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STATE OF WORLDVIEW IN AMERICA AND THE CHURCH



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51% of American adults believe they have a biblical worldview...

only 6% do.



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BREAKDOWN BY DENOMINATION

Attend Evangelical church:

- Perception: 81%
- Reality: 21%

Attend Pentecostal church:

- Perception: 73%
- Reality: 16%

Attend mainline church:

- Perception: 69%
- Reality: 8%



BREAKDOWN BY AGE

Millennials:

- Perception: 44%
- Reality: 4%

Gen X:

- Perception: 53%
- Reality: 6%

Baby Boomers:

- Perception: 54%
- Reality: 8%

Elders:

- Perception: 62%
- Reality: 9%



BREAKDOWN BY POLITICAL IDENTITY

Political Conservatives:

- Perception: 74%
- Reality: 16%

Political Moderates:

- Perception: 49%
- Reality: 3%

Political Liberals:

- Perception: 33%
- Reality: 1%





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ENCOURAGING STATISTICS

88% of churchgoers believe it is important for Christians to have a biblical worldview.

- Only 6% said it isn't important.

Desired worldview training:

- Social and Political Responsibility: 79%
- Abortion and the Value of Life: 71%
- Human Sexuality: 68%



TABLE 1
THE PERSONAL DESIRABILITY OF CHURCH OFFERING ADDITIONAL
WORLDVIEW TRAINING RELATED TO SPECIFIC TOPICS

Area of Worldview Training	How Desirable to You?			
	Very	Somewhat	Not Too	Not At All
Social and Political Responsibility	44%	35%	13%	8%
Abortion and the Value of Life	44	27	15	15
Human Sexuality	36	32	20	13



TABLE 2
DOES THE BIBLE ADDRESS THESE ISSUES?

Does the Bible Address This Matter?	Clear and Decisive	Unclear or Ambiguous	Does Not Address	Don't Know
The Definition of a Legitimate Marriage	75%	14%	7%	4%
Religious Liberty	69	14	9	8
Divorce	66	18	9	7
The Morality of Killing an Unborn Child	65	15	13	8
If Homosexuality is Morally Acceptable	63	19	11	7
How to Know a Person's Gender	59	15	18	8
If Transgenderism is Morally Acceptable	52	19	20	9
What Types of Candidates to Vote For	44	16	30	11



