

Amazing Doodlebug

The ant lion is a little insect, and its larva (also called a doodlebug) lives in regions of dry or sandy soil. It digs a pit about two inches deep and waits for ants to fall in.

Just consider how complex this creature is. It is equipped with a highly sensitive alarm system that picks up the slightest vibration. A single grain of sand falling into its hole can activate it. Anchor-like appendages under its body enable it to grasp the soil as it struggles with its victim.

Even more remarkable is its complicated mouth that forms a kind of “drinking straw,” ideal for sucking fluids. When an ant is trapped, the ant lion injects it with a paralyzing drug and then with digestive juices that allow it to feed on its prey.

The eminent French zoologist Pierre-Paul Grasse says that Darwin’s theory of natural selection cannot explain the “avalanche of chance occurrences” necessary for such a creature to evolve. The psalmist told us that God made all living things and feeds them, and we accept that by faith.

Scientists marvel at nature’s unique design, and they would not be at odds with the Bible if they would merely believe what their findings point to – God, the Great Designer.

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