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1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Arthur Brisbane, longtime editor of the New York Sun, was noted for his clarity and briefly written stories. In one of his columns, he pictured a crowd of grieving caterpillars carrying an empty cocoon to its final resting place. The poor, distraught caterpillars were weeping as they bore the cocoon along while overhead there fluttered in the breeze a beautiful butterfly. Such was the stark beauty of Brisbane's commentary on the transformation that every believer may anticipate when his or her body is raised from the dead.

In contrast to the grieving procession described by Brisbane, not long after the resurrection of Christ, a letter was written about the difference in Christians mourning their dead as opposed to pagans. He wrote, "If any righteous man among the Christians passes from this world, they rejoice and offer thanks to God. "I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow" (Jer. 31:13).

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