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Holy Metamorphosis

A Holy Metamorphosis is a spiritual dynamic that shadows the transformation of a caterpillar to the supernatural change that God is bringing to His remnant followers.

The Lord is telling all of us that the trouble, pain and anguish we may have been going through, was not because we have sinned or missed God's direction concerning our situation. On the contrary, we've been undergoing an extreme transformation, by the working of the Holy Ghost.

Receive the revelation from the Holy Spirit this month as we consider some of the principles of this divine reconstruction. I understand that this word might only be for a select few, but even if it's for merely one more besides me, I feel like you will receive some great insight into this season in your life.

Galatians 4:19 – "...until Christ is formed in you..."

The word "formed" in the fourth chapter of Paul's letter to the Galatian people in its original translation is morphoo. The word morphoo and its related noun, mophe refer to the internal reality. This means that Paul is actually talking about a change in character, becoming conformed to the character of Christ in actuality, not merely in semblance.

There is also where we derive the term used in science "metamorphosis", which among other things, is a stage in the life of a caterpillar. Understand that the Bible clearly lets the reader know that the natural reveals the spiritual. Let's fix our eyes on the natural transformation of the caterpillar and find some help while we are under construction. Remember that no one actually believes that the little, slow and ugly caterpillar was ever in the cocoon, once they see the butterfly in all its beauty.

Consider some of the spiritual application of this natural transformation.

#1. OUT OF YOUR MOUTH WILL COME YOUR COVERING

Out of the caterpillar's mouth comes the cocoon in which he will be transformed. If you are going to experience a holy metamorphosis or divine transformation, you will have to cover yourself in the shell, cocoon or covering that will begin the process. The caterpillar does this with its mouth. Saints, we

can do the same. The Bible lets the reader know that by the words of our mouth we are justified and by the words of our mouth we are condemned. The Bible also teaches that life and death are in the power of the tongue.

I know people who have created for them an atmosphere of victory. People whom, when the whole world seemed against them, were able to obtain an “underdog” win and this because their perspective on victory was vocalized. I have also been around those who have chosen to quit. They surrounded themselves with an atmosphere of defeat with their constant words of doubt and discouragement, way before they ever quit. Call things that are not as they are through the words they speak. Little faith will profit you little.

#2. THROUGH YOUR STILLNESS WILL TRANSFORMATION BE COMPLETED

After the caterpillar cocoons himself, he must wait. This is also an ingredient in everything God cooks for us. It is most bothersome to the believer to fight the perfect work that waiting will complete.

In checking on the metamorphosis of the caterpillar I found it interesting that the caterpillar's insides actually liquefy during the process of transformation. This speaks to me of the “refiner's fire” that so many of us have been in. The refiner's fire is the turning up of the heat so that all impurities may boil to the top, just like the purification of gold. Hold on saint – God's about to scrap off the dross!

Several ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ are in the fire. Leader, you shall not be burned! Through your continual words of faith you have surrounded yourself with a cocoon or covering for the Holy Spirit to work on you in. This has begun something divine and supernatural in you. Don't you dare try to come out early, this can mean death to the caterpillar and could put to death the new anointing and the new creation God wants to do in you. Your stillness will allow this transformation to complete. Allow your insides to melt and I assure you that there will be a breakthrough and a coming out in the near future!

The caterpillar usually stays in the cocoon for days reaching almost death. This season may seem to be painful and long, but be still and know that he is God.

#3. EMERGE AND BREAK OUT WITH WINGS, VIBRATE COLOR AND GRACEFULNESS

Once you've created your covering with your mouth, endured the season of loneliness, stillness and pain, you are finally ready to emerge and come forth with a new form both inside and out.

This seems to be the easiest part, however, I believe that it can be the most difficult. This last step can be the hardest thing you've ever done in your life. You see, while you were inside your cocoon of faith, you weren't vulnerable to the outside. Sure, you may have had a hard time creating a covering of faith big enough to cocoon you and you might have even suffered terrible pain during the transforming of your insides, but once through these things many have felt tremendous peace inside the cocoon of faith. For many this may be the first season "alone" with the Holy Spirit.

Saints, this season of Holy Metamorphosis may very well be the only time that you ever feel that an entire season is dedicated to you. The true Christian should always remember that life is not about them, but rather about those around him or her that are in need. Understand that while "under construction" each individual is separated spiritually while God strategically works on him or her in preparation for their next series of ministry challenges. Once this season draws to a close and the emerging is scheduled, many will choose to stay within the safety of their surroundings. This is dangerous for you and the kingdom of God.

Contrary to false teaching on the blessing of the Lord, you must realize that the wings, the vibrant color and the gracefulness that you will emerge from construction with, is for the world to see. Many teach that it is arrogance that displays abundance. This teaching is false. God gives for you to release to others freely, just the way you received the blessing. No matter how comfortable the surrounding, no matter how at home the covering is and no matter what anybody will say about the once "crawler" now turned "flyer", at the appointed time – you must breakout, breakthrough and break in the new equipment the Lord has given to you.

You are God's chosen people! God did not call you to this change in make up, form and structure for you to worry about what someone will think, say or do to you concerning the new equipping from the Lord. Embrace your calling and be equipped through a Holy Metamorphosis!