

## Philosophy 23

### Study Questions 1

1. Based on *The Eros of Wisdom*: Briefly define the following:  
philosophical hermeneutics  
phenomenology  
Bildung  
Linguisticality
2. Distinguish religion, philosophy, and science as well as point out any similarities. What difference does it make or why is it important to see this distinction? (1-2 pages) (See **Religion, Philosophy, Science**)
3. Compare and contrast these world religions including place, date of origin, main rituals and beliefs (myths of origins, account of suffering and salvation, etc..) sacred texts, central figures, and distinctive characteristics: Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Christianity, and Islam. (Type a half page to a page on each, then be prepared to write something about these in class.) Use the Index in **Philosophy of Religion** (Taliaferro) to guide the use of this text for your answers, then use the recommended internet sources, as well.
4. Eliade: How does the notion of the sacred provide a way of understanding the religious? What is *homo religiosus*? What kind of experience is this and how is it more basic and a prior condition of possibility for all the world religions with their conflicting truths about and approaches to the sacred? (2 pages)
5. How does Kingsley shed light on the experience of the sacred or the divine in his account of the spiritual philosophy of Parmeneides? (2 pages)