# Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Coping with Covid - Morning

**Laugh it off:** Visiting Annapolis, I noticed several plebes on their hands and knees holding pencils and clipboards. "What are they doing?" I asked our tour guide. "Each year, the upper-classmen ask the freshmen how many bricks it took to finish paving this courtyard," he said. "So what's the answer?" my friend asked. The guide replied, "One."

God's Comfort: Prov 27:3-5 Stone is heavy and sand a burden, but a fool's provocation is heavier than both. 4 Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy? 5 Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Psalm 145:17-21 17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. 18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. 20 The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. 21 My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

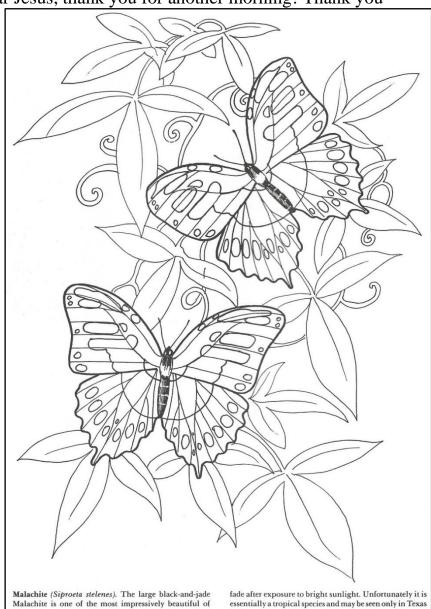
Pray daily - God is easy to talk to: Dear Jesus, thank you for another morning! Thank you

that I am alive on this beautiful planet, so full of marvelous things like beautiful plants and animals. Thank you for all the people you have created in your image. Please fill me with your Holy Spirit, now and all day long, until I go to sleep. The time and opportunities I have right now will never return, so help me make the best of them. Also, let me remember that you know what you are doing, whether I can see it or not. Thank you. Amen.

### National Day Today (May 23):

Amateur Radio Military Day, Declaration of the Bab Day (Bahai Faith), Day to End Obstetric Fistula, Heritage Breeds Day, Jazz Day, Turtle Day, Julia Pierpont Day (1882 inspired Decoration Day now called Memorial Day), Taffy Day, Turtle Day.

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and southern Florida.

North American butterflies, although its color tends to

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**Laugh it off**: My great-aunt looked confused when I told her that my daughter was 18 months old. "Oh," she said. "I thought she was a year and a half." "But Aunt Marie," I said, "18 months and a year and a half are the same." She shrugged. "What do I know? I never had kids." -- My daughter was anxious to do some landscaping at her new home, but then she called up sounding discouraged. "I don't think I'll ever get these flowers planted," she moaned. "It says to plant in full sun, but it's been cloudy for four days."

God's Comfort: Matthew 13:44-46 44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Historical Perspective (May 23): 1785 - Benjamin Franklin invents bifocals. 1827 - First U.S. nursery school (NYC). 1846 - Arabella Mansfield born. First U.S. woman to pass bar exam. 1873 – Canadian Mounties Formed. 1876 - Boston's Joe Borden first no-hitter in NL. 1883 - Douglas Fairbanks born. 1900 - Sgt. William H. Carney (Civil War African American) awarded Medal of Honor, 37 years after event. 1910 - Artie Shaw born. 1933 - Joan Collins born. 1934 - Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow shot by Texas Rangers. 1940 - Sinatra and Dorsey record "I'll Never Smile Again". 1958 - Drew Carey born. 1999 - Gerry Bloch (81) oldest climber to scale El Capitan in Yosemite National Park.

**Writing for Fun: Couplet-** This type of poem has two lines which frequently rhyme and have the same length and rhythm, or meter.

<b>Example Couplet:</b>								
Sample Ben Franklin Couplet:	Ben Franklin invented bifocals for his eyes							
	Because his blurry vision kept feeding him lies.							
Your Ben Franklin Couplet:								
Sample Canadian Mounty Couplet:	Dudley Do-Right the Mounty, mounted his bed.							
	Exhausted by daily duty, stayed in red							
Your Canadian Mounty Couplet:								

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**Laugh it off:** I was on a business call when I realized I was late for a class at the gym. I must have sounded rushed, because the woman on the phone said, "Am I keeping you from something?" I replied, "I have to leave for tai chi." "Oh," she said, sounding intrigued. "What country is that in?" -- Correct punctuation: the difference between a sentence that's well-written and a sentence that's, well, written.

God's Comfort: Genesis 3:21-24 21 The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. 22 And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." 23 So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24 After he drove the man out, he

placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

#### **Quotes/Other** Wisdom:

"One today is worth two tomorrows." -Benjamin Franklin

"Nurture your minds with great thoughts. To believe in the heroic makes heroes." -Benjamin Disraeli

"Most of us have far more courage than we ever dreamed we possessed." - Dale Carnegie

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