

ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE  
PHYSIOLOGY.

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**INTRODUCTION.**

**'CHAPTER I.**

**FINAL CAUSES.**

To investigate the relations which connect Man with his Creator is the noblest exercise of human reason. The Being who bestowed on him this faculty cannot but have intended that he should so exercise it, and that he should acquire, through its means, some insight, however limited, into the order and arrangements of creation; some knowledge, however imperfect, of the divine attributes; and a distinct, though faint, perception of the transcendent glory with which those attributes are encompassed. To Man have been revealed the POWER, the WISDOM, and the GOODNESS of God, through the medium of the Book of Nature, in the varied pages of which they are inscribed in indelible characters. On Man has been conferred the high privilege of interpreting these characters, and of deriving from their contemplation those ideas of grandeur and sublimity, and those emotions of admiration and of gratitude, which elevate and refine the soul, and transport it into regions of a purer and more exalted being.