

Why Butterflies Die!



Wandering through a meadow,
Hand in hand with my child,
Stopping to smell the flowers
Growing lovely and wild,

A songbird in the distance, the
Weather sunny and mild,
And the moment so perfected
As my little one smiled.

But suddenly, the mood was changed
By something which she spied,
Then she sadly turned and asked me,
'Why the butterfly died.'

I stopped and prayed and asked the Lord,
"Oh Father, guide my answer;ⁱ
For this subject goes from bugs to
War and crime and cancer."

I told her; When God made the world,
There was no pain or sorrow,ⁱⁱ
And nothing was supposed to die,
There'd always be tomorrow.ⁱⁱⁱ

But people, they decided to
Ignore the Father's voice,^{iv}
And by rejecting His authority,
They made an awful choice.

They brought death into the world^v
As God warned they would do,
When they accepted Satan's lies,
Who said it wasn't true.^{vi}

And God, He let it happen, for
He'd made them to be free,
He didn't make them puppets; It's
The same with you and me.

See, He wants us as His children,^{vii}
For puppets cannot love,
And wants us to obey Him; not^{viii}
Control us like a glove.

So sickness, death and sorrow, they're
All here because of sin.^{ix}
And, ever since man disobeyed,
This is the way it's been.

But God, He has not given up,
He has a master plan,^x
To make another perfect world^{xi}
Where He can live with man,^{xii}

Where He can make us sinless,^{xiii}
For we will want Him to,
And then care for us forever^{xiv}
His love, steadfast and true.^{xv}

There people will love each other,
For He has loved us first,^{xvi}
And all problems and all heartaches,
Well, they will be dispersed^{xvii}

And He has now supplied the way
To forgive us all our sin,^{xviii}
To make us perfect in His eyes
And eternal life, begin.^{xix}

For He stepped into time and space,
To walk upon the earth,^{xx}
To show us His amazing love
And give us second birth.^{xxi}

He came and died upon the cross,
So justice was upheld,^{xxii}
He came and took our punishment
So mercy hasn't failed.^{xxiii}

And now He says to come to Him,
Accept Him as our Lord,^{xxiv}
For He's prepared a place for us,^{xxv}
Where we will be adored,

And blessed for all eternity,
Where there will be no sin,^{xxvi}
For only those who want His love
Will ever be let in.^{xxvii}

This place which we call Heaven will
Be bigger than the earth,^{xxviii}
To hold all of the people who've
Accepted second birth,^{xxix}

As well as all earth's animals
Which He will make again;^{xxx}
Everything with scales or tails,
With feathers, fur or skin,

And butterflies will never die,
Nor any living thing,
For animals will never hunt,
Or fight or bite or sting.^{xxxi}

And they will all be friendly, yes,
And you can pet each one,^{xxxii}
There, life will be so wonderful,
And problems, there'll be none.^{xxxiii}

But for now, He has us here and
He wants to intervene^{xxxiv}
In the lives of His children, so
His love, it can be seen,

And though He can't make this Heaven,
Not with the sin of man,
He will use it all for good^{xxxv}
Per His eternal plan.

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F.Y.I. Butterfly Migration: God's sovereign care for His creation.

Imagine a straight line with four points on it. Point 'A' will be at the beginning of the line; point 'B' will be one-third of the way down it; point 'C' will be two-thirds of the way down it; and point 'D' will be at the far end of it.

A-----B-----C-----D

When Monarch Butterflies migrate, it takes at least four generations for them to complete the migration. One generation starts the migration – flying from point 'A' to point 'B.' When they get to point 'B', they mate, lay their eggs and then die. Later, when their offspring emerge from their cocoons—having gone through the caterpillar stage—that generation continues the migration on to point 'C.' When they get to point 'C,' they mate and then die. Later, when their offspring emerge from their cocoons, that generation continues the migration on to point 'D.' When they get to point 'D,' they mate and then die. Later, when their offspring emerge from their cocoons, that generation makes the return trip, flying back to point 'A.' The cycle repeats itself ceaselessly.

But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind. Job 12:7-10

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ⁱ If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

ⁱⁱ God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1:31

ⁱⁱⁱ The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever. Genesis 3:22

^{iv} And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you

must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” Genesis 2:16,17

^v Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned— . . . Romans 5:12

^{vi} "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman, "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5

^{vii} Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—. . . John 1:12

^{viii} "If you love me, you will obey what I command. John 14:15

^{ix} The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. Romans 8:19-21

^x For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

^{xi} "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. Isaiah 65:17

^{xii} And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. Revelation 21:3

^{xiii} Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Philippians 3:12

^{xiv} I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:28

^{xv} "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. Jeremiah 31:3

^{xvi} We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

^{xvii} He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:4

^{xviii} For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, . . . 1 Peter 3:18

^{xix} For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

^{xx} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. . . . The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:1-3,14

^{xxi} In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3

^{xxii} In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Hebrews 9:22

^{xxiii} For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, . . . 1 Peter 3:18

^{xxiv} Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

Acts 3:19,21

^{xxv} Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. Matthew 25:34

^{xxvi} Nothing impure will ever enter into it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 21,27

^{xxvii} Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 /// They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 2 Thessalonians 2:10

^{xxviii} The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length (1400 miles), and as wide and high as it is long. Revelation 21:16 (This is the size of the capitol city of Heaven.)

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^{xxx} So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. /// God made the wild animals

according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:21, 25

^{xxx}ⁱ The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, Isaiah 11:8-9 (** This refers to the millennium, but Heaven will be even better.)

^{xxx}ⁱⁱ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. Isaiah 11:6 (** This refers to the millennium, but Heaven will be even better.)

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^{xxx}^{iv} This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him. John 5:14-15

^{xxx}^v And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28