

the influence of a carnal mind predominates, cannot justify the violation of the law. In all the grand branches of faith, experience and practice the pair would be severed by the impassable gulf; the great bond of spiritual cohesion would be inevitably wanting; a believer in Jesus could not find an helpmate; one must be a perpetual object of pity to the other partner; and in the most solemn moments, the devotional husband of an unbelieving wife, or the prayerful wife of an infidel husband must consider the other as "a child of wrath," and must anticipate death with dismay, as the commencement of an everlasting separation.

To a christian, in whose ears the apostolic precept daily resounds, "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;" the great danger of this union will be obvious; it will be a powerful, probably an insuperable preventative to the "progress of religion." The enemies, difficulties and obstructions in the christian race are numerous, even when our avocations and connections are propitious to our advancement; but when our nearest relative from whom we must be inseparable by affection