

Study Questions
Stealing from God, Frank Turek

CHAPTER 6 – SCIENCE

162. Did the scientific evidence say that O.J. Simpson was innocent or guilty? Why?
- a.* _____

163. The reason O.J.'s jury didn't convict him is that "a person's _____ can affect how he or she gathers and interprets _____.
164. "Atheists and theists are trying to answer historical questions just like jurors in a criminal trial." They are "trying to _____ what happened in the past" by looking at the _____. Both are looking at the same evidence but "they come to different conclusions because they start with _____
_____ derived from their _____."
165. The problem: "You can't go in a lab and observe the creation of the _____ again, or witness the _____ of the first life or new life-forms."
166. There are two types of science: _____ science ... and _____ science. These are also known as _____ science and _____ science. ... "Questions involving origin or forensic science involve _____ events that cannot be repeated."
167. "Theists are open to both types of causes [natural and non-natural], but atheists rule out intelligent causes _____ they look at the evidence. This rule of the atheists—known as _____ ... can't be universally applied in science because it would sometimes lead to _____ conclusions."
168. Why would this absurd "rule" have led to the conclusions that there was no murder in the O.J. Simpson case?
- a.* _____

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169. Theists are often accused of using “God of the gaps” to fill in the gaps in human knowledge. Sometimes this has been true. Primitive people didn’t understand lightning and may have filled the knowledge gap by concluding that God was hurling the lightning bolts. Today’s intelligent design conclusions, however, are **not guilty** of that fallacy. Turek explains: “... we have positive, empirically detectable _____ for intelligent causes. So we are not arguing from what we don’t know but from what we do _____. All of our observational evidence points to _____ beings—not natural forces—as the real causes. ... We use our observational and uniform experience in the present to discover what was the most _____ cause in the past.”
170. “... even Richard Dawkins admits “biology is the study of complicated things that give the _____ of having been _____ for a _____.” How does he know it’s only the “appearance” of design and not real design? Science doesn’t tell him. Science doesn’t say anything. He is the one who has to gather and _____ the evidence to conclude it was Darwin and not a Designer.
171. Theoretically, Dawkins could be right that _____ explains what appears to be _____. Practically, however, he runs into all that insurmountable _____ from chapter 3 and elsewhere.
172. Why does Turek say, “Dawkins’ deck is philosophically stacked against a Designer and toward Darwin”?
- a. _____

173. Turek explains that knowing how nature _____ is not the same as knowing how nature _____. How does the analogy of the Ford motorcar illustrate the mistaken reasoning of today’s atheist scientists?
- a. _____

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174. Why doesn't the Henry Ford illustration go far enough?
- a. _____

175. "...the most important point for this chapter is not that science supports theism but that theism supports science. In other words, theism makes doing science possible. We wouldn't be able to do science reliably if atheism were true."
176. Atheist Thomas Nagel writes, "Evolutionary naturalism provides an account of our capacities that _____ their _____, and in doing so _____ itself."
177. Turek argues, "Scientists can't do their work without assuming that the law of _____ and the orderly laws of nature are consistent. They can neither gather nor interpret data with the laws of logic and our ability to _____. Scientists demonstrate that _____ and _____ are telltale signs of intelligence when they freely intend to investigate a particular question and then fill their reports with information intending to report their findings. And the immaterial realities of _____ and _____ impact science like any other human endeavor.
178. What do you think of the illustration of "metal detector man"?
- a. _____
179. When the new atheists refer to "science", they are normally referring to the study of _____ in fields such as physics, chemistry, biology cosmology, and astronomy. There's obviously much to gain by studying those areas of reality. The problem arises when the new atheists assert that those are the only _____ of _____—that everything can be _____ by material causes, and all _____ comes from science.

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180. In what ways do we learn truth other than the physical sciences?

- a. _____

- b. _____

- c. _____

- d. _____

- e. _____

181. In William Lane Craig's debate with Atkins, Craig listed five "things that cannot be scientifically proven, ... but rational to accept".

- a. _____

- b. _____

- c. _____

- d. _____

- e. _____

182. "You can ... see that scientism is _____ - _____ because the claim 'we get all our truth from science' is not a _____. That truth doesn't come from science. It's a _____ claim. You can't do science to prove that."

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183. Craig said, "...you can't do anything in science without assuming several _____ principles." Why does Turek say, "...Atkins couldn't see that because he was so enamored with the success of his metal detector."?

a. _____

184. "The following truths about reality are not made of or completely explained by molecules, yet they comprise the foundation of science:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

g. _____

h. _____

i. _____

185. "Scientists rely on these truths at all _____ of the _____ process: before, during, and after gathering data or doing an experiment."

186. Dawkins argues that a 'universal' genetic code (DNA) proves common ancestry. What are three reasons why he is wrong?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

187. "...when we apply the principle of uniformity to the origin of the genetic code and new life-forms, design is by far the more probable option. But Dawkins has _____ ruled out that possibility in advance because of his _____ worldview."

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188. Extra credit: Why is Intelligent Design better science than ‘scientism’?
a. _____

189. Extra credit: How does ‘junk DNA’ support your answer to the last question?
a. _____

190. Regarding the junk DNA saga, Turek says “Darwinists are now left with the sobering truth that they stopped doing science while ID theorists wanted to continue the very science that may help stop cancer. That’s the kind of perverse technology-stifling result we get when scientists become so _____ about Darwinism that they cease being curious.”
191. Why did agnostic astronomer Robert Jastrow call atheistic beliefs a “religious faith”?
a. _____

192. Why did Einstein and other scientists have such a hard time with the evidence that the universe had a beginning?
a. _____

193. “Today, many scientists are ignoring the theistic implications of the big bang and the extreme fine-tuning of the universe by appealing to the _____
_____.”
194. Agnostic philosopher David Berlinski, said: “It [big bang and fine tuning] is emotionally unacceptable because a universe that looks like a put-up job puts off a great many physicists. They have thus made every effort to find an alternative. Did you imagine that science was a _____ pursuit of the _____? Well, you were _____.”

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195. Extra credit: J Warner Wallace says there are three primary motives for virtually every crime. They are:

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

196. What are the primary motives behind the extensive research fraud that even scientists admit to?

- a. _____
- _____
- _____