

## **A DESIGNED TRAP**

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“And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good” (Gen. 1:11-12).

Those who hold to the irrational “theory of evolution” often see themselves as totally rational and view the believer in the Bible’s account of Creation as totally irrational and superstitious. Yet one of the arguments against macro-evolution used by creationists and non-creationists is called “Intelligent Design” (ID). It is the theory that life did not just “happen” but was designed by an intellect or to paraphrase the theologian William Paley, “Every watch has a watchmaker” or “Every design must have a designer.” “For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God” (Heb. 3:4).

I recently read about some scientific discoveries concerning the Venus Fly Trap plant, a carnivorous plant native to the wet lands of North and South Carolina. This plant has special leaves, or maw, which trap insects when they trigger sensory hairs in the leaves. When the hairs are touched it closes, trapping the animal and slowly digesting it.

The article reveals that this plant “counts” the number of times its prey touches these hairs and uses this information to aid in digestion. A new study shows that the number of times the hairs are touched determines the amount of digestive juices that are released by the plant. The larger the prey the more digestive juices are released by the plant.

Time is also a factor. For example, only after two touches of the hairs, within a 15-20 second time period, does the plant shut the trap. This way the

plant can tell the difference between rain drops, other false alarms, and a live animal. Scientists say this keeps the plant from wasting energy.

Does this sound like something which “evolved” over millions, billions or trillions of years? Did some blind cosmic watchmaker throw the dice again and again and again until He got it right? No sane person whose eyes are not veiled to the truth by unbelief could deny that this plant was designed by an intelligent designer. If you did not know better you could presume from its actions that this tiny plant had a mind. Evolutionists have even vainly laid out a “theoretical” way this plant could have evolved. When you read it you laugh at their prejudice and vanity.

Dear reader, this lush planet is filled with examples of Intelligent Design. Why? From the tiny Venus Fly Trap to the ecological intricacies of the African rainforest, God is sending us a message loud and clear – “I made this and I made you!” “For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else” (Isa.45:18).

Let us inoculate ourselves and our loved ones from the evolutionary propaganda which threatens to destroy faith. In the Day of Judgment there will be no excuse for unbelief. “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (Rom.1:18-20).

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