Chapter 1: Secrets
- From what countries does Germany get its tombstones?
- Why are tombstones too inexpensive to mine in India?
- If slaveholders formed a separate state, what would that state look like in terms of population and its impact on the environment?

Chapter 2: Under the Volcano
- What services did the author find when he first landed by helicopter in the remote jungles of the Congo?
- Worldwide, what percentage of the population owns a cell phone?
- What was the impact of the genocide in Rwanda on neighboring Eastern Congo?
- What is the origin of the term “crimes against humanity”?
- What happened in the Congo after the Second Congo War ended?
- What is peonage?
- What are some of the ways that people enter slavery in the Congo?
- What happens to people who voluntarily go to the mines looking for work?
- How does the treatment of women who are slaves differ from that of men who are slaves?
- What did a survey of people in the Congo’s Kivu provinces find?
- Why did the local school have a “Take your machete to school day”?
- In the Congo what is the connection between the hippopotamus and fish?
- What is happening to the mountain gorillas in the Congo?
- What is the most important source of money supporting criminals in the Congo?

Chapter 3: City of Rags
- What are miners digging for in the Bisie mine and what is it used for?
- What are the ways that people come to work in the mine at Bisie?
- What kinds of medical issues face those working the mines?
- What is the role of the company Mining and Processing Congo (PMC) in the working conditions in the mines in Bisie?
- Who are the negociants and the comptoirs and what do they do?
- To what extent are major corporations that use minerals harvested by slave labor guilty of slavery or ecocide?
- What does the Enough Project report about Apple, Intel, and Nintendo regarding progress on the issue of mining by slave labor? Which company is the worst?
- What can individuals do to address the problems described in this chapter?
Chapter 4: Shrimp Cocktail
- In the opening story what happened to the boy who was sent to cut fish and hang them on racks?
- What is the dried fish used for?
- Why do they build dikes and what are they made of?
- Why would a shrimp processor want a small factory rather than a large one?
- How did the woman interviewed by the author describe working conditions in the shrimp factory and why did she stay?
- Why don’t government officials in Bangladesh stop the illegal labor practices in the shrimp industry?
- Why are mangrove trees important?
- What is a “carbon sink” and what is “sequestration”?

Chapter 5: The Runaway Train
- How are forests relevant to global warming?
- What are the human and environmental harms that come with making bricks?
- What is the impact on the environment of burning tires?
- What is the problem with relying on international treaties to stop deforestation?
- What is “biochar” and why is it important?
- What happened when a photographer took photos of children in slavery?
- What things have damaged the shrimp industry in New Orleans?

Chapter 6: Gold Rings
- What are bullion banks and why are they important to those who use slave labor to mine for gold?
- How is honesty used against the poor by those who put them into slavery working in the mines?
- Who were the Ashanti?
- What are the health consequences of mining gold by hand?
- What are some of the ways mercury is hazardous to the environment and to people in that environment?
- How might an injury effect the miner’s debt owed to the slave holder?
- What happens to the debt when a miner dies?
- What is the role of women in gathering gold from the mud?

Chapter 7: The Massacre of Memory
- What does the author mean by the massacre of memory?
- What does the author say about open pit “dig and wash” gold mining?
- What is biomagnification?
- What are some of the ways that legal mining companies and illegal mining companies interact?
- Who has an interest in maintaining slavery in the mining of gold in Ghana?
- What happened to Ibrahim after he was arrested for illegal mining?
Chapter 8: As with Trees, So with Men

- What was the history of slavery in Brazil until 2002?
- What happened in Brazil regarding slavery after 2002?
- Regarding economic inequality how does Brazil compare with other countries in the world?
- Who is a *gato*?
- In the remote forests of Brazil what does short-term slavery look like?
- Why are Pernambuco and Brazil Nut trees valuable?
- What happens to citizens who try to stop those who wish to destroy the forests in Brazil?