



Designed By God

**"We have many members in one body,
but all the members
do not have the same function."
--Romans 12:4**

Read: Romans 12:3-8

Bison are made in such a way that their natural inclination is to look down; the design of their necks makes it difficult for them to look up. In contrast, giraffes are designed in a way that makes looking up easy; the way their necks were made makes it difficult for them to look down. Two creatures created by the same God but with distinctively different body parts and purposes. Giraffes eat leaves from the branches above. Bison eat grass from the field below. God provides food for both, and neither has to become like the other to eat.

As we observe the animals and people around us, we're reminded that God made each one of us unique for a purpose. One person's natural tendency is to look up and see the "big picture," while another looks down and focuses on details. Both are important. One is not better than the other. God gave us individual talents and spiritual gifts so that we can work together as a body.

Human beings are the crowning jewel of creation, and we shine the brightest not when we see our own likeness reflected in others but when each of us performs the unique functions that God designed for us to do. "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them" (Rom. 12:6).

-Julie Ackerman Link

By God's wise designing
We are wonderfully made,
Every part essential
And in perfect balance laid. --Anon.

**There are no unimportant members
in the body of Christ.**

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