

man, he formed the body out of the earth, and then breathed into it the breath of life, (*Gen. ii.*) that is to say, he created for it a spiritual and immortal soul, made after his own image and likeness; inasmuch as the soul of man is a spirit like him, capable of knowing and loving him, and made for him. The first man was named Adam; and God gave him for his companion a woman, named Eve; whom he formed out of one of his ribs, that he might love her as a part of himself: and then it was that God instituted matrimony. He also placed Adam and Eve in the earthly Paradise, or the delicious garden of Eden, with leave to eat of all the fruits there except the fruit of *the tree of knowledge*, which he forbid them under pain of death: and this was the only mark of obedience which God required from them, Here they conversed with God, and lived happily; and if they had not sinned, would never have died.

§ 2. *Of the Fall of Man by Sin.* *Gen. ii.*

God in the beginning had also created an innumerable multitude of pure spirits, of a superior nature to man, whom we call the Angels: some of these fell from God by sin, and were condemned to hell. These are the devils, or wicked spirits, who, through malice and envy, make it their business to tempt men, and to cause them to revolt from God. One of these malicious spirits entered into a serpent, and persuaded the woman to eat of the fruit of the forbidden tree: she eat of it, and gave some to her husband, who also eat of it. In that moment their eyes were opened to see and be ashamed of their nakedness, and the rebellion of the flesh against the spirit, and to know the good they had lost of the original grace and innocence. Thus they incurred the sentence of death, both temporal and eternal, became slaves of the devil, liable to all sorts of evils, weak to all kind of good, and strangely