-44, 48, 52, and 64,

Calvin, John, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Edited by John. T. McNeill and translated by Ford Lewis Battles. Library of Christian Classics, Volumes XX-XXI. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, Books I, II, III, and IV: 1-2, 9, 14-17, 20.

Spiritualist and Anabaptist Writers. George W. Williams, ed., Library of Christian Classics, Vol. XXV. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1962, pp. 49-70, 88-135, 147-181, 320-390.

Zwingli, Ulrich, *On Providence and Other Essays*, including Eck's "Refutation of Zwingli," Durham, North Carolina: Labyrinth Press, 1983; repr. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 1999,

Leith, John, ed. *Creeeds of the Church*. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1982, pp. 282-292. (*Schleitheim Confession*).

Readings in Early Modern Catholicism

Eck, John. *Enchiridion of Commonplaces*, Translated by Ford Lewis Battles. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1979, pp. 7-88, 193-200, 210-219, 258-263.

Ignatius of Loyola, *Spiritual Exercises and Selected Works*. Edited by George E. Ganss, S. J. Classics of Western Spirituality. New York: Paulist Press, 1991.

Leith, John, ed. *Creeds of the Church*. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1982, pp. 400-441. (Decrees of the

Council of Trent).

Francisco de Osuna, *The Third Spiritual Alphabet*. Translated by Mary E. Giles, Classics of Western Spirituality. New York: Paulist Press, 1981, pp. 45-54, 97-112, 158-205, 269-336, 405-514 547-562.

Teresa of Avila, *The Interior Castle*, any edition.

Readings in Humanism:

Cassirer, Ernst, and Paul Oskar Kristeller, John Herman Randall, Jr. *The Renaissance Philosophy of Man*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1948.

Erasmus, *Enchiridion*. Any edition. The text can most easily be found in *Advocates of Reform From Wyclif to Erasmus*. Ed. Mathew Spinka, Library of Christian Classics, Vol XIV. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1953, pp. 295-379.

Montaigne, *Essays*, Book I: 1, 12, 14, 21, 26, 27, 31, 32, 37, 47; Book II: 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 16, 17; Book III: 2, 6, 9, 12, 13. The edition by Donald Frame is preferable.

Shakespeare, *Hamlet* and *Othello*

Sources included in the Oral Examination:

Major Interpretations of the Early Modern Era:

Blumenberg, Hans, *The Legitimacy of the Modern Age*. Translated by Robert M. Wallace. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1983, parts III and IV

Dupré, Louis. *Passage to Modernity: An Essay in the Hermeneutics of Nature and Culture*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1993.

Harries, Karsten. *Infinity and Perspective*. Cambridge: MA: MIT Press, 2001.

Secondary Sources:

Cassirer, Ernst. *The Individual and the Cosmos in Renaissance Philosophy*. Translated by Mario Domandi. New York: Harper, 1963.

Oberman, Heiko. *Luther: Man between God and the Devil*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1989.

Von Loewenich, Walther, *Luther's Theology of the Cross*. Translated by Herbert J. A. Bouman. Minneapolis: Minnesota, 1976.

Barth, K. and Brunner, E. *Natural Theology*, comprising *Nature and Grace* by Emil Brunner and the Reply *No* by Karl Barth, tr. P. Fraenkel

Dowey, Edward, *The Knowledge of God in Calvin's Theology*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1952 or the third expanded edition, Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1994.

Frame, Donald, M. *Montaigne: A Biography*. New York: Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc. 1965; repr. San Francisco: North Point Press, 1984 (paperback).

Kelley, Donald, R. *Foundations of Modern Historical Scholarship: Language, Law, and History in the French Renaissance*. New York: Columbia: Columbia University Press, 1970.

Bornkamm, Heinrich, *Luther and the Old Testament*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1969.

Grassi, Ernesto, *Rhetoric as Philosophy: The Humanist Tradition*. Translated by John Michael Krois and

Azizeh Zaodi. Carbondale and Edwardsville: Southern Illinois University Press, 1980.
Popkin, Richard, H. *The History of Scepticism from Savonarola to Bayle*. Revised and Expanded edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003, pp. 3-127.
Quint, David, *Montaigne and the Quality of Mercy: Ethical and Political Themes in the Essais*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998.
Ozment, Steven, *The Age of Reform 1250-1550: An Intellectual and Religious History of Late Medieval and Reformation Thought*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1980.
Greene, Nicholas, *Shakespeare's Tragic Imagination*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1992.
Schiffman, Zachary, S. *On the Threshold of Modernity: Relativism in the French Renaissance*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1991..

