

ments are right and justifiable according to the scriptures. In all charity I sincerely regard this as a very grave mistake.

Speaking indeed of "the principles implanted in our nature," there is a specious plausibility thrown into the very core of the question. Our nature, with all the principles God put in it, has been grandly led away from divine nature, so much so that no man can lawfully trust reason, much less uneducated or native propensity. The principles originally implanted in our nature are no longer in our nature in their primitive power and pureness, otherwise Owen and Hume, Voltaire and Volney, would have given better lessons to all men who have heard and admired them. But I cannot argue the point to-day.

The following article, copied from *The Christian Friend*, published by brother Walsh, North Carolina, will answer all present purposes on the religious character of marriage and the caution which should be exercised by those who are interested in forming attachments matrimonial :—

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We propose to write a few numbers on the subject of marriage as contemplated in the light of God's Holy word. The question which we shall discuss is this : *is it proper for christians to marry unbelievers ?*

Very soon after the expulsion of our first parents from Eden, the human family was divided into classes—the sons of God, and the sons of men. Cain had slain Abel, and, for this offence, God had doomed him to be a vagabond all the days of his life. Seth takes the place of Abel, whom Cain had put to death, "because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous." In the iv of Genesis, 26th verse, we read—"And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called him Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the Lord;" hence they were called the *sons of God*. The families of Seth and Cain multiplied and became very numerous. The line of demarcation, however, was distinctly drawn between them—*they did not inter-marry for some time*. The family of Seth worshipped God; but that of Cain, so far we learn, never did. After some considerable time had elapsed, these two families began to inter-marry "and it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them that the *sons of God* saw the *daughters of men* that they were fair; and they took them wives of all whom they chose." The result of this unholy alliance was, the race became exceedingly corrupt. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." So extensive, and deep rooted was the corruption of the human heart, that God repented He had made man, and he resolved to destroy him from the face of the earth. The worship of God was abandoned, except in the house of Noah; and the whole race with the exception mentioned, was ripe for destruction. Now, it is obvious to any one