

life in dry land," remove every vestige of sceptical uncertainty. In the ark, an equal number of males and females of all inferior existing creatures, and of those who by God's appointment "had dominion over them," was scrupulously preserved.

The matrimonial institution unequivocally declares, that domestic conjugal cohabitation was by God's design restrained to one only of each sex. In reproofing the various iniquities of the latter Jews, Malachi introduces this forcible consideration: "did not God make them one"? one pair, one man and one woman; as a rule to all mankind who should descend from them: "yet had he the residue of the spirit;" he could have created other men or additional women, if promiscuous concubinage had been for the comfort of the world. This argument against divorce, which virtually establishes polygamy and legalizes adultery, being confirmed by our Lord's authoritative wisdom, can neither be weakened by sophistry, evaded by artifice, nor overthrown by reasoning. Had it swayed human Legislators, they would have left an ordinance of Heaven to the immediate direction and controul of its Author.