

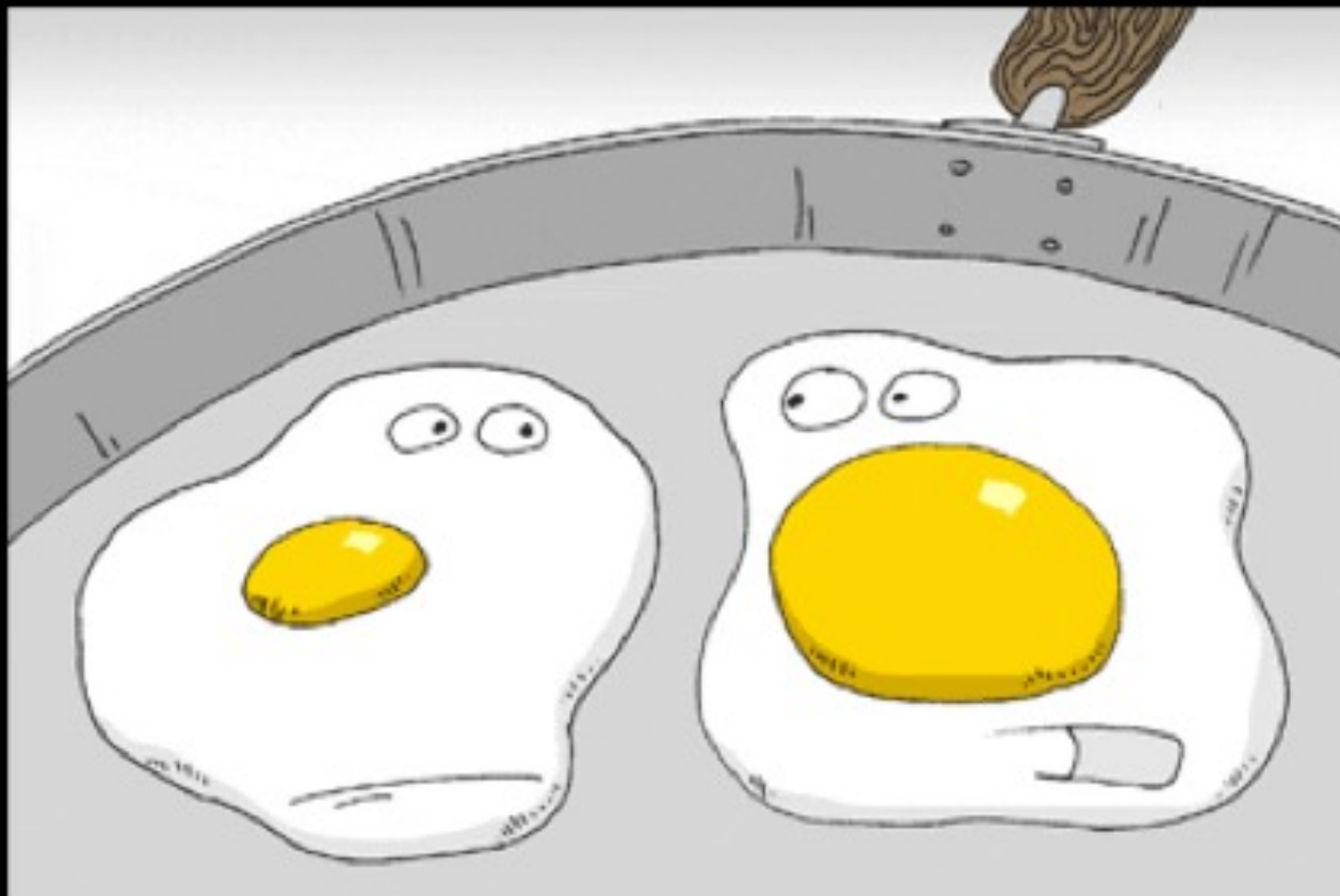


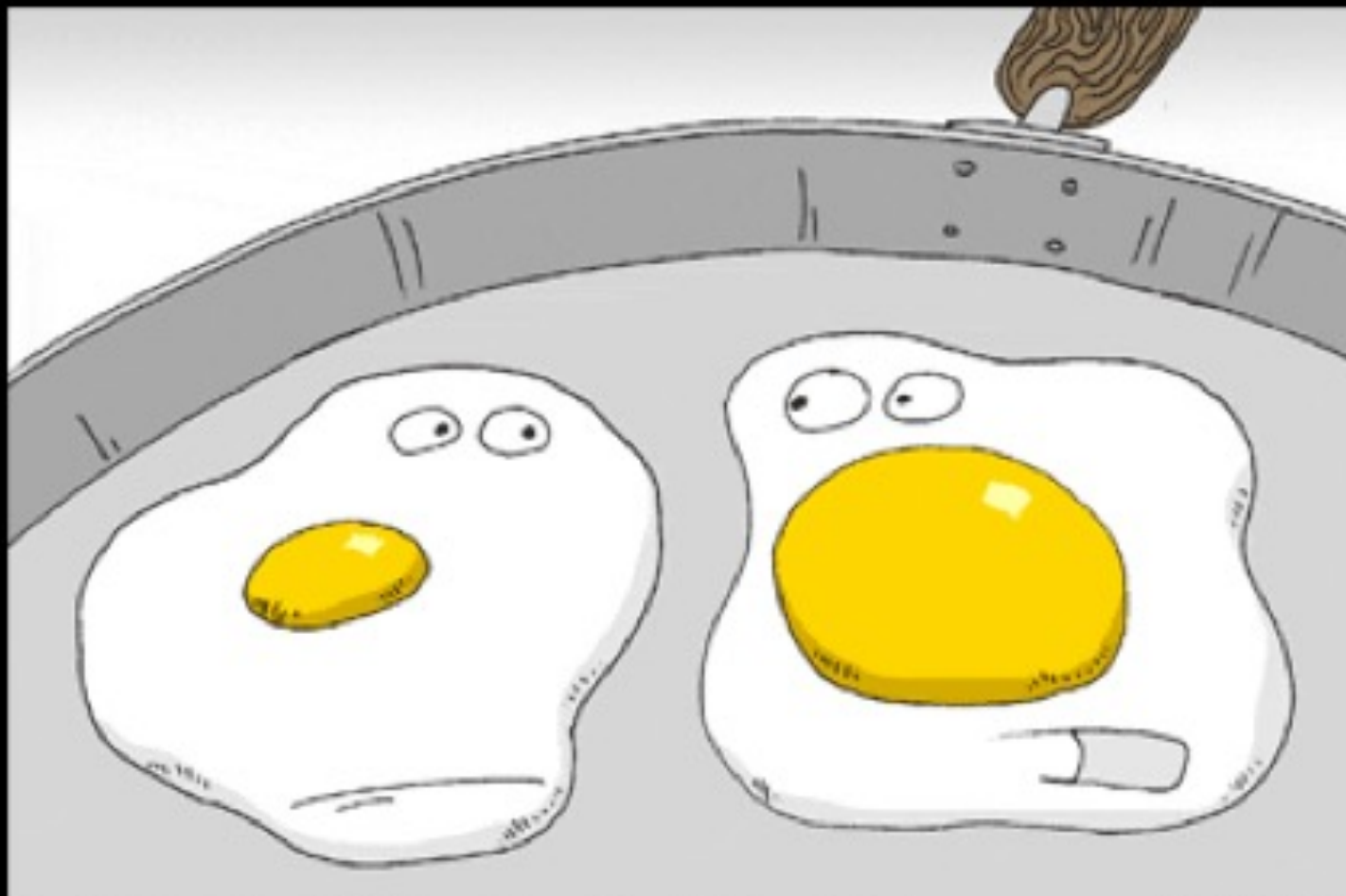
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Deuteronomy 22:10

You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.





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1 Corinthians 8:10

For if anyone sees you who have knowledge **eating in an idol's temple**, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols?

## 1 Corinthians 10:7–8

Do not be **idolaters** as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”

We must not indulge in **sexual immorality** as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

1 Corinthians 6:15,18

Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a **prostitute**? Never!

Flee from **sexual immorality**.



