



The Butterfly

After my January 1, 1982 double rainbow experience, I never left the house without my camera and began a portfolio of nature images.... Beyond rainbows, flowers, sunrises and sunsets, and the beauty that surrounds us constantly. I was also embarking on studying metaphysics and realized very quickly that photography not only got me in touch with my creative right brain but reinforced the joy and gift of "present moment awareness". You had to be in the present moment if you wanted to catch a rainbow! I had not yet purchased a zoom lens camera; and then I had another spiritual moment when a butterfly posed for me to take its picture. I wanted to zoom in to capture its beauty. I slowly walked.... closer and closer and closer and that butterfly did not budge. I took its photo, enlarged and sold many of them and then the ultimate gift from that butterfly happened several years later... I was living in Oakland, CA at the time and that beautiful butterfly was framed and hanging on the wall of my living room. One evening while relaxing, I glanced at the butterfly and saw flames in its center. I looked and squinted my eyes and looked again and sure enough there were flames! I jumped up and realized the butterfly was reflecting the flames from my bedroom where a tapered candle had fallen into the curtain and began a fire! I screamed, got a bucket of water and saved the house from burning down! As I looked more closely at the butterfly I could see an image of Christ right in the center, as I can still see to this day. Take a look to see if you can see it too.