

All this seems to be justified, because we all will die at some time or another, so why not go peaceful in a well-planned fashion?

God created us in the four-dimensional realm of time, length, width and height and within this frame work this decision seems justified.

However, *“the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”* (Genesis 2:7)

**Our soul** lives inside our body and **does not die** with our body, but lives on.

### Science Proves that We Have a Soul

“In 1901 Dr Duncan MacDougall conducted an experiment that proved that what we refer to as the soul



exists, has weight and **is** actually something that leaves our body the moment we die. The experiment was conducted on six dying patients; five men and a woman. The patients were placed on a specially made reliable weight scale just before dying.

Dr MacDougall and five more physicians concluded that in each of the six cases monitored, **a weight loss averaging 21 grams** was noted after the patient died.

The instant life ceased, the opposite scale pan fell with a suddenness that was astonishing; as if something had been lifted from the body. He conducted similar experiments on 15 dogs but results were not the same. No weight loss.

(Taken from New York Times Article: 11-03-1907)

### Nature brings Understanding

Dr Albert Einstein said, *“Look deep into nature and you will understand everything better.”*

For example, we have our life's parallel in the caterpillar transforming into a butterfly. Right now we, like the caterpillars, feed on the things around us. Our life seemingly ends when we go into our chrysalis, resembling our coffin. It is hard for us, as caterpillars, to see beyond this point and to believe that we will pass on from our limited low estate into a new dimension, transmuting into a being that continues with other capabilities, depending on the decisions which we made here on earth.



### Our Struggle is Key to our Development.

The struggle we face to hold on for dear life is like the butterfly's struggle to escape its chrysalis. This struggle is what develops and strengthens us for our future abilities beyond the grave, when we emerge from our cocoon.



### Why is the Butterfly's Struggle Crucial?

As it turns out, a chemical is released when



they're getting out of their chrysalis, a chemical that strengthens their wings. Their movements inside the chrysalis pump fluid into their wings, which help the wings to expand. Their Houdini-like escape helps them build the necessary muscles to do all things butterfly related.

[What we can learn from a butterfly's struggle to escape its chrysalis](#)

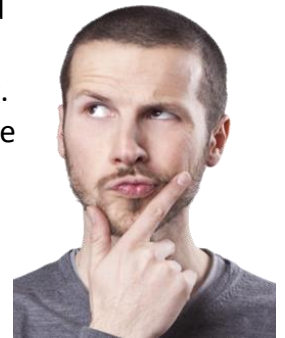
### It Needs to Emerge in its Own Time

The timing of the butterfly emerging from the chrysalis is key; too early and they're doomed as the slow and gradual squeezing through the hole in the cocoon squeezes all the fluids from the body into the wings.

It needs to emerge from that cocoon in its own time so that it can then spread its wings.

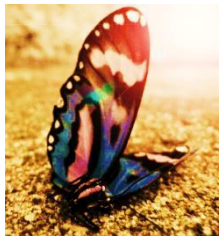
### The Benevolent Blunder

The new lab-assistant watched in fascination how the butterfly struggled and struggled. Then the butterfly stopped wriggling. The young assistant became concerned. After waiting awhile longer with no further movement, the well-meaning chap took a penknife from the desk.



With the intention to help the distressed creature, he enlarged the hole in the cocoon. The butterfly was instantly freed and slid out of the cocoon onto the table. What a relief.

But something wasn't right with the butterfly that he had helped. Its wings were limp and its body was mushy and weak. The butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling. It never was able to fly.



Adapted from [Purpose in Struggle: The helpful man and a butterfly](#)

### How Does this Apply to Us?

Of course we don't want to see our loved one suffer. Euthanasia may be a temporary relief for everyone involved, but neither us, nor the butterfly should skip this difficult time of



emerging from the chrysalis. Of course we want to help the struggling person and we might think that we

are doing them a favour, but we may well stunt the growth of their future potential.

### In Conclusion

We live in a "Quick-Fix" society with little time to nursemaid. We purpose to change with the times and Euthanasia is a "Quick-Fix" Solution.

Yet, we cannot see our future potential from our limited perspective; but neither can the caterpillar grasp what is happening when it is undergoing the metamorphosis in the chrysalis; nor does it have the capability to comprehend, let alone appreciate, why the struggle is essential for the butterfly to experience the fullness of freedom as it emerges into open air.

All of us will change into a creature that will mirror our soul, which we formed by the choices we made within our limited present-day parameters.

It is my hope and prayer that with this analogy of the caterpillar - butterfly, you have a more complete picture on which to base your crucial life-ending decision, which may affect eternity.



*"You have been given this life, because you are strong enough to live it."* Author Unknown  
If you are however a weak person like I am then come to Jesus and tell him everything. He'll strengthen and help you to overcome the insurmountable; most of all he'll watch over you when you pass through the valley of death.

The Apostle Paul wrote:  
*"Listen, I am going to tell you a mystery: This corruptible body must put on incorruption, and **this mortal must put on immortality.**"*  
When this happens, *'then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.**'* (1Co:15:51-54)

Before making any decisions, get a step ahead and read the two following pamphlets plus John's account. **Only make the choice that you personally are happy with, without outside pressure, however well-meaning it may be.**

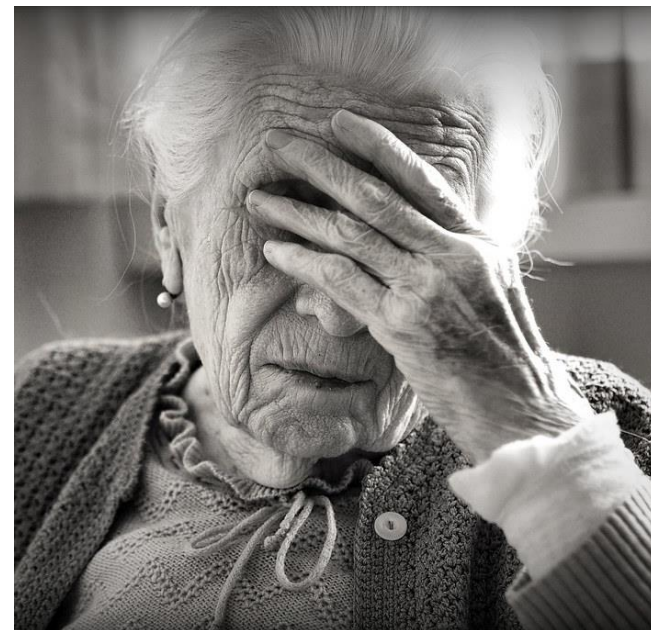
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## Euthanasia

When our struggles and pain seem hopeless!



Towards the end of this life here on earth our body gets weak and sickness sets in, which can be very painful. Our struggle for life seems too daunting. The condition of our physical body seems hopeless.

### We start Reasoning

'Look, I have had a good life, why not end it here? I don't want to be a burden on my loved ones and all this caring for me is very humiliating, as I used to be strong. Why struggle to stay alive?'

Most of our caring loved-ones will agree, "Why suffer so much? You can die with dignity. Please know that we will always love you."

