



Peacock Tales

Peacocks are beautiful, aren't they? Their colourful tail feathers are iridescent and majestic — a rainbow of blues, greens, & golds — when they fan out in a semi-circle. So impressive!

All the bright hues in the peacock's tail are caused by light reflecting off the surfaces of the feathers in a special way. In many other structures (our eyes, for example) colours come from colour pigments. But the only pigment in the peacock's tail is drab brown. His feathers are built specially so that they **reflect light** in brilliant way.

Do you suppose the peacock is vain about being so handsome? Does he stand in front of a mirror and preen, and say, "Aren't I just amazing? Who is better-looking than me!"
No, he doesn't.



The peacock isn't even aware that he's spectacular. He is simply what God created him to be, and he does what God created him to do — which is to lift his feathers high and bring glory to God's name. When we admire the peacock, we are really admiring the artistry of **his Designer**.

So too, when others look at us and find something to compliment, we shouldn't say in our heart, "I'm so great." Instead, we should lift our hearts in thanksgiving to God, who is **our Designer**. Otherwise, we're just telling tales, not the truth!

"I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands." – Psalm 63:4