

THE BUTTERFLY SYMBOL OF THE RESURRECTION

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LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY



1.
Butterfly Egg

Human Life in Womb



2.
Caterpillar

Human Life on Earth



3.
Chrysalis

Death & the Grave



4.
Butterfly Emerging

**Resurrection
from the Dead**

*“He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.”
(Rom.4:25)*

Those who believe in Christ will be raised from the dead to receive eternal life. (John 6:40)

“So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.” (1 Cor. 15:42-44)

A religious symbol is a representation of sacred significance. Christian symbols date back to early times when the majority of ordinary people could not read or write and printing was unknown. Some Christian symbols were borrowed from earlier non-Christian religions. For example, the ancient Egyptians saw a similarity between the wrapping of mummies and the cocoon-like chrysalis of a butterfly. Both Egyptians and Greeks placed golden butterflies in their tombs as symbols of resurrection and immortality. Christians at times adapted symbols from other religions and gave them Christian meaning. The butterfly became a symbol of the resurrection of Christians to eternal life through the redemption of Christ. Human comparisons were made to the four stages in the life cycle of a butterfly.

RESURRECTION BUTTERFLY BUSH

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Antique brass butterflies were purchased. A brass container was pierced with the word “resurrection” and filled with concrete. Eighteen different semi-precious stones were placed half way into the wet cement to represent emerging resurrected Christians. A gold cross was placed atop a brass bar to which the butterflies were attached. The brass bush is 3 feet tall.



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AND THE OTHER IN HEAVEN.**