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As we have reported on previous Creation Moments broadcasts, some snakes hide when they are threatened. Others play dead, hoping predators will lose interest. Some snakes rear up or make hissing and rattling sounds to scare off would-be predators. But have you ever heard of a harmless caterpillar that can make itself look and act just like a deadly snake?

If you live in Costa Rica, Belize, Mexico or Guatemala, one of the most unusual creatures you will ever come across is the *Hemeroplanes triptolemus* moth while it's a caterpillar. Though it looks pretty ordinary, when it is threatened by a predator, it expands and raises its body while twisting it upside-down, revealing what looks like a fearsome snake's head! Not only does the caterpillar look like a snake, it even acts like one, harmlessly striking at predators as if it could kill. Even its shiny eye spots are menacing!

Evolutionists, of course, will tell you that these unusual markings and snake-like behavior are the result of millions of years of chance mutations. But to anyone who hasn't been fooled by such explanations, it is obvious that this caterpillar was designed.

That's why it's so important that we teach our young people to think for themselves and not blindly accept what evolutionists are telling them. Trickery and deception are common throughout the animal kingdom. But the most deceptive creature of all is man.

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