Spencer, Theodore, *Shakespeare and the Nature of Man*. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1942.
Trinkaus, Charles, *In Our Image and Likeness: Humanity and Divinity in Italian Renaissance Thought*. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1995. Vol.1, pp. 3-50,103-170; Vol. II, pp. 461-614, 683-697, 722-774.

TH3: History of Modern Religious Thought

Descartes, *Meditations*
Pascal, *Pensees*
Voltaire, 'Pascal' (*Philosophical Letters*)
Rousseau, *Creed of a Priest of Savoy (Emile)*
Locke, *Essay on Human Understanding, selections from Bk 4*
--Reasonableness of Christianity
Hume, 'Miracles', 'Of Particular Providence and a Future State' (Treatise)
--Dialogues on Natural Religion
Spinoza, *Theological and Political Treatises*
Lessing, *Theological Writings*
Kant, *Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone*
Schleiermacher, *Speeches on Religion*
---*Christian Faith* (Intro and paragraphs 32-41, 46-105)
Hegel, *Lectures on the Philosophy of Religion* (Intro and Part 3)
Newman, *Essay on the Development of Doctrine*
Kierkegaard, *Philosophical Fragments*
Feuerbach, *Essence of Christianity*
Nietzsche, *Thus Spake Zarathustra*
Harnack, *What is Christianity?*
Loisy, *Gospel and the Church*
Troeltsh, 'Essence of Religion', 'The Dogmatics of the History-of-Religions School,'
 '*Historical and Dogmatic Method in Theology*,' '*Significance of the Historical*
 '*Jesus for the Life of Faith*'
Buber, *I and Thou*
Rosenzweig, *Star of Redemption*
Barth, *CD 1/1*, intro and ch 1
Tillich, *Systematic Theology*, vol 1 (Intro and Part One)
Rahner, *Hearers of the Word*
--*Foundations of the Christian Faith*, chs 1-4
Von Balthasar, *Glory of the Lord*, vol 1
Livingston, *Modern Christian Thought from the Enlightenment to Vatican II*

TH4: CONSTRUCTIVE THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

A student will select one (1) of the options listed below.

1. Theologies of Liberation

Depending on the student's interests and in consultation with the examiner, other relevant works may be substituted for some of the texts on this list.

- I. Black Theology
 - James H. Cone, Black Theology, Black Power
 - , A Black Theology of Liberation
 - , Spirituals and the Blues
 - , God of Oppressed
 - , For My People: Black Theology and the Black Church
 - , My Soul Looks Back
 - , Speaking the Truth
 - , Risks of Faith
 - and Gayraud S. Wilmore, eds. Black Theology: A Documentary History, Two Volumes
- J. Deotis Roberts, Liberation and Reconciliation: A Black Theology (rev. ed)
 - , A Black Political Theology
 - , Roots of a Black Future: Family and Church
 - , The Prophethood of Black Believers
 - , A Philosophical Introduction to Theology
 - , Black Theology Today: Liberation and Contextualization
 - , Black Theology in Dialogue
 - , Africentric Christianity
 - , Black Religion, Black Theology
 - , The Seasons of Life
- Gayraud S. Wilmore, Black Religion and Black Radicalism
 - , Pragmatic Spirituality
 - , Black and Presbyterian
 - , Last Things First
- Joseph R. Washington, Jr., Black Religion
 - , The Politics of God
 - , Black and White Power Subreption
 - , Marriage in Black and White
 - , Black Sects and Cults
- Albert Cleage, The Black Messiah
 - , Black Christian Nationalism
- Major J. Jones, The Color of God
 - , Black Awareness: A Theology of Hope
- Henry James Young, Hope in Process
- Cecil Wayne Cone, The Identity Crisis in Black Theology
- William R. Jones, Is God a White Racist: A Preamble to Black Theology
- Peter J. Paris, The Social Teachings of the Black Churches
 - , The Spirituality of African Peoples
 - , Black Leaders in Conflict
 - , Virtues and Values
- James H. Evans, We Have Been Believers
 - , We Shall All Be Changed
- Josiah U. Young, Black and African Theologies
 - , A Pan African Theology
 - , Dogged Strength within the Veil

George C.L. Cummings, A Common Journey: Black Theology (USA) and Latin American Liberation Theology

Will Coleman, Tribal Talk: Black Theology, Hermeneutics and African/American Ways of "Telling the Story"

David E. Goatley, Were You There?

