



## Evolution and Religion... or religion and religion?

### Ahah! We have a missing link.

We have a slight problem...**the link is between plants and animals.**

The **Venus Fly Trap** is one of a group of plants that look like a plant, but act like both plants and animals. This animal/plant is delightful, with small flowers and green leaves like many other plants. But, some of her leaves are less than delightful to her next meal.

Venus has specially designed leaves that serve as traps. These leaves are covered with a colorful, sticky substance that is very attractive to possible meals. The possible meal thinks it will get a little snake, but is unaware of the spikes around the edge of the leaf. When the possible meal lands on the special leaf it sticks, the trap is sprung, and special digestive juices turn it into soup which becomes part of the natural diet of Venus. Then the leaf opens up and waits for another meal. Venus is so sensitive that a rock can be placed on the leaf and when the trap springs Venus opens again to wait for a real meal.

This is astonishing. Venus has no brain to operate her technically advance trapping system. How did her trapping device evolve? How does she know when to do her deadly deed? How does she know when her meal is finished? Who tells her when to reset the trap?

Venus is a very mysterious plant! All the plants around her are doing normal plant things, but she has to be different...for no apparent reason. The plants around her have no idea what is happening and would certainly function nicely without her. Her unsuspecting meals could certainly do without her.

The people who witness her remarkable behavior are the only ones who really care. Is Venus a plant or an animal? Is it possible she exists to amaze us...and the link has to do with the creator of both plants and animals!

To suggest that Venus happened by chance takes **remarkable faith** in phenomenal luck. Is it possible we are dealing with **religion** and religion instead of **evolution** and religion?

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