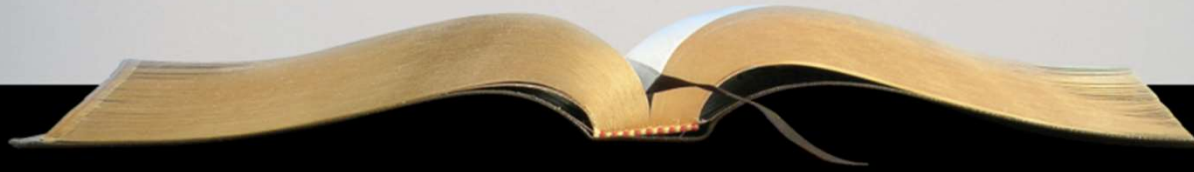


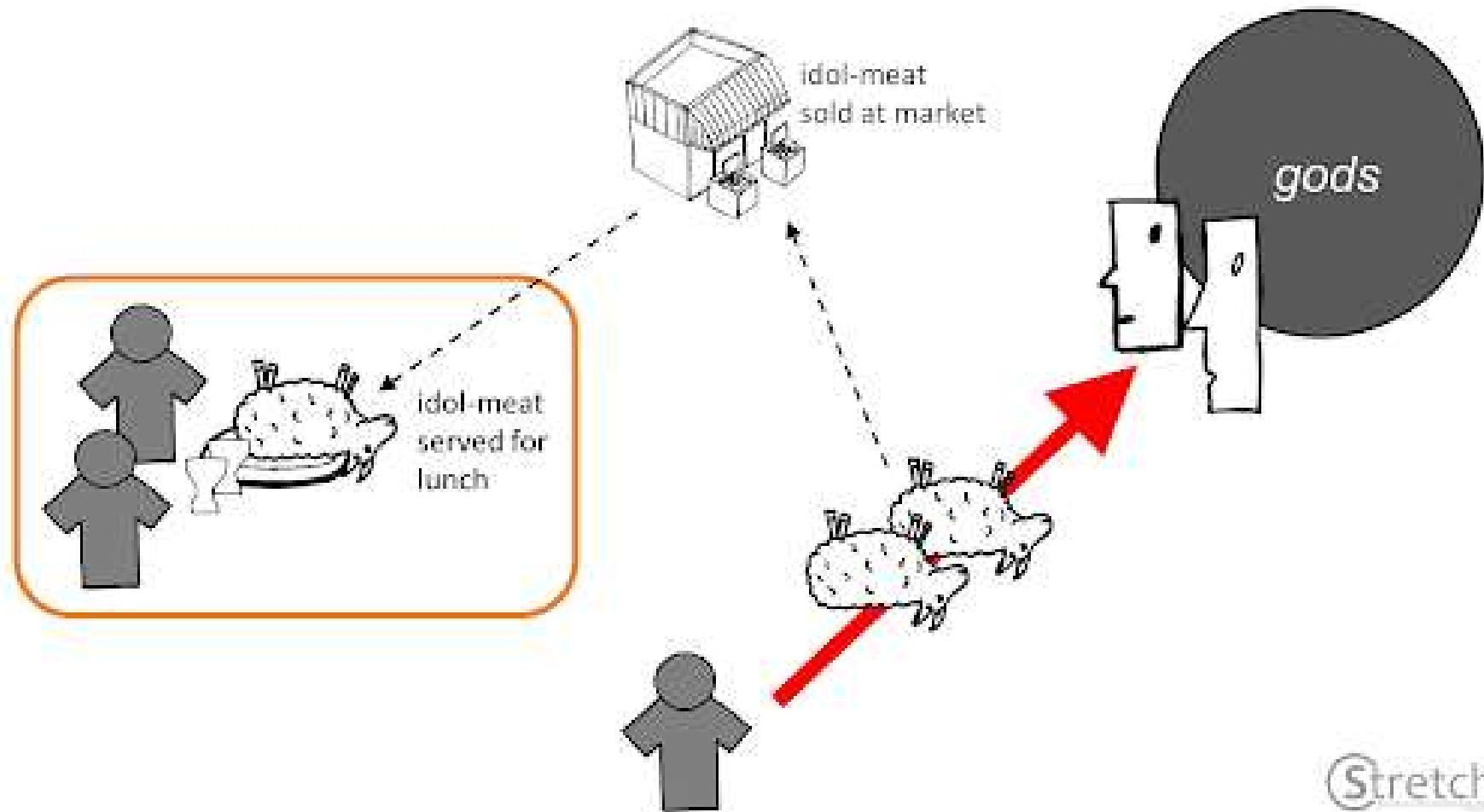
**[1 Corinthians]
Lesson 8**

Food Offered to Idols

(1 Corinthian 8:1-13; 10:14-33)

