

Different Birds



God has created a world with many different species of birds, each with its own distinct colours, characteristics and call. Through creation, we can learn that God clearly loves variety. Yet despite this knowledge, we are often guilty of thinking that when we become Christians we should all be white swans.

We should then perhaps ask ourselves how many times God has wanted a Christian eagle that speaks eagle, to witness to the eagles – a Christian owl that knows the owls' ways, to bare testimony to the owls – a Christian wren to speak fluently to the wrens? Unfortunately, if all God's birds are pretending to be white swans, none of their own species will take them seriously.

Whoever we are, whatever we do, we should do it professionally as unto God. We should let Him raise us up with the winds of grace so those around will look and wonder how we can glide through life, tranquil and relaxed, filled with compassion and inner strength. When they question, we shall have the answer in a language and personality they understand. As Christians, we should stop pretending to be something we are not and realise God made us the way we are for a reason - to be missionaries in our own occupations and recreations. (Genesis 1:25, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6)