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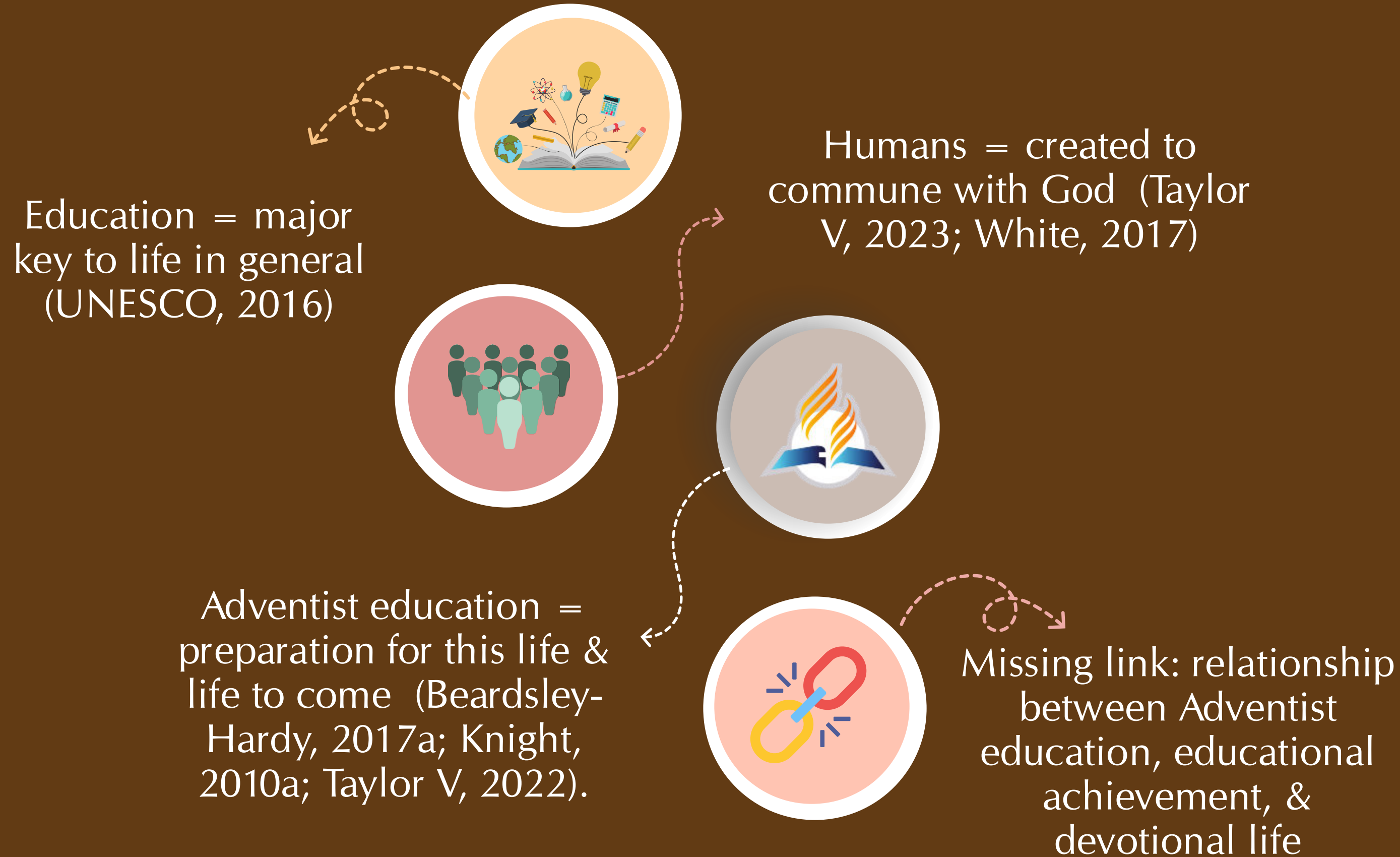