Mark L. Chapman, Christianity on Trial

Riggins R. Earl, Jr. Dark Symbols, Obscure Signs

-----, Dark Salutations

Cain Hope Felder, Troubling Biblical Waters

-----, ed. Stony the Road We Trod

Brian K. Blount, Then the Whisper Put on Flesh

-----, Go Preach! Mark's Kingdom Message and the Black Church Today

-----, Can I Get a Witness

Michael Joseph Brown, Blackening of the Bible

Allen Dwight Callahan, The Talking Book

-----, A Love Supreme

Harry H. Singleton, III, Black Theology and Ideology

Frederick L. Ware, Methodologies of Black Theology

Bruce L. Fields, Introducing Black Theology: Three Crucial Questions for the Evangelical Church

Dale P. Andrews, Practical Theology for Black Churches

David D. Mitchell, Black Theology and Youths at Risk

Robert M. Franklin, Another Days Journey

-----, Liberating Visions

Theodore Walker, Jr., Empower the People

Garth Baker-Fletcher, Xodus: An African Male Journey

-----, Somebodyness: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Theory of Dignity

Samuel K. Roberts, African American Christian Ethics

James H. Harris, The Word Made Plain

-----, Preaching Liberation

-----, Pastoral Theology

Lee H. Butler, Jr., A Loving Home

-----, Liberating Our Dignity, Saving Our Souls

Homer U. Ashby, Jr., Our Home Is Over Jordan: a black pastoral theology

Joseph A. Brown, S.J., To Stand on the Rock: meditations on black catholic identity

Cyprian Davis, OSB and Jamie Phelps, OP, eds. "Stamped with the Image of God": African Americans as God's Image in Black

Jamie T. Phelps, OP, ed. Black and Catholic

Diana L. Hayes and Cyprian Davis, OSB, eds. Taking Down Our Harps: Black Catholics in the United States

Horace L. Griffin: Their Own Receive Them Not: African American Lesbians & Gays in Black Churches

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, et al., eds. Black Church Studies

Clarence E. Hardy, III, James Baldwin's God: sex, hope, and crisis in black holiness Culture

Dwight N. Hopkins, Black Theology USA and South Africa

-----, Shoes That Fit Our Feet: sources for a constructive black theology

-----, Introducing Black Theology of Liberation

-----, Down, Up & Over: slave religion and black theology

-----, Heart and Head: black theology past, present, and future

-----, Being Human: race, culture, and religion

II. Womanist Theology

Delores S. Williams, *Sisters in the Wilderness: The Challenge of Womanist*

God-Talk

Kelly Brown Douglas, *The Black Christ*
JoAnne Marie Terrell, *Power in the Blood: The Cross in the African American Experience*
Marcia Y. Riggs, *Awake, Arise, & Act: A Womanist Call for Black Liberation*
Stephanie Y. Mitchem, *Introducing Womanist Theology*
A. Elaine Brown Crawford, *Hope in the Holler: A Womanist Theology*
Teresa L. Fry Brown, *God Don't Like Ugly: African American Women Handing on Spiritual Values*

III. Latin America

Gustavo Gutierrez, *A Theology of Liberation*
Juan Luis Segundo, *The Liberation of Theology*
Jon Sobrino, *Jesus the Liberator: A Historical-Theological View*
P. Casaldaliga & Jose-Maria Virgil, *Liberating Spirituality*
Maria Pilar Aquino, *Our Cry for Life: Feminist Theology from Latin America*

IV. Asia

Aloysius Pieris, *An Asian Theology of Liberation*
C.S. Song, *Theology from the Womb from Asia*
Andrew Sung Park, *The Wounded Heart of God*
Eleazar S. Fernandez, *Toward a Theology of Struggle*
Chung Hyun Kyung, *Struggle to be the Sun Again: Introducing Asian Women's Theology*
Kowk Pui-lan, *Introducing Asian Feminist Theology*

V. Africa

Mercy Amba Oduyoye, *Hearing and Knowing: Theological Reflections on Christianity in Africa*
--, *Daughters of Anowa: African Women and Patriarchy*
Diane B. Stinton, *Jesus of Africa*
Emmanuel Martey, *African Theology: Inculturation and Liberation*
Laurenti Magesa, *Christian Ethics in Africa*
Aylward Shroter, *African Christian Theology*
Jean-Marc Ela, *African Cry*

Itumeleng J. Mosala, *Biblical Hermeneutics and Black Theology in South Africa*

2. Feminist Theology

Depending on the student's interests and in consultation with the examiner, other relevant works may be substituted for some of the texts on this list.

