

of wedlock with the doctrine of devils; assures us marriage is honourable in all; conducts us to its commencement in Paradise; *renders the bond indissoluble; places it under the sole jurisdiction of Heaven*; and takes from it an image to prefigure the connection of Christ and his church.

Moses' narrative of Eve's creation, and Adam's reception of her includes, with the Christian interpretation of it, that which God has condescended to reveal with reference to the commencement of society: but this perfectly delineates those practices which are subversive of the institution, duties and objects of the wedded relation. By conducting all living things to Adam that he might name them, propriety and dominion over them were assigned to him by their great Creator; and from a general survey of all the animal tribes, our great ancestor perceived that they were formed in pairs for the propagation of their kinds; that himself was solitary and destitute, without his resemblance; and that a suitable companion in bodily and mental qualities, to cohabit and converse with him, to delight and comfort him, & to assist in procreating