

Metamorphosis



A Spiritual Metaphor

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And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed (metamorphosized) by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
Romans 12:2



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The Butterfly

The butterfly breaks out of the chrysalis, damp and crumpled. It must pump liquid to the veins of its wings to stiffen them. When the wings have dried and hardened the butterfly is ready to take its first flight.

We will be transformed (metamorphosized) by the renewing of our minds, (Rom.12:2) coming fully into the freedom of what our Father always intended us to be. "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son." Romans 8:2

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The Egg

This is the beginning stage of every butterfly's life. Contained within every egg is an ENTIRE genetic code, not only for the caterpillar, but for the butterfly as well.

Kinda like our heavenly father who implants the seed of Christ in us.

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The Caterpillar

Caterpillars have VORACIOUS appetites and their first meal is their own egg shell. With these huge appetites, caterpillars grow very rapidly and must shed skin that has grown too tight.

Once that Seed springs to life in us we can get mighty hungry after the things of the Lord, literally bursting our skins a few times as we leave the old behind to embrace the new in Him.

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The Chrysalis

When a caterpillar has completed its growth it will look for a place to make its chrysalis. Shedding its skin for the last time it enters the chrysalis stage. Inside the chrysalis the miracle of metamorphosis takes place, where the caterpillar changes from a crawling insect to one that can take flight.

When we have eaten the body and blood of Christ (John 6) and are full of Him, our flesh and all its works becomes bound up, immobilized, rendered dead to sin. (Reminds me of Abraham binding Isaac--the offspring of his flesh on the altar.) For indeed, "How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?" (Rom. 6:2)