Primary readings:

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, *The Original Feminist Attack on the Bible: The Women's Bible*
Margaret Washington, ed., *The Narrative of Sojourner Truth*
Valerie Saiving, "The Human Situation: A Feminine View" *Journal of Religion* 40 (April 1960): 100-112
María Pilar Aquino, *Our Cry for Life: Feminist Theology from Latin America*
Rita Nakashima Brock, *Journeys by Heart: A Christology of Erotic Power*
Anne E. Carr, *Transforming Grace: Christian Tradition and Women's Experience*
Rebecca Chopp, *The Power to Speak: Feminism, Language, God*
Mary Daly, *Beyond God the Father: Toward a Philosophy of Women's Liberation*;
Mary Daly, *Pure Lust: Elemental Feminist Philosophy*

Virginia Fabella and Mercy Amba Oduyoye, eds., *With Passion and Compassion: Third World Women Doing Theology* (selected)

Ivone Gebara, *Out of the Depths: Women's Experience of Evil and Salvation*

Catherine Keller, *From a Broken Web: Separation, Sexism and the Self*

Mary McClintock Fulkerson, *Changing the Subject: Women's Discourses and Feminist Theology*

Jacquelyn Grant, *White Women's Christ, Black Women's Jesus*

Beverly Wildung Harrison, *Making the Connections: Essays in Feminist Social Ethics* (selected)

Ada María Isasi-Díaz, *En La Lucha/In the Struggle: Elaborating Mujerista Theology*

Elizabeth A. Johnson, *She Who Is: The Mystery of God in Feminist Theological Discourse*

Serene Jones, *Feminist Theory and Christian Theology: Cartographies of Grace*

Sallie McFague, *Metaphorical Theology: Models of God in Religious Language*;

Sallie McFague, *Models of God: Theology for an Ecological, Nuclear Age*

Nelle Morton, *The Journey is Home* (selected)

Mercy Amba Oduyoye, *Hearing and Knowing: Theological Reflections on Christianity in Africa*

Judith Plaskow, *Sex, Sin, and Grace: Women's Experience and the Theologies of Reinhold Niebuhr and Paul Tillich*;

Judith Plaskow, *Standing Again at Sinai: Judaism from a Feminist Perspective*

Rosemary Radford Ruether, *New Woman, New Earth: Sexist Ideologies and Human Liberation*;

Rosemary Radford Ruether, *Sexism and God-Talk: Toward a Feminist Theology*

Letty M. Russell, *Human Liberation in a Feminist Perspective*

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, *In Memory of Her: A Feminist Theological Reconstruction of Christian Origins*;

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza ed., *The Power of Naming: A Concilium Reader in Feminist Liberation Theology* (selected)

Emilie M. Townes, ed., *A Troubling in My Soul: Womanist Perspectives on Evil and Suffering*

Sharon D. Welch, *A Feminist Ethic of Risk* (revised ed.)

Delores Williams, *Sisters in the Wilderness: The Challenge of Womanist God-Talk*

Secondary readings and overviews of feminist theologies:

Anne E. Carr, "The New Vision of Feminist Theology: Method" in Catherine Mowry LaCugna, ed., *Freeing Theology: The Essentials of Theology in Feminist Perspective*

Rebecca S. Chopp, "Feminist and Womanist Theologies," in David Ford, ed., *The Modern Theologians: An Introduction to Christian Theology in the Twentieth Century*

Susan Frank Parsons, *Feminism and Christian Ethics*

Rosemary Radford Ruether, *Women and Redemption: A Theological History*

Letty M. Russell and J. Shannon Clarkson, eds., *Dictionary of Feminist Theologies*

Feminist theories

Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex* (Introduction and selections)

Audre Lorde, *Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches* (selected)

Linda Nicholson, ed., *The Second Wave: A Reader in Feminist Theory*

Secondary sources on feminist theories (not required)

Nancy Bauer, *Simone de Beauvoir, Philosophy, and Feminism*

Claudia Card, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Simone de Beauvoir*

Patricia Hill Collins, *Black Feminist Thought: A Comprehensive Analysis*

Josephine Donovan, *Feminist Theory: The Intellectual Traditions of American Feminism*

Toril Moi, "While We Wait: Notes on the English Translation of *The Second Sex*," in Emily R. Grosholz, ed., *The Legacy of Simone de Beauvoir*

Rosemarie Tong, *Feminist Thought: A Comprehensive Introduction*

Chris Weedon, *Feminist Practice and Poststructuralist Theory*

3. Mystical Theology

In consultation with the examiner, relevant works will be determined for this examination.

