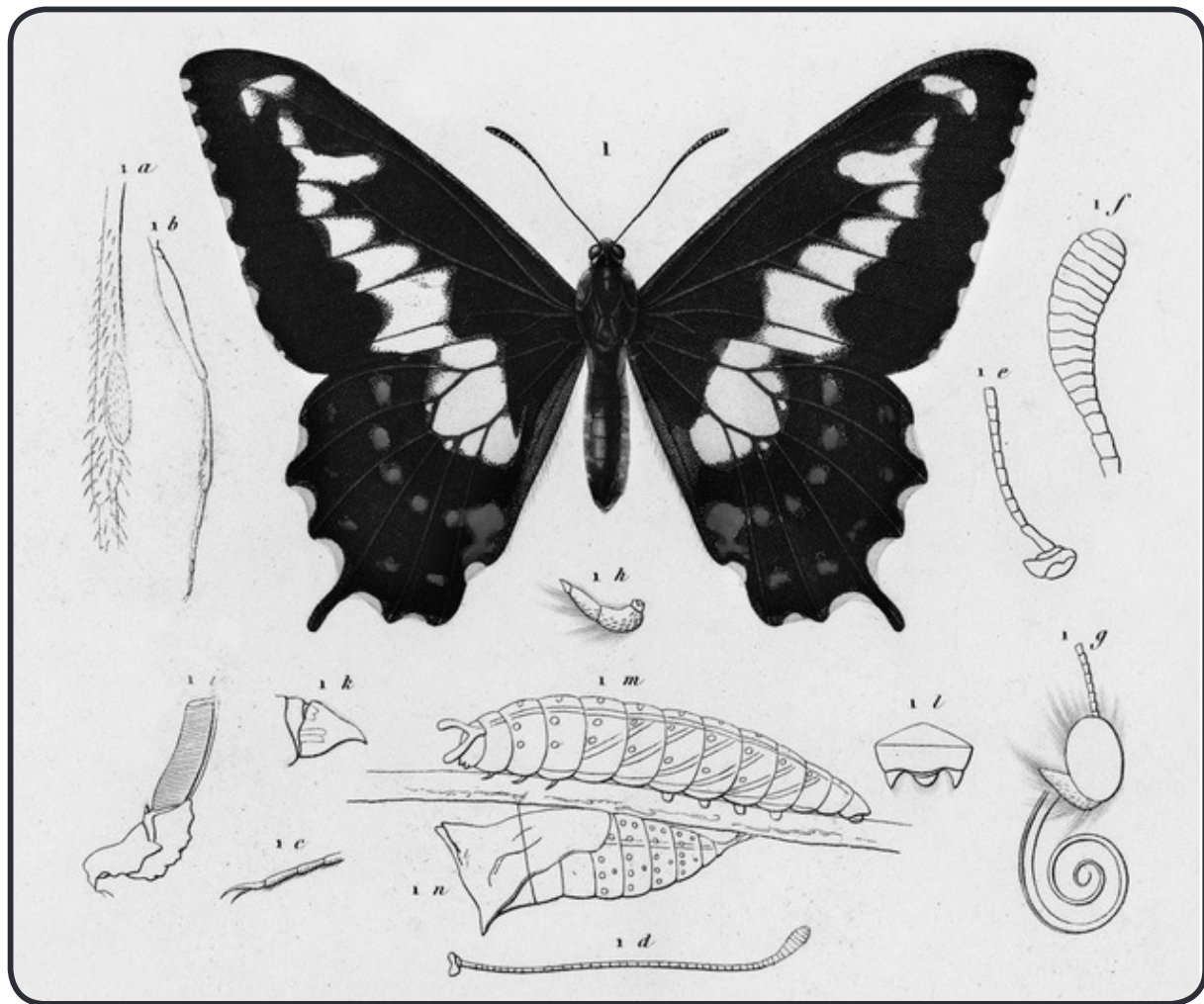


I will...

transforming self-will into God's will

Junior Edition



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Hello,



I hope you will find this little workbook helpful. I have chosen a butterfly theme because the butterfly life-cycle demonstrates metamorphosis. Paul uses this word to describe the change that happens when a mind is subjected to renewal by the Word of God. Butterflies are a very beautiful part of Creation and they come in thousands of different sizes, shapes, and colours. This is God's plan for you. That you will become a beautiful butterfly. More than anything, the transformation of the natural mind to a spiritual mind is what makes you beautiful.

The Psalms contain 182 instances of the phrase "I will" and most of them are something the Psalmist is saying they will do.

By intentionally practicing some of these "I will's" we can change our minds from doing what we might naturally want to do, to doing what God wants us to do.

This is what a transformation of the mind is all about.

May God bless you in your work for Him.

Read through this Psalm several times this week. Find a version of it put to music if you can and listen to it, or find an audio version of it and listen to it. Take some coloured pencils and mark it up.