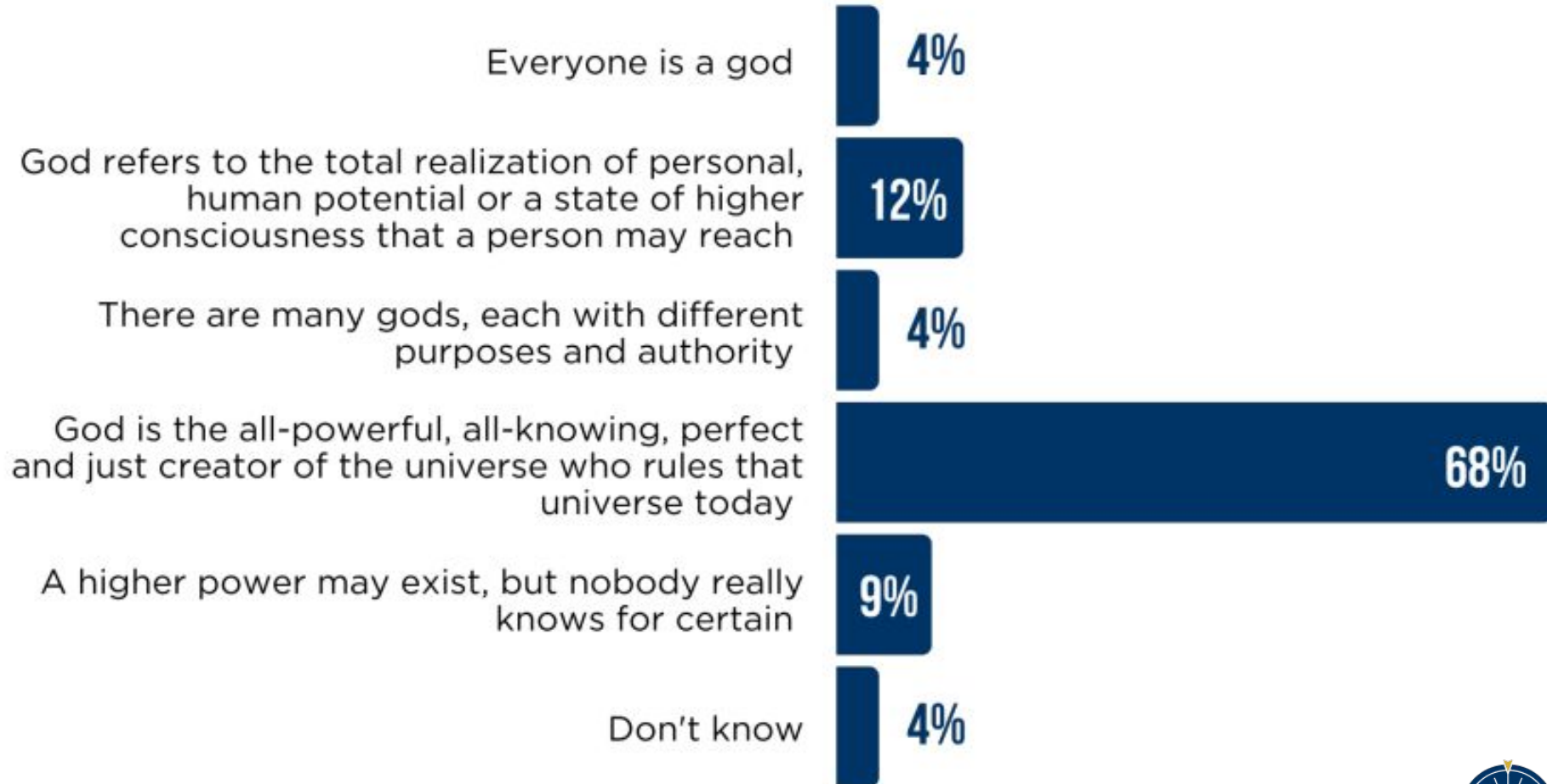
CRUCIAL INSIGHT

Worldview clarity depends on the strength and purity of the philosophical and theological foundations of a person's worldview.