4. Process Theology

Depending on the student's interests and in consultation with the examiner, other relevant works may be substituted for some of the texts on this list.

Alfred North Whitehead.	<u>Process and Reality.</u>
Alfred North Whitehead.	<u>Modes of Thought.</u>
Charles Hartshorne.	<u>The Divine Relativity.</u>
Charles Hartshorne.	<u>A Natural Theology for Our Time.</u>
Charles Hartshorne.	"A New Look at the Problem of Evil."
Henry Nelson Wieman.	<u>The Source of Human Good.</u>
Bernard Meland.	<u>Faith and Culture.</u>
John B. Cobb, Jr. and David Ray Griffin.	<u>Process Theology: An Introductory Exposition.</u>
John B. Cobb, Jr.	<u>A Christian Natural Theology.</u>
John B. Cobb, Jr.	<u>Christ in a Pluralistic Age.</u>
Schubert M. Ogden.	"The Reality of God," in <u>The Reality of God.</u>
Schubert M. Ogden.	<u>The Point of Christology.</u>
Schubert M. Ogden.	<u>Is There Only One True Religion or Are There Many?</u>
Henry J. Young.	<u>Hope In Process.</u>
Marjorie Suchocki.	<u>The Fall to Violence.</u>
David Ray Griffin.	<u>Evil Revisited.</u>
Nancy Frankenberry.	<u>Religion and Radical Empiricism.</u>

TH5: THEOLOGICAL ETHICS/MORAL THEOLOGY

This examination has three parts constituted by major "periods" of the history of theological ethics. The core of the examination bibliography is the development and differentiation of Christian moral thinking. However, classic texts are set within and compared with the complexity of other traditions (philosophical, Jewish, Islamic) that intersect and often collide throughout the centuries of Western ethics. The examination thereby has an explicit comparative dimension and purpose.

The student is responsible for **each** of the parts of the examination. While the first two parts of the examination form a "set" exam with identical questions for all takers, the third part is "specialized" in accordance with each student's choice of **two** thinkers. Questions covering the bibliography in Parts I and II may be either from within each period or call for relating writings from different periods. Questions covering authors from Part III will be developed in accordance with the student's choice of readings and long terms scholarly interests.

Recommended Secondary Texts:

Albert Jonsen and Stephen Toulmin, The Abuse of Casuistry
G. F. Hourana, Reason and Tradition in Islamic Ethics
Kenneth E. Kirk, The Vision of God
Vladimir Lossky, Orthodox Theology: An Introduction
John Mahoney, The Making of Moral Theology
J. Meyendorff, Living Tradition
Peter Paris, The Social Teaching of the Black Churches
Servais Pinckaers, Les sources de la moral chrétienne
William Schweiker (ed), The Blackwell Companion to Religious Ethics
Ernst Troeltsch, The Social Teachings of the Christian Churches

Required Texts:

PART ONE:

Required

Bible: Exodus 19:17-23:33; Leviticus 19; Amos; Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:20-49; Romans 12:1-15:13; I John
Qur'an: Surah 17 "The Children of Israel;" Surah 23 "The True ; Believers;" Surah 5 "The Feast"
Plato, Euthyphro
Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, bks 1, 2, 10.
Epicurus, "Epicurus to Menoeceus;" "Principal Doctrines;" "Vatican Sayings"

Epictetus, Enchiridion

The Didache, in Early Christian Fathers: Library of Christian Classics Vol. I.

Clement, "The Rich Man's Salvation;" "On Spiritual Perfection" (Stromateis, VII) in Alexandrian Christianity

Augustine, On the Morals of the Catholic Church; The City of God, Books XIV and XIX; On Grace and Free Will; On the Good of Marriage.

