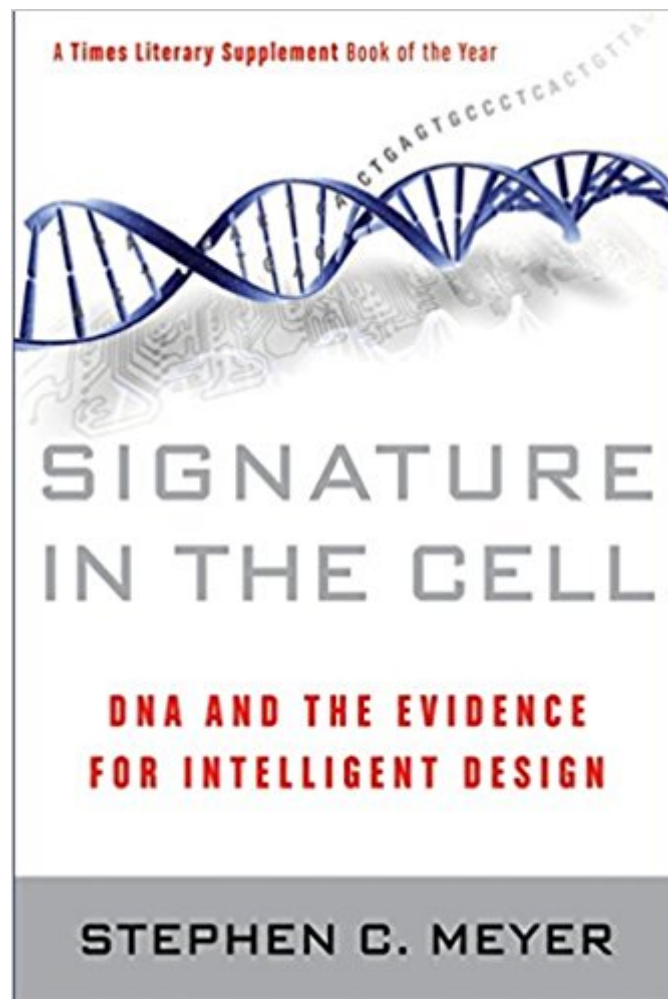




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of New York, and author of *The Tinkerer's Accomplice*) "A careful presentation of this fiendishly difficult problem." (Dr. Thomas Nagel, professor, New York University, in the Times Literary Supplement)

A Compelling Case for Intelligent Design Based on Revolutionary Discoveries in Science
In *Signature in the Cell*, Stephen Meyer has written the first comprehensive DNA-based argument for intelligent design. As he tells the story of successive attempts to unravel a mystery that Charles Darwin did not address "how did life begin?" Meyer develops the case for this often-misunderstood theory using the same scientific method that Darwin himself pioneered. Offering a fresh perspective on one of the enduring mysteries of modern biology, Meyer convincingly reveals that the argument for intelligent design is not based on ignorance or "giving up on science," but instead on compelling, and mounting, scientific evidence.

I'm not a Christian and I certainly don't believe in "creation science" which is often confused with intelligent design. I have spent my life studying science, and all of my degrees are in scientific and medical areas, but I've always been interested in spirituality. It's unfortunate that so many scientists are atheists. Perhaps they have no choice in the matter since they are generally wed to the very narrow perspectives of their scientific specialties. (Others, like Richard Dawkins, are wed to the industry of Atheism.) *The Signature in the cell* was the first book that I have read that explains in no uncertain terms why the genetic code would be impossible for nature to create by randomly combining primordial molecules. It is a technical book filled with technical facts and statistics that is so interesting that you forget that you are actually learning something. Although it doesn't talk about God or any form of religion or spiritual world, it is difficult to avoid the obvious conclusion that something outside of our material universe had something to do with the very first reproducing organism as well as multiple steps along the way to the evolution of the human species. (Myer himself does not draw any inferences about anything outside of the material universe. He simply draws the conclusion that an intelligent designer is the simplest, and for all practical purposes, the only explanation for the rise of life from a lifeless world.) If you have studied quantum mechanics, you will have run into the inescapable conclusion that nothing really exists in a determinate state unless it is observed by a conscious observer. Furthermore, you probably have run into Bell's theorem which concludes that locality is something of a myth and that there is no logical connection between the reality we live in every day and quantum reality upon which our material world is based. The theory of quantum mechanics frankly states that consciousness is (and probably was) a

primordial property of the universe. The theory of intelligent design is based upon SCIENCE, and not on theology. It stands upon infinitely firmer ground than the Multiverse which is modern cosmology's latest mathematical/theological attempt to explain the anthropomorphic nature of our world of matter. Read this book if you really want to begin the journey to a rational understanding of how Spirit might actually have a place to live after all! P.S. I've read the one star reviews. It is obvious that none of these reviewers has actually read the book. Out of 429 reviews, only 58 gave it two stars or less, and their comments seemed to have nothing to do with the book's actual content.

I read this being a bit skeptical about the movement etc., alongside his other book and Collins' "Language of God," but found it to address all of the objections typically lodged against the concepts (the predictive experimental power of ID is particularly intriguing), and if nothing else, a very well-written, self-critical piece of work. It really amazed me just how much critics and onlookers confuse with "ID"; they tend to think the title (which is somewhat lousy, contrary to what some think) explains what they think it does, and it simply does not. Meyer is also far more careful with words and arguments than Dembski and the earlier ID crew, and should not be conflated as merely touting the same ideologies. At least that appears to be the case. To zoom out for a moment, the unspoken rule that Meyer breaks is not simply critiquing Neo-Darwinism or uncovering materialistic naturalism, but showing that the disciplines are not as fixed and compartmentalized as Modern education would have it to be. That's the "game changer" in my opinion; can intelligence (of any kind) be "scientifically detectable"? He says, yes, while others either say "no" (BioLogos) or "we shouldn't try to answer that" (academy). Modern epistemology is being questioned as much as atheistic materialism, and for that reason alone the specialists cannot continue pretending as if knowledge is unrelated and easily crosses boundaries, and have to deal with what is presented here.

Stephen Meyer has out done himself. This book should be required read for those who are exploring the evolutionary study. Intelligent Design study needs to be given more attention to. Recommend this book for everyone.

The thesis is superior. The presentation gets tedious after while because the author tries too hard to court the scientific community. Still, a valuable read authenticating design in creation.

A very long read, with history mixed with science. Really good material to help you better understand DNA and its use by both Theist and atheist in their debates about God. Helps the Theist

better understand the arguments for intelligent design. Well worth the time to read it, but I did skip through some sections that were a bit lengthy.

Stephen C. Meyer and those in the Intelligent Design field are doing remarkable work in the theory of life's origin. The compelling arguments that information always comes from an intelligent source can be overlooked only at the peril of denying the evidence. Meyer lays out a solid case that DNA is one of the places where that evidence is prevalent.

WOW! The atheist pro Darwinist critics of the Intelligent Design movement (Dawkins, Hawking, etc.) usually apply a logical fallacy and damn the source, claiming that the opinion that is critical of Darwinist evolution is from an ignoramus. Since Meyer ran the human genome project and is a PhD biologist, it is not reasonable to claim that he doesn't know what he's talking about, because he obviously DOES know what he is talking about. This is a long and very detailed book and makes a convincing argument that Darwinian concepts of evolution are impossible to accept by anyone who is as familiar with DNA as Meyer obviously is. After reading this book, you will wonder why anyone still accepts Darwinian evolution as even a good theory, much less a fact.

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