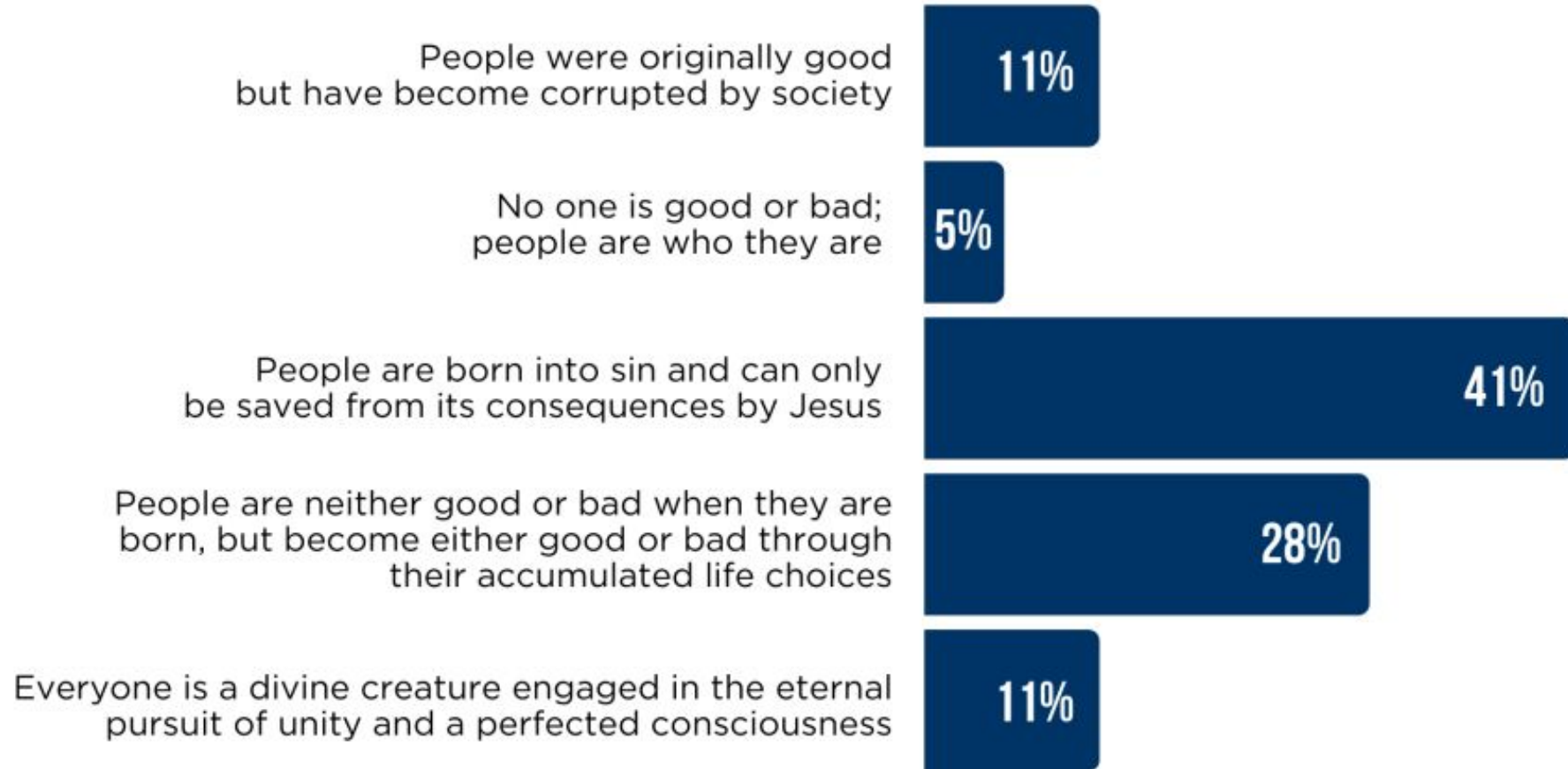
CORNERSTONE 1

WHICH OF THESE DESCRIPTIONS COMES CLOSEST
TO WHAT YOU, PERSONALLY, BELIEVE?



CORNERSTONE 2

WHAT OF THESE STATEMENTS BEST DESCRIBES
YOUR VIEW OF THE HUMAN CONDITION?