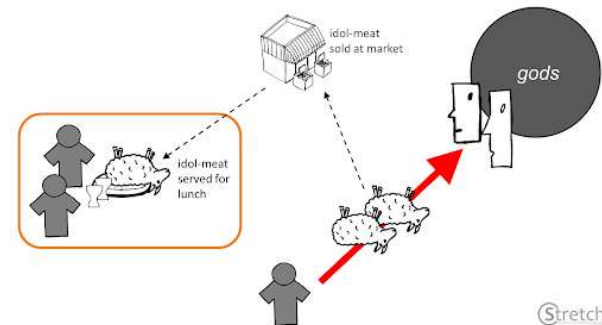


1. Having True Knowledge About Idols and Food



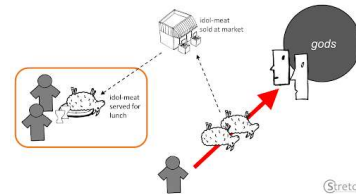
(1 Cor. 8:4) *As concerning (about) therefore the eating of those things [food] that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, **we know** that an idol is nothing in the world, and [we know] that there is none other God but (only) one.*

Christians Know:



Idol = Nothing (not God) and There is only one God.

(1Co 8:5-6) For though (*yes*) there be that are called gods [*not true; man's ideas*], whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) (6) But to us there is but (only) one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

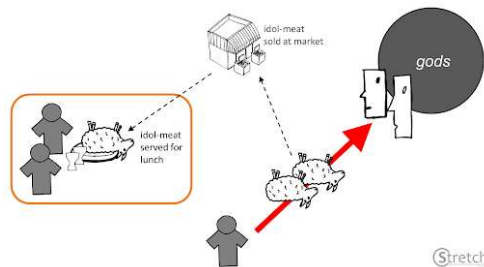


Our One God and One Lord has created all things and continues to sustain all things: both visible and invisible. God creates and gives all food for our pleasure and strength.

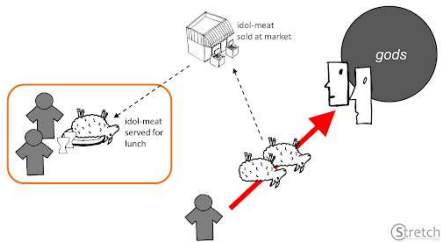
(1Co 8:8) *But meat (food) commendeth (show good) us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better (good); neither, if we eat not, are we the worse (bad).*

Christians Know: Food does not help or hurt us before God.

...So, we are free to eat all food and thank God for all food.



(1 Cor. 10:25-27) **Whatever** (all food) is sold in the shambles (market), that **eat, asking no question for conscience (mind) sake**: (26) For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. (27) If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed (want) to go; **whatever** (all food) is set before you, **eat, asking no question for conscience sake**.



You are allowed to eat all food. Though maybe food before was sacrificed to idols, you are not wrong to eat the food.

2. Don't Hurt New Christians with Your Knowledge



(1Co 8:1) Now as touching (*about*) things offered (*given*) unto idols, we know that **we all have knowledge**.
Knowledge puffeth up (*makes proud*), but charity (*love*) edifieth (*makes strong*).

True Knowledge = Liberty (freedom)

Careful NOT to happen!!!



Your knowledge and liberty = **Pride** and Hurt others

(1 Cor. 8:4) ... **we know** that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but (only) one. (7) Howbeit (but) there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience (mind) of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled (unclean).

“Weak” = New Christians—not having True Knowledge About Idols



(1Co 8:9) *But take heed (careful) lest by any means (maybe) this liberty (freedom [knowledge]) of yours become a stumblingblock (make fall into sin) to them that are weak.*



Christians who have not the true knowledge about idols.

(1Co 8:10) For if any man see **thee** which **hast** **knowledge** sit at meat (*eat*) in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience (*thinking*) of **him which is weak** be emboldened (*pushed*) to eat those things which are offered to idols; (11) And through **thy knowledge** shall **the weak brother** perish (*destroy*), for **whom** Christ died?



Brother with knowledge knows an idol is “nothing in the world”
Brother without knowledge feels pushed to copy, but sins.

(1Co 8:12) But when **ye** sin so against the **brethren**, and wound (*hurt*) **their weak conscience** (*thinking*), **ye** sin against Christ. (13) Wherefore, if meat (*food*) make **my brother** to offend (*fall into sin*), **I [Paul]** will eat no flesh (*meat*) while the world standeth (*forever*), lest (*so not happen*) **I** make **my brother** to offend (*fall into sin*).



