

1. Where did Cain get his wife?

One of oldest of all questions about the Bible.

Why do people keep asking it?

Some really want to know, and they bel the Bible record. Others think they have somehow stumped the Christian with this question.

What facts does the Bible give us that lead us to an answer?

1st, no race of people before Adam, for JC said, Matt 19:4.

2nd, Eve was mother of all living people, Gen. 3:20

3rd, Adam and eve had sons and daughters, Gen 5:4

4th Adam lived 930 yrs old. Average age of patriarchs who lived before the flood was 912 yrs. So lots of children could have been born and millions of people lived before the flood of Noah's day.

What do we conclude from these facts?

Obviously at least 1 son and 1 daughter of Adam and Eve had to marry in that first generation that ~~xxxxxxx~~ was born. Cain married a sister, or niece, or grand niece, for we do not know how soon he married.

Aren't brother-sister marriages dangerous?

They certainly are today and are prohibited by law. Reason is that children of such marriages are more likely to be deformed or defective bec of inherited mutant genes. But Adam and Eve 's genetic systems had no mutant genes in them, so wasn't dangerous. Would have taken many generations before such genes which are random changes would have made marriages of close relatives harmful.

What does all this tell us?

It tells ~~xxx~~ us that the Bible is perfectly consistent with ~~itself~~ and with all theknown facts of science.

2. Since the word Trinity is not in the Bible, how do we know that God is a Trinity?

The listerner is perfectly right, The word Trinity is not in the Bible, but that does not mean that the concept is false.

How then do we know that God exists in a Trinity?

Anybody who reads the Bible is faced with two ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ^{paradoxical} lines of evidence. One is the clear teaching that ~~xxxxxxx~~ there is one God. The OT declares in Deut 6:4 that the Lord our God is one Lord. The NT affirms the same truth in Jas 2:19: Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well.

It seems to be clear that there is only 1 God. But how then do we arrive at the doctrine of the Trinity?

Thats the other line of evidence that strikes anyone who reads the Bible.

One is confronted with Jesus Christ who claimed and was recognized to be God. Doubting Thomas said, My Lord and My God (Jn 20:28). He claimed to have powers that only God has. He said He was all powerful, all knowing and able to forgive sins. Furthermore, as you read the Bible you see the Holy Spirit who is called God too. Lying to the HS is the same as lying to God (Acts 5:3-4). The HS also claimed to have characteristics which only God has, like knowing all things and being everywhere (1 Cor 2:10; Ps 139:7). And, of course, God is the Father too, Jn 6:27. So here are three persons who claim to be and act like God. ~~ThaxxxxxxChrxxxxxxx~~

How can we put these facts together--one God, yet 3 persons who are God as well.

Christians have put these facts together and concluded that ~~the~~ the one God exists in 3 co-equal and eternal persons, and that's the doctrine of theTrinity.

Is Trinity the best way to describe this teaching?

No, I don't thinkso, because it emphasises only the threeness of God. Trininity would be a better word. God is a triunity. Remember the great commission? Baptize in the name (note the singular--one God) of the F,S, and HS (see the threeness. A triune God is the only true God as revealed in the Bible.