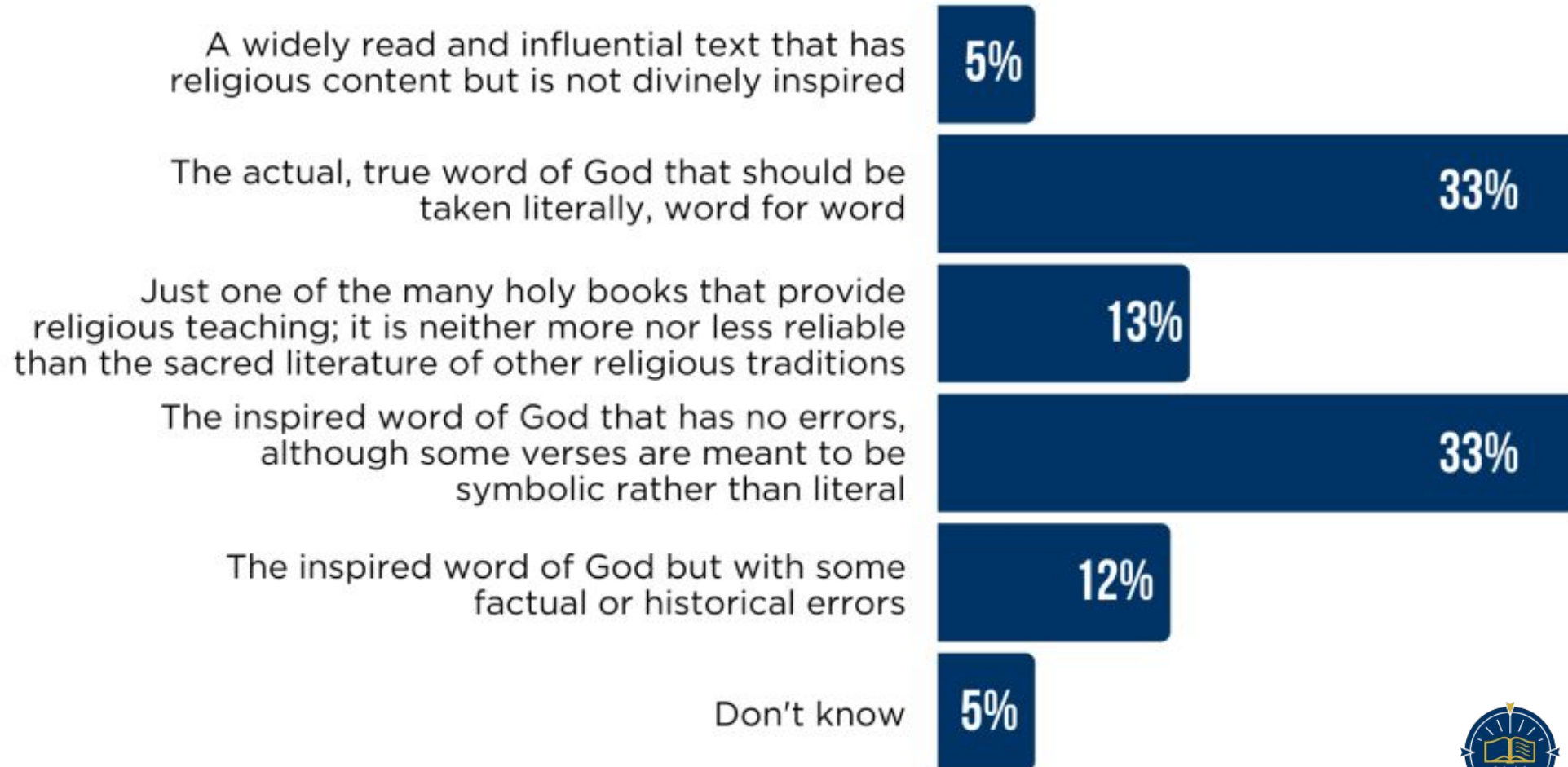
CORNERSTONE 3

WHICH OF THESE STATEMENTS BEST DESCRIBES WHAT
YOU BELIEVE WILL HAPPEN TO YOU AFTER YOU DIE?



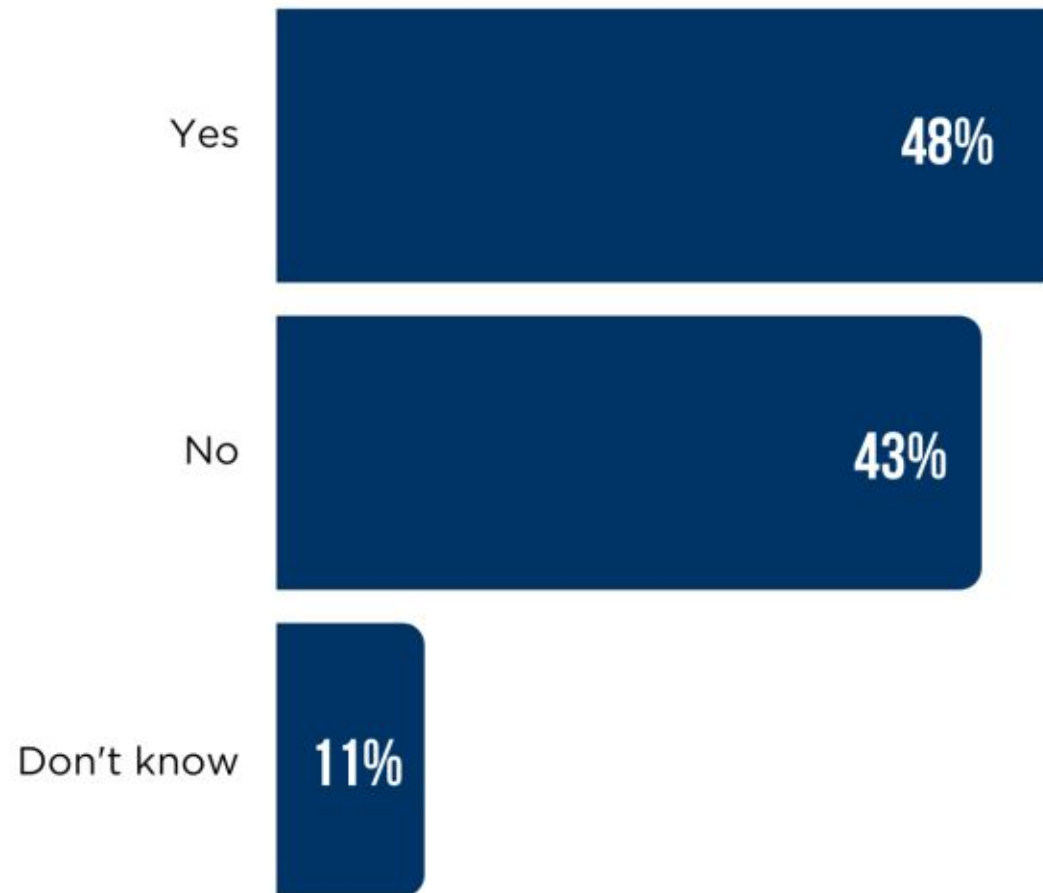
CORNERSTONE 4

WHICH OF THESE DESCRIPTIONS COMES CLOSEST
TO WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT THE BIBLE?