John Chrysostom, "Treatise to Prove that No One Can Harm the Man Who does not Injure Himself" in Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers 1st Series, Vol. 9; On Marriage and Family Life (selections)

Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologica, I, qq. 5-6 (goodness and God); I-II, qq. 6 and 8, 12-13 (human acts), 26 (love), 54-55 (virtue), 61-62 (cardinal and theological virtues), 90-95, 100 (law), 106-108 (new law); II-II, qq. 25-26 (charity), 40 (war), 63 (respect), 64 (murder), 154 (sex).

al-Ghazzâlî, Confessions

Maimonides, Guide to the Perplexed in Ethical Writings, pp. 129-154; "Laws Concerning Character Traits" in Ethical Writings, pp. 27-58; Maimonides, "Eight Chapters" in Ethical Writings, pp. 59-104
Averroes, selection on free will and God's foreknowledge in Readings in Medieval Philosophy, pp.209-213.

PART TWO:

Sixteenth Century: Required

Martin Luther, "Sermon on the Mount" (Mt. 5:27-48), in Luther's Works, American ed., vol. 21:83-129; "Lectures on Galatians" (1535) (3:2), Works, 26:202-216; (3:16-29), 26: 298-358; "The Estate of Marriage," Works, 45:17-49; "The Freedom of a Christian," Works, 31: 337-377; "On Temporal Authority," Works, 45:81-129.

Thomas Muentzer, "Sermon Before the Princes," in G.H. Williams and A.M. Mergal, eds., Spiritual and

Anabaptist Writers (LCC 25), pp. 47-70.

Schleitheim Confession, in John H. Leith, ed., Creeds of the Churches, pp. 282-292.

Menno Simons, On the Ban, in Spiritual and Anabaptist Writers (LCC 25), pp. 261-271

John Calvin, Institutes, Book I chapter 2; Book II, chapters 7-9 (laws); Book III, chapter 2. i-vii, 6-8, 19 (the Christian life), Book IV, 20 (civil government).

Richard Hooker, Of The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity, Book I.

Jesuit Moral Theology, excerpts in George Forell, ed., Christian Social Teachings, pp. 204-213.

Seventeenth-Eighteenth Centuries: Select Two.

B. Pascal, Provincial Letters, 4-15.

Gerrard Winstanley, The Law of Freedom.

Joseph Butler, Sermons (selections)

John Wesley, in Albert Outler, ed., John Wesley, pp. 119-305.

Jonathan Edwards, The Nature of True Virtue

B. Spinoza, Ethics Part I; Part V

Nineteenth-Twentieth Centuries: Select Three.

F.D.E. Schleiermacher, The Christian Faith, pp. 371-585; Introduction to Christian Ethics

S. Kierkegaard, Works of Love or Training in Christianity.

F.D. Maurice, Social Morality.

Leo XIII, "On Christian Philosophy," "On Human Liberty," "On Christian Marriage," "On Civil Government," "On the Christian Constitutions of States," "On Socialism," "On the Rights and Duties of Capital and Labor," "On Christian Citizenship."

Walter Rauschenbusch, Theology For The Social Gospel

John XXIII "Mater et Magistra," "Pacem in Terris," and also "Gaudium et Spes" in Renewing the Earth: Catholic Documents on Peace, Justice and Liberation, D. O'Brien and T. Shannon, eds.

J. Meyendorff, Marriage: An Orthodox Perspective (selections)

S. S. Harakas, Toward Transfigured Life: The Theoria of Orthodox Ethics (selections)

Kenneth Kirk, Conscience and Its Problems (selections)

Karl Barth, The Holy Spirit and the Christian Life

Martin Buber, I and Thou

Abdolkarim Soroush. Reason, Freedom, and Democracy in Islam

H. Richard Niebuhr, The Responsible Self

Reinhold Niebuhr, An Interpretation of Christian Ethics

Paul Tillich, Morality and Beyond

PART THREE: (Select Two) The following names are only suggestions:

Stanley Harakas, Bernard Häring, Beverly Harrison, Gustavo Gutierrez, Trutz Rendtorff, Joseph Fuchs, Karl Barth, K.E. Kirk, H. Richard Niebuhr, Jürgen Moltmann, James Gustafson, Reinhold Niebuhr, John Paul II, Howard Yoder, Paul Ramsey, John Paul II, Maragret Farley, Oliver O'Donovan, John Courtney Murray, Stanley Hauerwas, Paul Tillich, Emil Brunner, Karl Rahner, R. Bultmann, Vigen Guroian, James Cone, M. L. King, Jr., Martin Buber, Emmanuel Levinas, Charles Curran, Richard McCormick, R. Green , etc.

