

# *A Man Found a Cocoon of a Butterfly.*

One day a man sat and watched a small opening appearing in a cocoon. He sat and watched the emerging butterfly for several hours, as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had reached as far as it could, and it could go no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining piece of the cocoon.

The butterfly then emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shrivelled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body which would contract in time. Neither happened!

In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shrivelled wings. It never was able to fly. What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that this was God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

The restricting cocoon and the struggle required was necessary for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening to be able to fly. Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us.

We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!

I asked for Strength... and God gave me Difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for Wisdom... and God gave me Problems to solve.

I asked for Prosperity... and God gave me a Brain to work.

I asked for Courage... and God gave me Danger to overcome.

I asked for Love... and God gave me Troubled people to help.

I asked for Favours... and God gave me Opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted... I received everything I needed!

May your path be bright and full of light everywhere you go. May the desires of your heart come true, and may you experience Peace in everything you do.