

## How Does the Gospel Unite Your Head and Heart?

1 Corinthians 8

(black Bible page 956; Children's Bible page 1425)

A question was put to a famous theologian:

Q: "Was Jesus fully human?"

A: "Of course he was. But the real question is this:  
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What do we need to be fully human? We need to have our head and heart united, both thinking and loving well.

- The story of Dylan
  
- The story of Amelia

8:1-3: The problem

- They have their facts right, but their hearts are in the wrong place. Intelligent, but unloving.
  
- They do not know *as they ought to know* (verse 2).

8:4-6: The head

- Idols have no real existence. It's true, eating food sacrificed to idols is harmless.
  
- These "strong" believers at Corinth have their facts and theology correct, narrowly speaking.

8:7-13: Uniting the head to the heart

- The problem with "former associations" (verse 7)
  
- Be concerned for those who are "weak," who do not have this correct knowledge about idols. They might become confused that we believers are actually polytheists!?
  
- Once again in this series, return to the gospel and the death of Christ in verse 11: "And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died."
  
- The facts of the gospel (head), lead us to care and love (heart).

Can any story or 'fairy tale' inspire like this? No. It has to be truth about *God* and the meaning of the universe. This is what is revealed in the gospel!

Let us become more human!