TH6. A MAJOR THEOLOGIAN OR DOCTRINE

A student will select one (1) of the options listed below. Other examinations are possible with the approval of the Theology Area.

1. Augustine

Depending on the student's interests and in consultation with the examiner, other relevant works may be substituted for some of the texts on this list.

Works by Saint Augustine:

Letter to Simplician
On the Spirit and the Letter
Confessions.

City of God
Homilies on I John
On Christian Doctrine
On Nature and Grace

Secondary Works:

Peter Brown, Augustine of Hippo
Peter Brown, Religion and Society in the Age of St. Augustine
Gerald Bonner, Augustine of Hippo: Life and Controversies
J. Patout Burns, The Development of Augustine's Doctrine of Operative Grace
John Burnaby, Amor Dei, A Study of the Religion of Saint Augustine
Edward Cranz, "The Development of Augustine's Thought on Society Before the Donatist Controversy," Harvard Theological Review 47 (1954): 255-316
R. F. Evans, The One and Holy
R. F. Evans, Pelagius: Enquiries and Reappraisals
W. H. C. Frend, "The Gnostic-Manichaeic Tradition in Roman North Africa," Journal of Ecclesiastical History 4 (1953): 13-26
Pierre Hadot, Plotinus or the Simplicity of Vision
Carol Harrison, "Delectatio Victrix: Grace and Freedom in Saint Augustine," Studia Patristica 27: 298-302.
Carol Harrison, Saint Augustine; Christian Truth and Fractured Humanity
R. A. Markus, Saeculum: History and Society in the Theology of Saint Augustine
John O'Meara, "Augustine and Neoplatonism," in Recherches Augustiniennes 1 (1958): 81-111.
B. R. Rees, The Letters of Pelagius and His Followers
Brian Stock, Augustine the Reader
Eugene TeSelle, Augustine the Theologian
F. van der Meer, Augustine the Bishop
The Conflict between Paganism and Christianity in the Fourth Century, ed. Momigliano
Engaging Augustine on Romans, ed. Donald Patte and Eugene TeSelle
Augustine and the Bible, edited and translated by Pamela Bright

2. Martin Luther

Depending on the student's interests and in consultation with the examiner, other relevant works may be substituted for some of the texts on this list.

Primary Texts

The following texts are found in the American Edition of Luther's Works, (LW)

Disputation Against Scholastic Theology, LW 31
Heidelberg Disputation, LW 31
Leipzig Debate, LW 31
Freedom of a Christian, LW 31
Defense and Explanation of All the Articles, LW 32
Defense and Explanation of All the Articles, LW 32
On the Councils and the Church, LW 41
On the Bondage of the Will, LW 33
Isaiah 41-43, LW 17
Gen, 1-3, LW 1

Gen. 15-17, LW 3
Gen, 22, LW 4

Galatians (1535), LW 26
John 14-16, LW 23
Against the Heavenly Prophets, LW 40

Secondary Works

Heiko Oberman, "'Iustitia Christi' and 'Iustitia Dei'" in Dawn of the Reformation
Heiko Oberman, Luther: Man between God and the Devil
Bornkamm, Luther and the Old Testament
James Preus, From Shadow to Promise
Mark Edwards, Luther and the False Brethren
Mark Edwards, Luther's Last Battles
Scott Hendrix, Luther and the Papacy
Walther von Loewenich, Luther's Theology of the Cross
Jared Wicks, Luther's Reform: Studies on Conversion and the Church
Jarslov Pelikan, Luther the Expositor

Regin Prenter, Spiritus Creator Tr. John M. Jensen
Heinrich Bornkamm, "God and History," in Luther's World of Thought
John Headley, Luther's View of Church History

3. Paul Tillich

Depending on the student's interests and in consultation with the examiner, other relevant works may be substituted for some of the texts on this list.