1 Corinthians 10:14

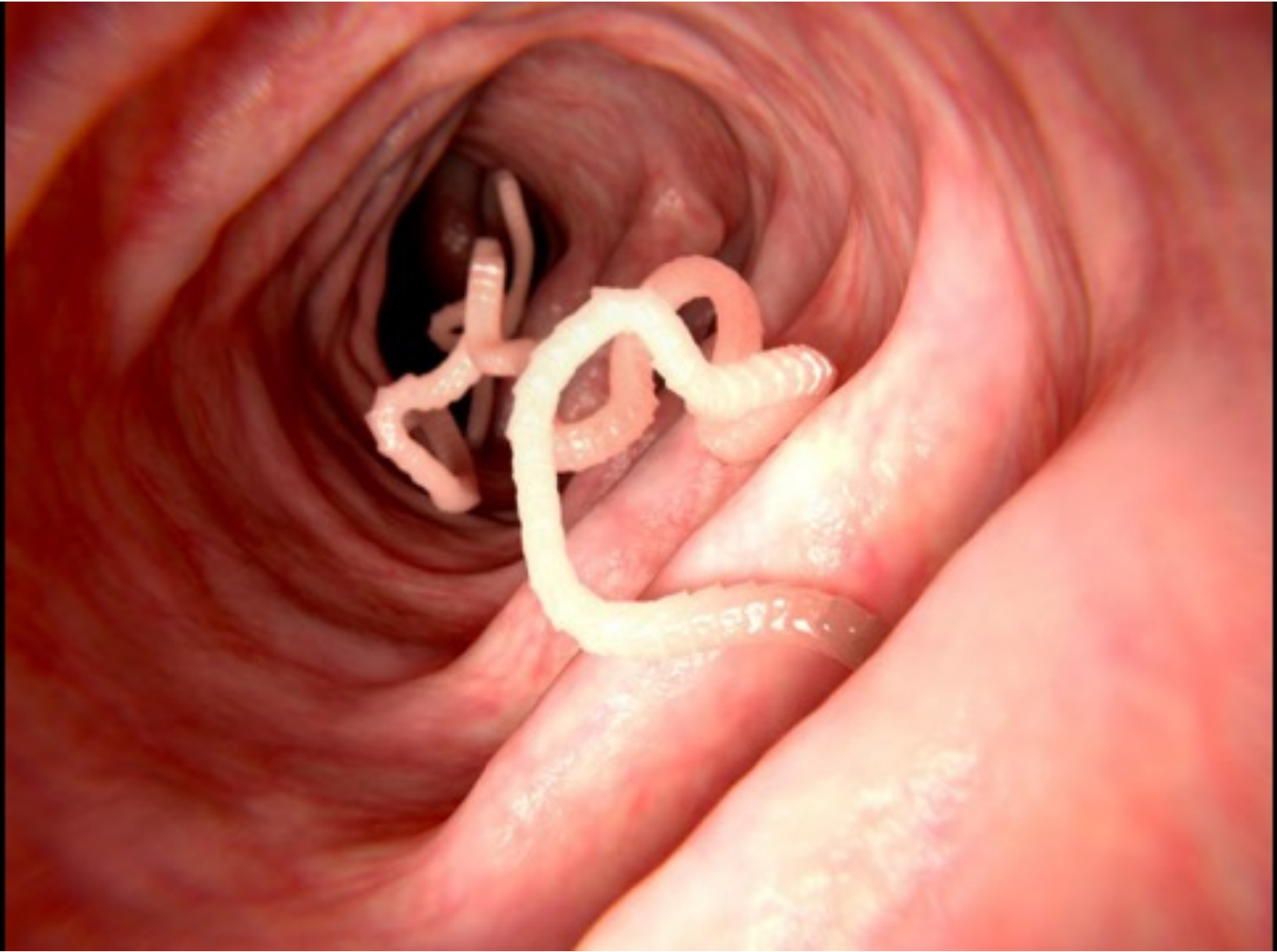
Therefore, my beloved, flee from **idolatry**.

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“You shall not make **idols** for yourselves or erect an image or pillar, and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land to bow down to it, for I am the LORD your God.”



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Will you defile yourselves after the manner of your fathers and go whoring after their **detestable things**?

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“What is in your mind shall never happen—the thought, ‘Let us be like the nations, like the tribes of the countries, and **worship wood and stone.**’

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He shall build a house for my name



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Deuteronomy 32:19

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# FAQ

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1 Corinthians 5:9–10

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—**not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world... since then you would need to go out of the world.**

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1 Corinthians 10:27

If one of the **unbelievers invites you to dinner** and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.