(1 Cor. 8:2) And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought (should) to know.

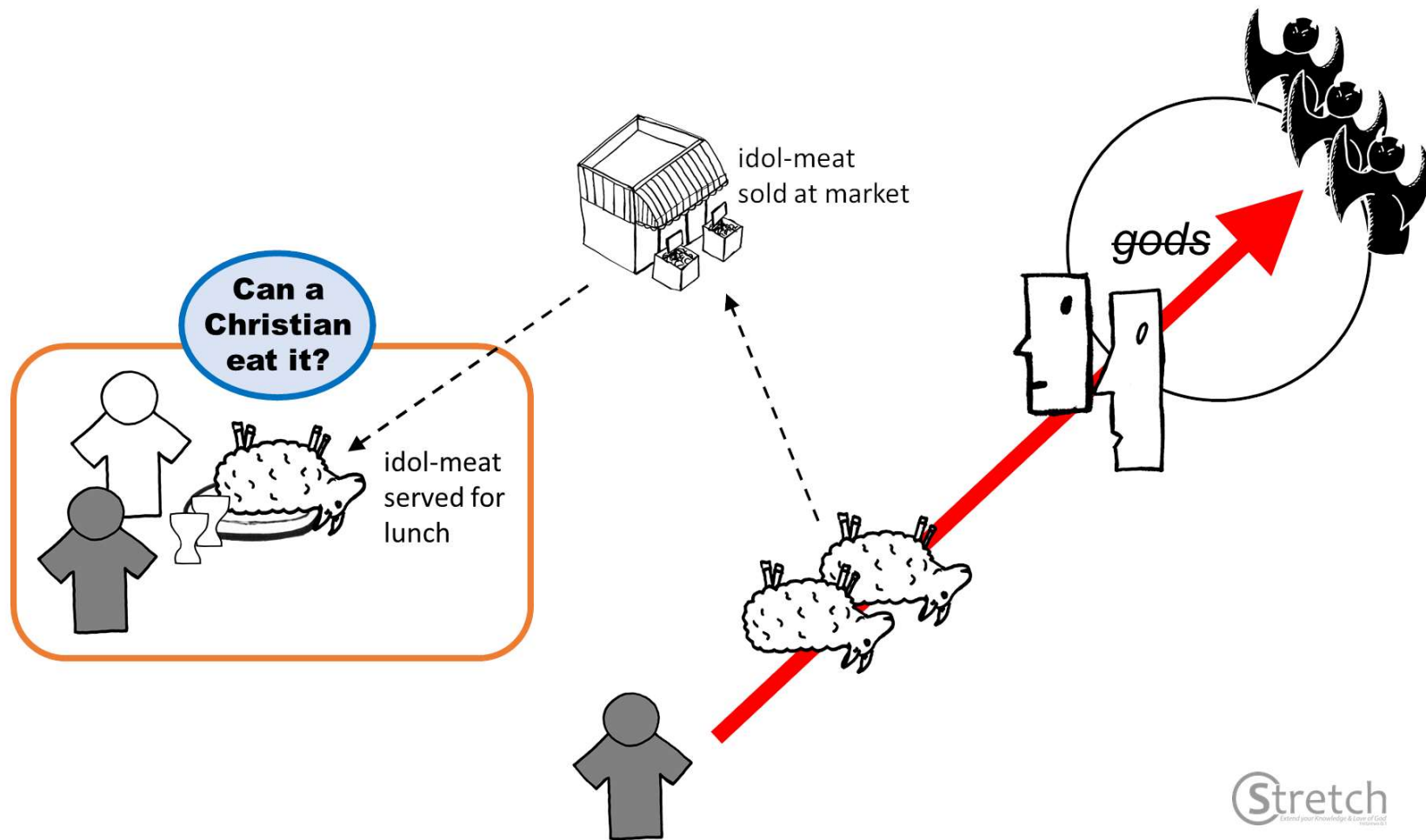
Knowledge alone = not good knowledge



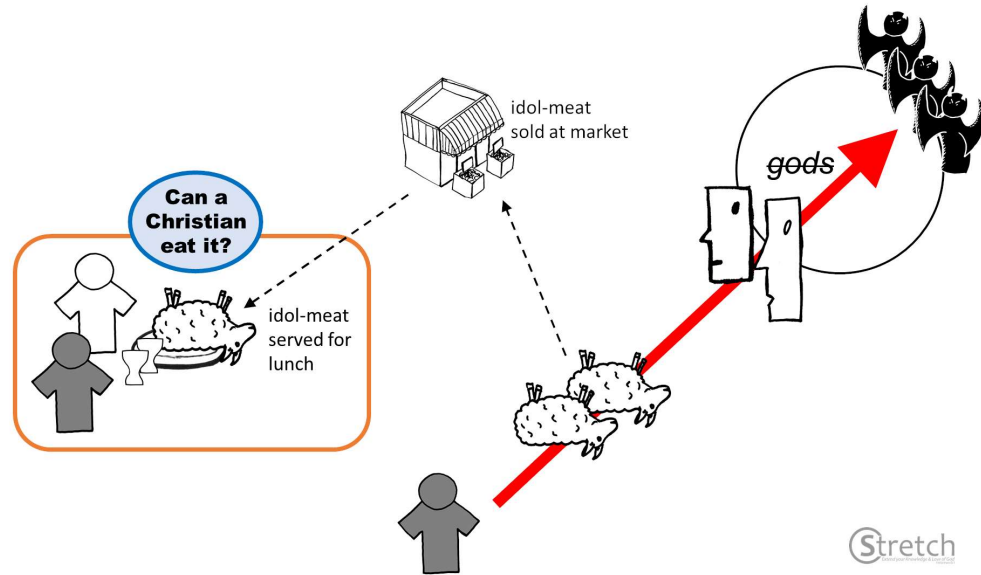
*(3) But if any man **love God**, the same is known of him.*

Knowledge + love of God = good and helpful knowledge

3. Flee Idolatry—Worshipping Devils

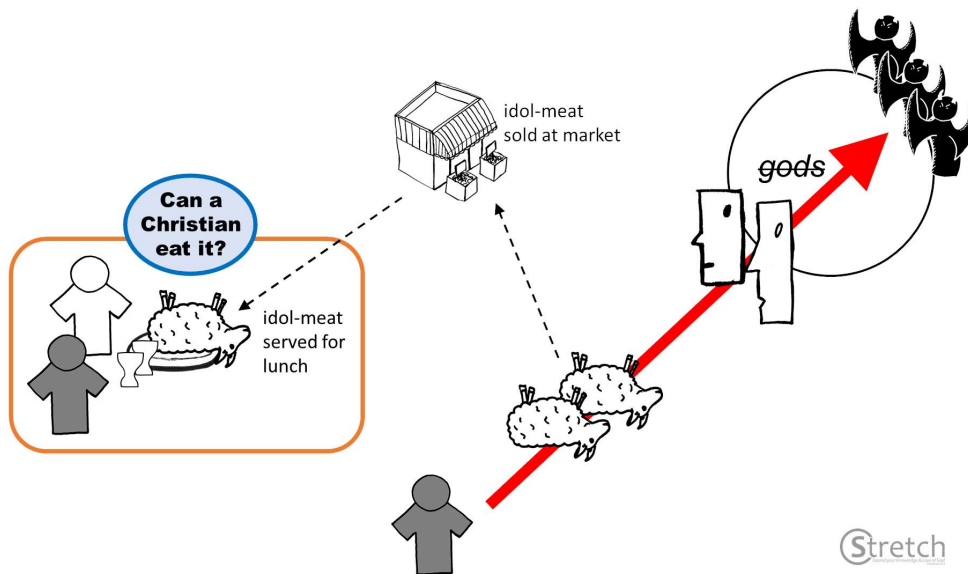


(1 Cor. 10:20) *But I [Paul] say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would (want) not that ye should have fellowship with devils.*



(1Co 10:14) *Wherefore (so), my dearly beloved, flee (run away) from idolatry.*

(1 Cor 10:21) *Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord (Lord's Supper), and the cup of devils [worship idols]: ye cannot be partakers (join) of the Lord's table, and [join] of the table of devils. (22) Do we provoke (make angry) the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?*



**Knowledge of the Truth has made us free;
but use your freedom to the glory of God.**

(1 Cor. 10:28) *But if any man say unto you, This [food] is offered in sacrifice unto idols, [you] eat not for his sake (reason) that shewed [told] it, and for conscience (mind) sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: (29) Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience? (30) For if I by grace [God's gift of food / life] be a partaker [Eat and thank God for food], why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?*

(1 Cor. 10:31) *Whether (if) therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever (all) ye do, do all to the glory of God [God's praise].*

(32) *Give none offence (hurt), neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:*

Don't hurt Muslim, Hindu, or "weak" Christians with the food you eat.

(1 Cor. 10:33) *Even as I please [make happy] all men in all things, **not seeking mine own profit** (good), **but the profit** (good) **of many**, that they may be saved.*

If you love God, you will think of others and not be selfish.

But if any man love God, the same is known of him.