Primary Texts:

Systematic Theology 3 volumes
The Courage to Be
The Dynamics of Faith
Morality and Beyond
Biblical Religion and the Quest for Ultimate Reality
Love, Power and Justice
The Protestant Era
Theology of Culture
Christianity and the Encounter with World Religions
The World Situation
Political Expectation

Other Texts:

My Search for Absolutes
The Religious Situation
The Socialist Decision
The Future of Religions
The Eternal Now
The New Being
Shaking of the Foundations

Secondary Scholarship:

J. L. Adams, Paul Tillich's Philosophy of Culture, Science and Religion
J. Corey, ed. Logos and Kairos
L. Gilkey, Gilkey on Tillich
D. Kelsey, The Fabric of Paul Tillich's Theology
A. J. McKelway, The Systematic Theology of Paul Tillich
T. O'Meara and C. Weisser, eds. Paul Tillich In Catholic Thought
W. & M. Pauck, Paul Tillich
W. L. Rowe, Religious Symbols and God
R. Scharlemann, Reflection and Doubt in the Thought of Paul Tillich
Hannah Tillich, From Time to Time

4. Karl Barth

Students should be expected to have a broad familiarity with Barth's work, from his early to late writings, and a general sense of the secondary literature. The following list of both primary and secondary sources is not meant to be exhaustive but to form a minimum baseline for your reading.

Primary (complete books):

Epistle to the Romans
Word of God and Word of Man
Anselm
Humanity of God

Students should be familiar with at least 10 volumes of the Church Dogmatics (chosen in consultation with the examiner), and must include 1/1, 2/1, 3/2, 4/1, 4/2, and 4/3

Secondary:

Eberhard Busch, Karl Barth
George Hunsinger, How to Read Karl Barth
George Hunsinger, Disruptive Grace
Eberhard Juengel, Karl Barth: A Theological Legacy
Bruce McCormack, Karl Barth's Critical Realistic Dialectical Theology
Sonderregger, Katherine, That Jesus Christ was Born a Jew
Thomas Torrance, Karl Barth, Biblical and Evangelical Theologian
Hans Urs von Balthasar, The Theology of Karl Barth
John Webster, Barth's Ethics of Reconciliation

5. Søren Kierkegaard: Faith and Existence

Depending on the student's interests and in consultation with the examiner, other relevant works may be substituted for some of the texts on this list.

Primary Texts:

The Concept of Irony
Either-Or
Repetition
Johannes Climacus
Fear and Trembling
Philosophical Fragments
The Concept of Anxiety
Concluding Unscientific Postscript
Sickness Unto Death
Works of Love
Training in Christianity
The Point of View of My Work as an Author

Secondary Texts:

S. Kierkegaard, Journals and Papers
Bibliotheca Kierkegaardiana
W. Lowrie, Kierkegaard, 2 vols.
H. Fenger, Kierkegaard: The Myths and Their Origins

L. Mackey, Kierkegaard: A Kind of Poet
M.C. Taylor, Kierkegaard's Pseudonymous Authorship
A. Hannay, Kierkegaard
J. W. Elrod, Kierkegaard and Christendom
W. Schweiker, Mimetic Reflections

5. Christology

Depending on the student's interests and in consultation with the examiner, other relevant works may be substituted for some of the texts on this list.

Thomas Aquinas, Summa Contra Gentiles, Book 4
Gustav Aulen, Christus Victor
David Baillie, God Was in Christ
Karl Barth Church Dogmatics 4/2
Leonardo Boff, Jesus Christ Liberator
Bonaventure, What Manner of Man?, (trans Zachary Hayes)
John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Faith, Books 2 and 3
John Cobb, Christ in a Pluralistic Age
Cyril of Alexandria, The Unity of Christ
Paula Fredriksen, From Jesus to Christ
David Griffin, A Process Christology
Aloys Grillmeier, Christ in the Christian Tradition, Vol one
Edward Hardy, ed. Christology of the Later Fathers
John Hick, ed. The Myth of God Incarnate
Jon Hick, The Metaphor of Jesus Christ
Walter Kasper, Jesus the Christ
Soren Kierkegaard, Training in Christianity
Martin Luther, Commentary on Galatians
Bruce Marshall, Christology in Conflict

John Meyendorff, Christ in Byzantine Theology
Jurgen Moltmann, Crucified God
Jurgen Moltmann, The Way of Jesus Christ
Richard Norris, ed. The Christology Controversy
Pannenberg, Jesus-God and Man
Karl Rahner, "Current Problems in Christology," Theological Investigations, vol 1
Karl Rahner, "On the Theology of Incarnation," Theological Investigations, vol 4
Karl Rahner, Foundations of the Christian Faith
Edward Schillebeeckx, Jesus, The Christ
Friedrich Schleiermacher, Christian Faith, para 92-105
Jon Sobrino, Christology at the Crossroads