

# Butterfly Story

A man found the cocoon of a butterfly.  
One day a small opening appeared.  
He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it  
struggled to force its body through the little hole.  
Then it seemed to stop making any progress.  
It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it  
could and could go no further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly.  
He took a pair of scissors  
and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon.  
The butterfly then emerged easily.  
But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled 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 shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not  
understand was that the restricting cocoon and  
the struggle required for the butterfly to get  
through the tiny opening were 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.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our  
life. If God allowed us to go through our life without any  
obstacles, it would cripple us.  
We would not be as strong as we could have been.  
And we could never fly.  
So have a nice day -  
and struggle a little.

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