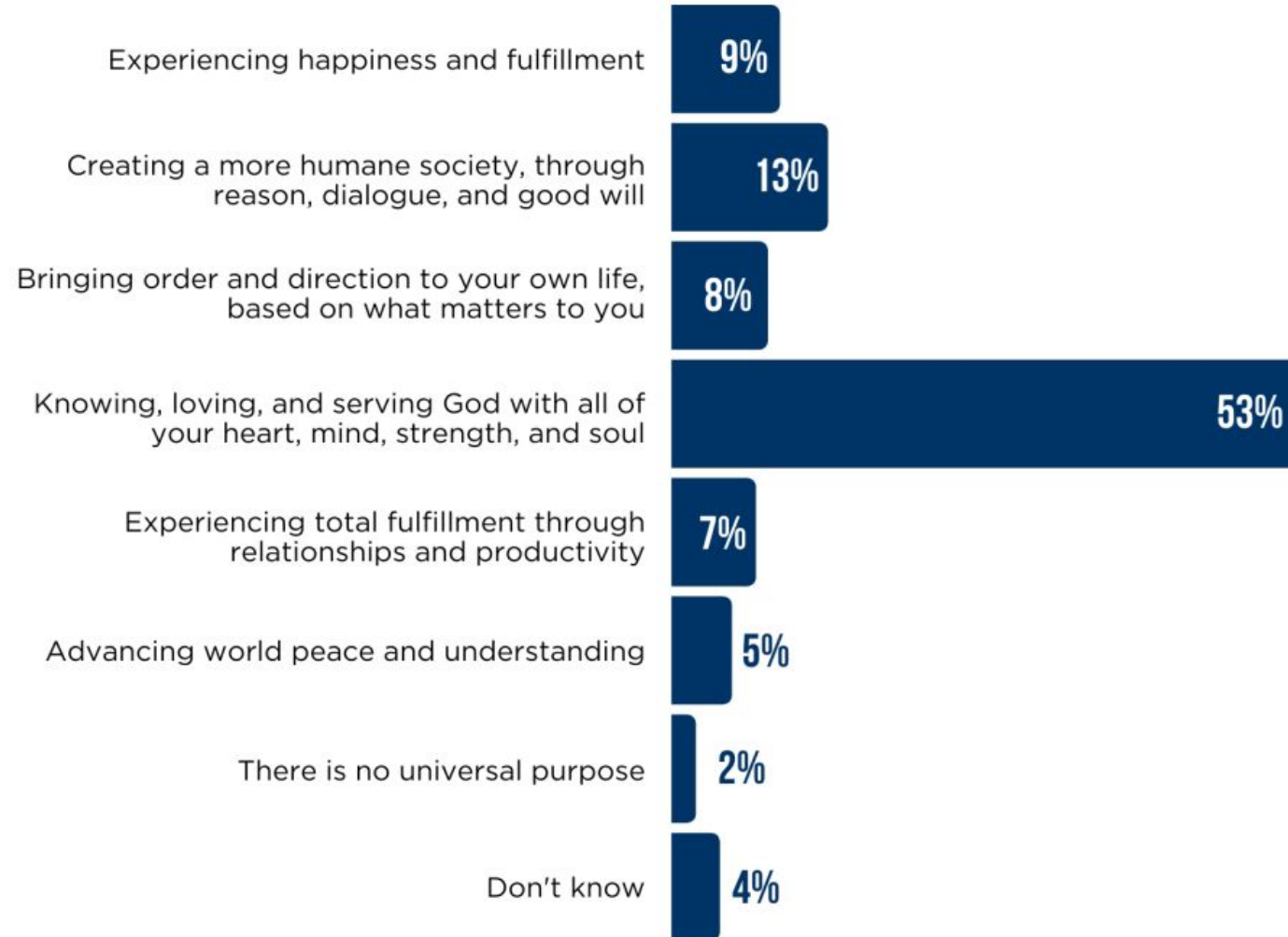
CORNERSTONE 5

THINKING ABOUT YOUR LIFE AND COMMITMENTS, WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS SOMEONE WHO BELIEVES THAT THERE ARE NO MORAL ABSOLUTES THAT APPLY TO EVERYONE, ALL THE TIME?



