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the papers are due are indicated below.

Students should devote their time primarily to the reading of Hegel's text. There are many commentaries available, the best known of which I have listed below. They are all valuable in some respect, but they all also fail by giving too much of a one-sided reading of Hegel's text. They should be used with a critical mind. H.S. Harris's two-volume commentary (over 2,000 pages strong) of Hegel's *Phenomenology* (*Hegel's Ladder*, Hackett 1997) is by far the best commentary to date and I shall rely heavily on it. I was not however able to order copies at the bookstore because of its cost. Students interested in acquiring a copy should place an order for it individually at the bookstore as soon as possible. I also strongly recommend Harris's earlier short introduction to the *Phenomenology* (118 pages), *Hegel: Phenomenology and System* (Hackett, 1995). The *Blackwell Guide to Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit* contains an impressive list of articles on every aspect of Hegel's work. A

## March

- 1, §§ 527-537 **First paper due**
- 3, §§ 538-561
- 8, §§ 562-581
- 10, §§ 582-615
- 15, §§ 616-631
- 17, §§ 632-651
- 22, §§ 652-664
- 24, §§ 665-671
- 29, §§ 672-683
- 31, §§ 684-747

## April

- 5, §§ 748-787
- 8, Concluding lecture Second paper due

## Some commentaries:

Frederick Beiser, *Hegel* (200) – paper-back; very readable (not always reliable)

Emil Fackenheim, The Religious Dimension of Hegel's Thought

Howard Kainz, Hegel's Phenomenology: Analysis and Commentary (Alabama, 1976).

Alexandre Kojeve, *Introduction a la lecture de Hegel* (Paris, 1947). (Parts have been translated into English).

Otto Pöggeler, Hegels Idee einer Phänomenologie des Geistes (München, 1973)

Karl Rosenkranz, Kritische Erläuterungen des Hegel'schen Systems (Königsbergn 1840) (old standard commentary).

Rober C. Solomon, *In the Spirit of Hegel* (Oxford, 1983) (not very reliable—very much Nietzschean in spirit).

Jon Stewart, *The Hegel Myth and Legends* (Evanston, Ill.: Northwestern, 1996)

Jon Stewart, *The Phenomenology of Spirit Reader: Critical and Interpretative Essays* (Albany: SUNY, 1996).

Charles Taylor, *Hegel* (Cambridge, 1975).

Merold Westphal, *History and Truth in Hegel's Phenomenology* (Humanities, 1979).

Merold Westphal, Method and Speculation in Hegel's Phenomenology (Humanities, 1982).

### **GENERAL HISTORY:**

G. di Giovanni and H. S. Harris, *Between Kant and Hegel* (SUNY, 1985): The introductory essay, "The Facts of Consciousness."

G. di Giovanni, "The First Twenty Years of Critique: The Spinoza Connection" in *The Cambridge Companion to Kant* (Cambridge, 1992).

G. di Giovanni, Freedom and Religion in Kant and His Early Successors: The Vocation of Humankind, 1775–1800 (Cambridge: University Press, 2005)