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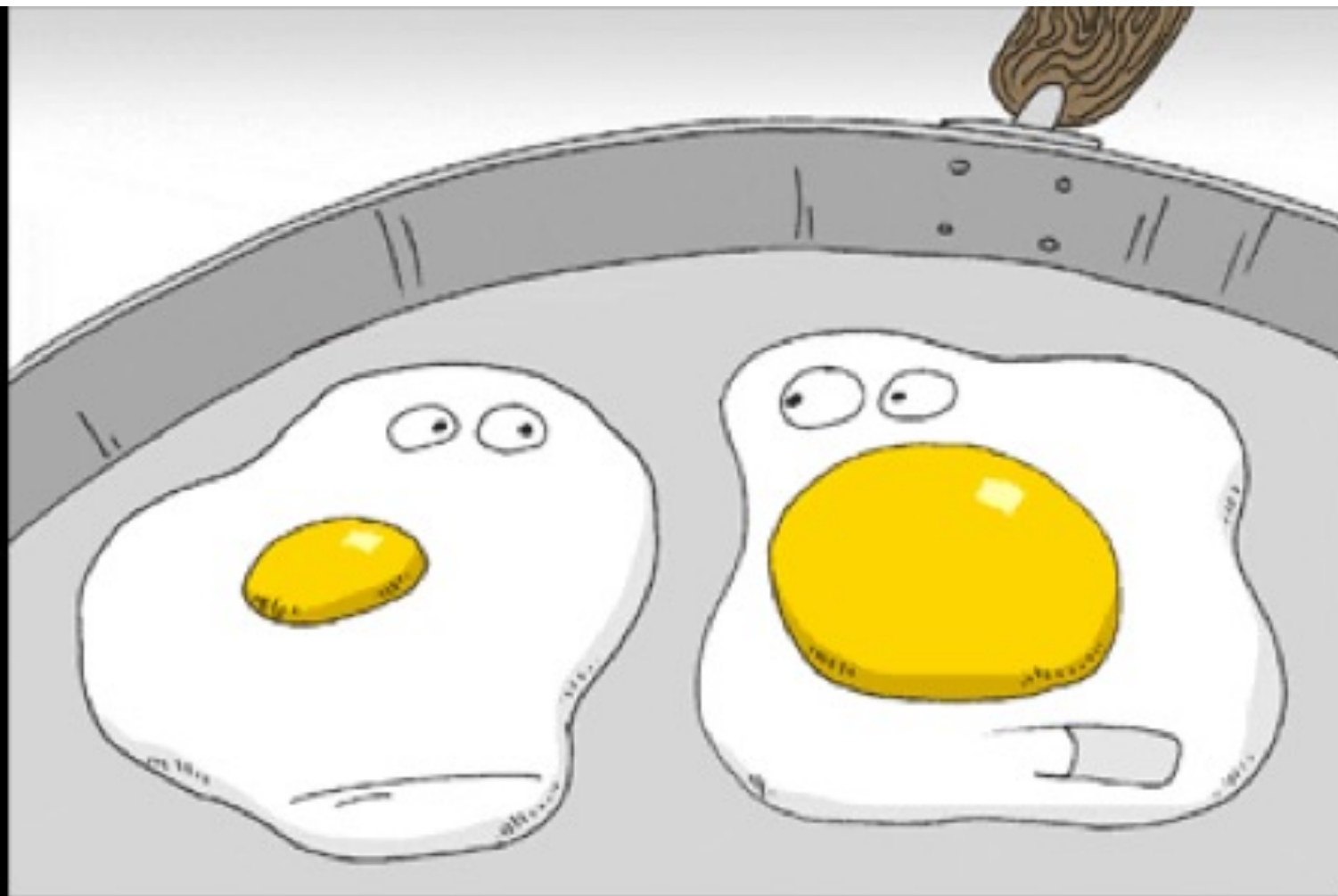


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Whilst it is not explicitly referred to in this text, 1 Corinthians 7:39 says “A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be **married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.**”

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1 Corinthians 7:13–14

If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should **not divorce him**.



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1 Corinthians 7:13–14

For the unbelieving husband is made holy  
because of his wife,  
and the unbelieving wife is made holy  
because of her husband.

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1 Corinthians 7:15

But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so.

In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved.

God has called you to peace.

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Each one should remain  
in the condition in which he was called.

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Were you a bondservant when called?

Do not be concerned about it.

(But if you can gain your freedom,  
avail yourself of the opportunity.)

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1 Corinthians 7:20–24

So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called,  
there let him remain with God.

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3. It provokes God

Colossians 3:5

**Put to death** therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and **covetousness, which is idolatry.**