CORNERSTONE 6

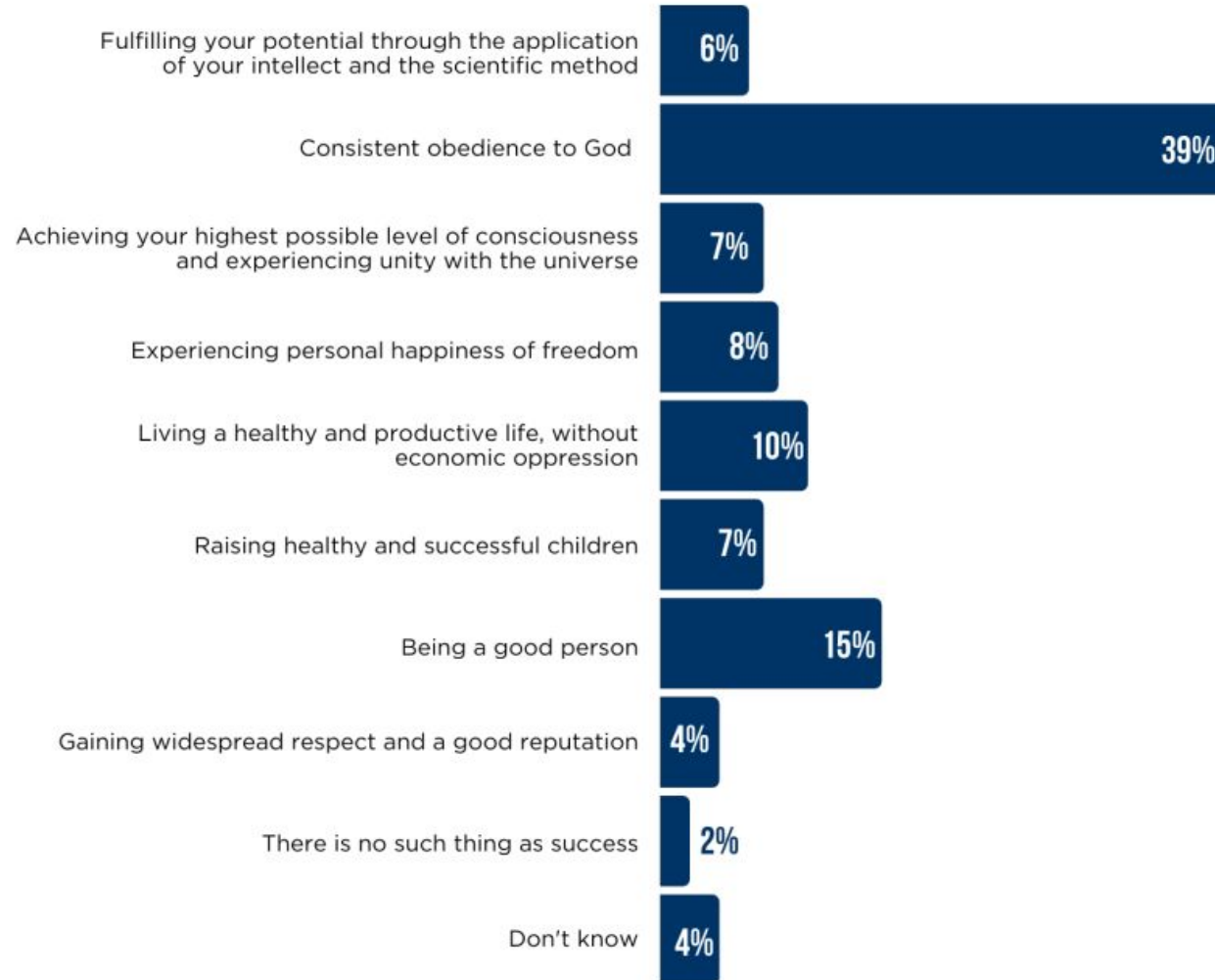
WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF LIFE
FOR ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CULTURE?



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CORNERSTONE 7

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE THE
BEST INDICATOR OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE?



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