

Study Questions
Stealing from God, Frank Turek

CHAPTER 3 – Information & Intentionality

61. "In all our experience the only forces we see creating informational messages are _____ minds. _____ never do it."
62. What is Dr. Stephen Meyer's central thesis in his books?
- a. Only _____ can explain the origin of the _____
_____ necessary to build the _____ life and _____
forms of life.
63. In what way did Dr. Meyer and Darwin use the same investigative process?
- a. Both took a _____ approach, studying _____ left behind and
then drawing an _____ to the best explanation.
64. What is one reason that Meyer came to a very different conclusion than Darwin's?
- a. _____
65. Why does Meyer call DNA the "signature in the cell"?
- a. _____

66. Why does Turek say mutation and natural selection cannot explain the origin of the genetic information necessary to produce the first life?
- a. _____ and _____ can happen only to
organisms that already have _____.
67. Turek says, "The implication is clear: If a short message in English requires _____ to
compose, then so does a _____ thousands of books long."
68. What was the one central doubt that Darwin had about his theory of evolution?
- a. _____

69. Why did Darwin, although admitting this doubt, not "fret too much" about it?
- a. _____

70. How has that worked out so far?
- a. _____

71. Why is the "Cambrian explosion" a problem for evolutionists?
- a. They expected the _____ to reveal a long and relatively
_____ development of _____ life forms.
BUT ... Most of the higher forms of animal life (the phyla) appeared _____
without _____ in a very short period of geologic time.

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72. What are some of the problems with the premise that random genetic mutations could produce new life forms over time?

- a. _____. Before understanding of the “big bang”, the universe was believed to be _____ old.
- b. Most _____ are _____. No real evidence of beneficial mutations resulting in more complex life forms.
- c. Any corruption of a computer code renders the entire program _____.
- d. “Even if there were infinite time and opportunities for nature to mutate DNA into the _____ necessary for new life, that still wouldn’t be enough to create a new life-form. That’s because _____ alone doesn’t dictate the formation of _____.”

73. Do you understand “epigenetic information”? (Does the house-building analogy help?)

- a. _____

74. What is Dr. Meyer’s central question in his book, Darwin’s Doubt?

- a. “What is the _____ explanation for the origin of _____ code and _____ information necessary for new _____?”

75. What is Turek’s point when he says, “... bad preachers write in the margin of their sermon notes: ‘Logic weak here—pound pulpit!’ “?

- a. _____

76. Why is Dr. Meyer not guilty of the “God of the gaps” fallacy?

- a. Because, “... he’s not interpreting the evidence based on what we _____, but what we do know. ... we don’t just _____ a materialistic explanation for the origin of _____ ... _____. We have a positive, empirically _____ evidence for an _____ cause. Our uniform and repeated experience tells us that only intelligence is capable of _____ information. So when we find such a _____ message in the DNA, we’ve found positive _____ for _____.”

77. How does Richard Dawkins know, given his admission that “there are still gaps”, that science will close those gaps?

- a. _____

78. What’s the point of saying, “Nature will take a building and turn it into a pile of bricks, but nature will never take a pile of bricks and turn it into a building.”?

- a. “... nature universally brings nonliving things to _____.” The _____ law of _____.

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79. "When [archaeologists and detectives] discover _____, ... it's not a "gap" in their knowledge about natural forces that leads them to conclude _____ was _____. It's the _____ knowledge that inscriptions require _____ ... "

80. "Just because something is unseen doesn't mean it's not real. There are many unseen realities that scientists us every day, such as ... "

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

81. Turek says, "... we don't know from the one effect we call 'biology' that the _____, is _____, ..." What can we infer from biology about the cause of biological systems?

- a. _____

82. What do we need to consider, in _____, to biology, in order to make the case that the designer must be a theistic God?

- a. _____

83. (Questions will continue with the topic, "Bad Design?".)