Psalm 97

The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods. Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD. For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

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The Egg

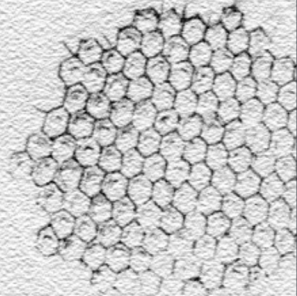
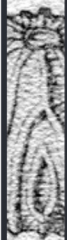
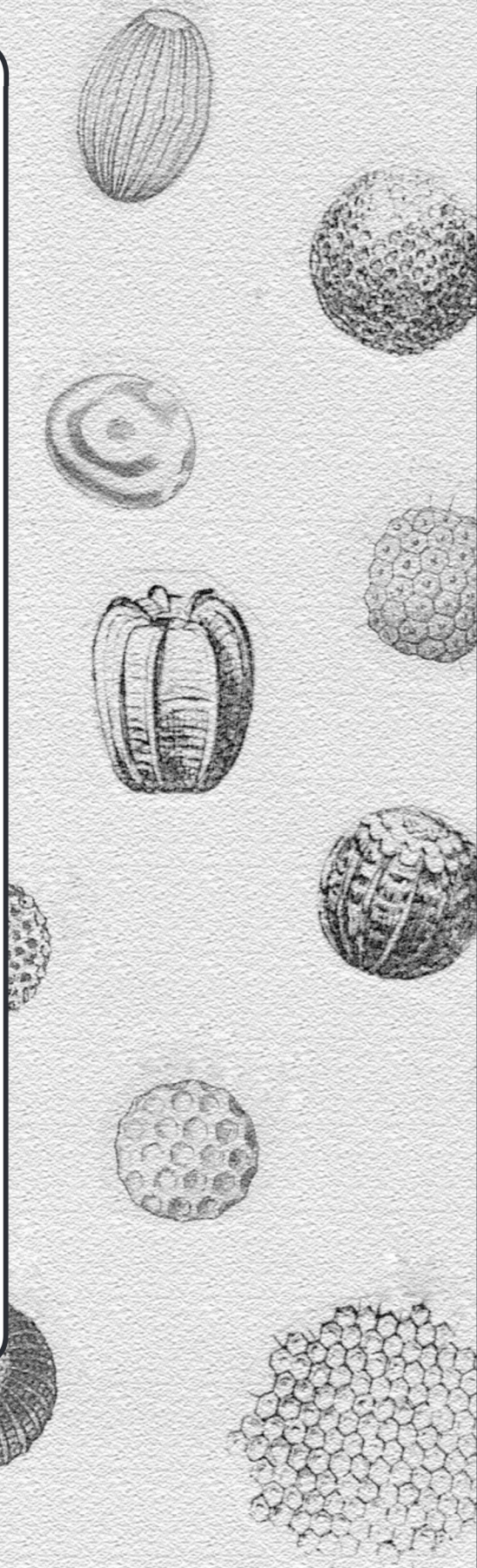
Every butterfly begins as a tiny egg only 1-3 mm in size. However, under a microscope the surface of the egg becomes a magnificent specimen of symmetry and intricate design. Some are ribbed, some are honeycombed, and some ornamented like a wicker basket. Each species has a unique design.

Depending on the species, a female butterfly may lay just a few, to hundreds of eggs on or near plants that the babies will eat. Some are laid in clusters, some stacked, and some singly. Some are laid on tops of leaves, some underneath, some hidden in tree bark, or on grass stems.

As an egg is laid it is covered with a sticky liquid that immediately glues it firmly to the leaf or stem. Those laid in warm weather hatch in a few days, but some eggs can also survive through a winter.

An egg starts out light coloured and darkens as it is ready to hatch. Then a small hole appears and a tiny caterpillar chews its way out and for its first meal consumes the egg shell.

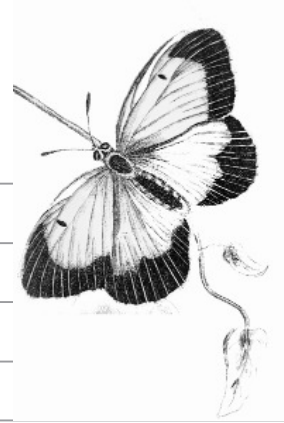
Perhaps we can think of this as the beginning of a spiritual life: tiny, helpless, but beautiful and full of potential.



Google "butterfly eggs" and be amazed at how beautiful they are!

What does worship mean?

Find a definition for “worship” in an English dictionary.



Look up the verse from this week in a concordance or Bible Study program and find out what the original Hebrew word is that it is translated from.

What is the word and what does it mean?

What do you think the opposite of worship is?

What do you think it means to worship in “spirit” and in “truth”?

“Notice, then, what worship really is: a life of holiness unfolding the beauty which glorifies God; taking our life and putting it into such relationship to God that it becomes what He intends it should be; discovering His law, answering His law, walking in the way of His appointing, so yielding our life to His purpose.” —Dennis Gillett (May You Know it to be True)

Week 2

Write out Psalm 22:27-28.

What does this scripture say about God and you?

What does it tell you about worship?

What can you do to put this into practice this week?

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Week 3

Write out John 4:23-24.

What does this scripture say about God and you?

What does it tell you about worship?

What can you do to put this into practice this week?

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What did Jesus do?

"I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." (John 17:4 KJV)

What did Jesus do to glorify God? What was the work that he completed?

Jesus was certain that God was his Father and that he was loved by Him. Being certain of God's love is helpful in being able to worship Him. It makes us confident that what God asks us to do is for our own good. Look for evidence of this love all around you. Write down a few things that come to your mind.

Week 4

Write out Revelation 15:3-4.

What does this scripture say about God and you?

What does it tell you about worship?

What can you do to put this into practice this week?

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Psalm 19

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul:
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart:
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.