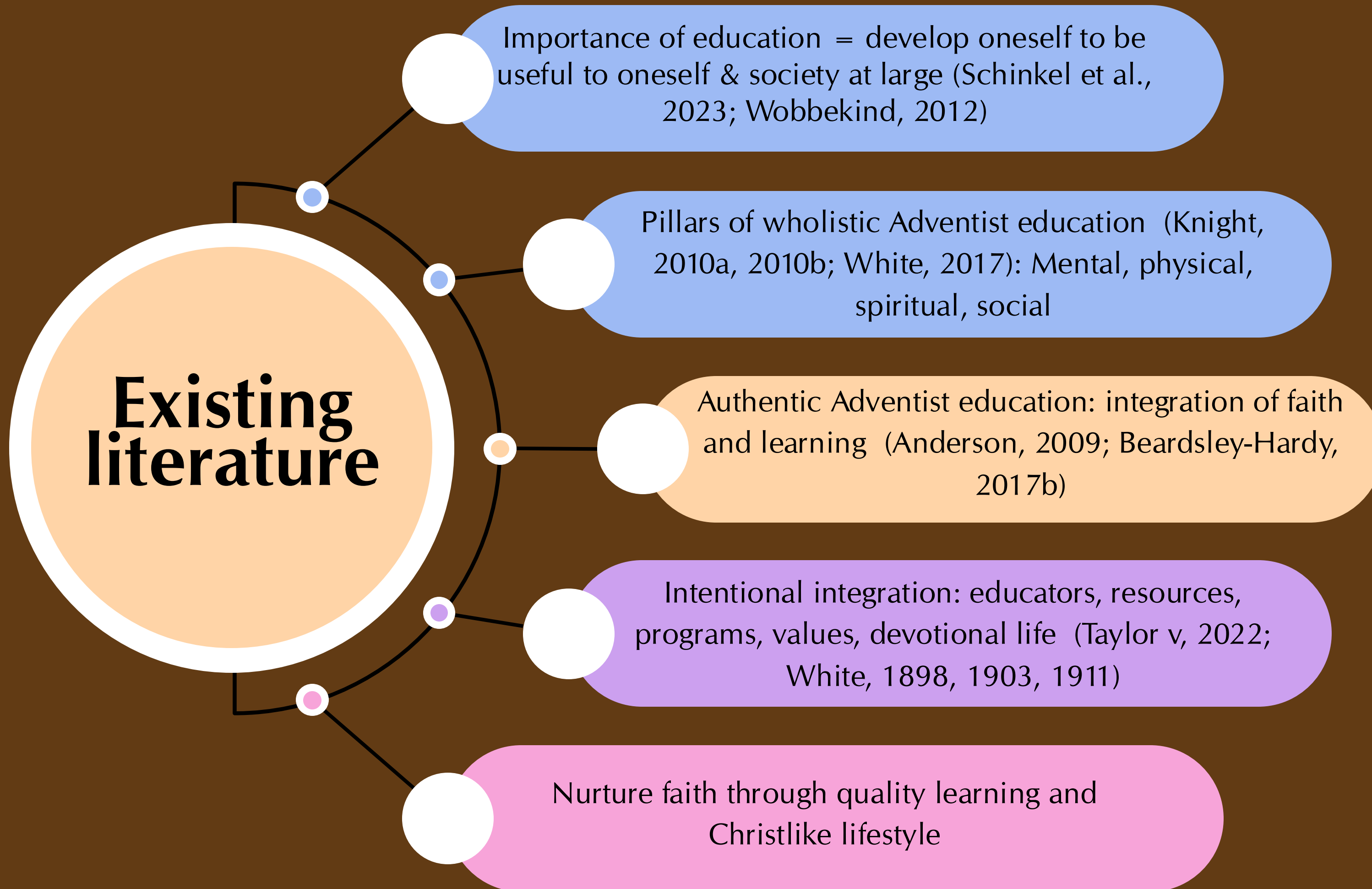
Relationship Between Level of Education, Adventist Education, and Commitment to Personal Devotional Life

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Background







Matthew 6:26

“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”



Research Questions

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What are the practices of Seventh-day Adventists' personal devotional life?

Is there any relationship between Seventh-day Adventists' education level and their devotional life?

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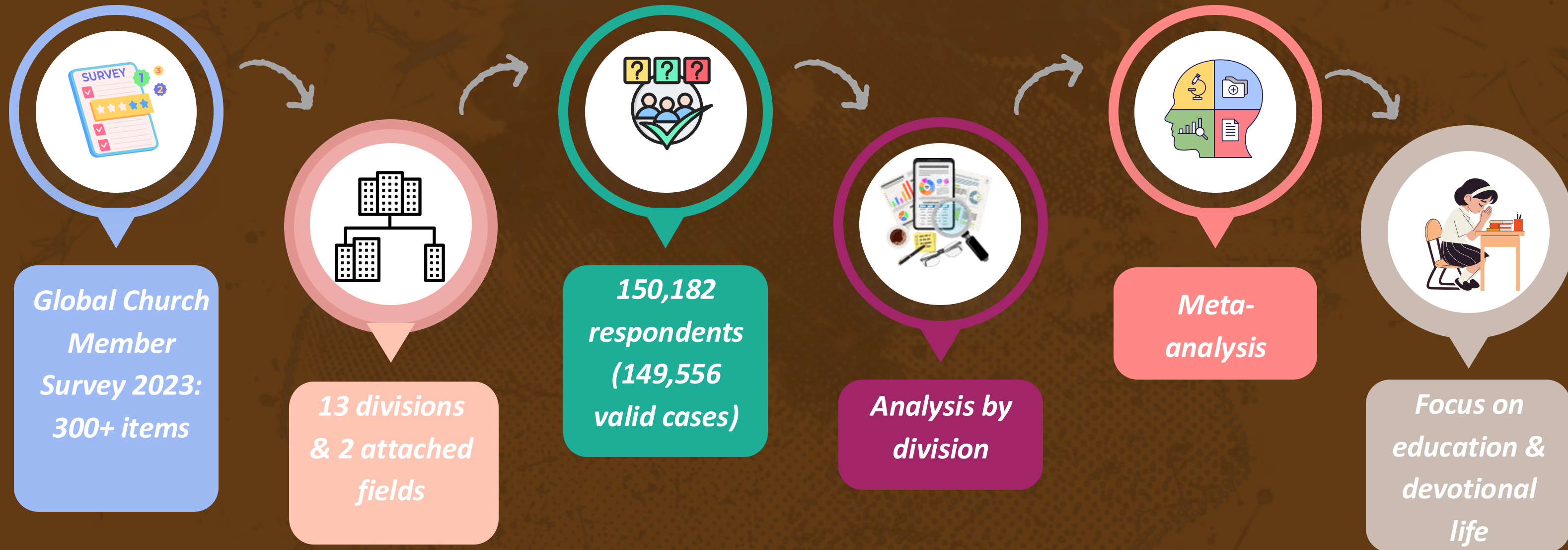
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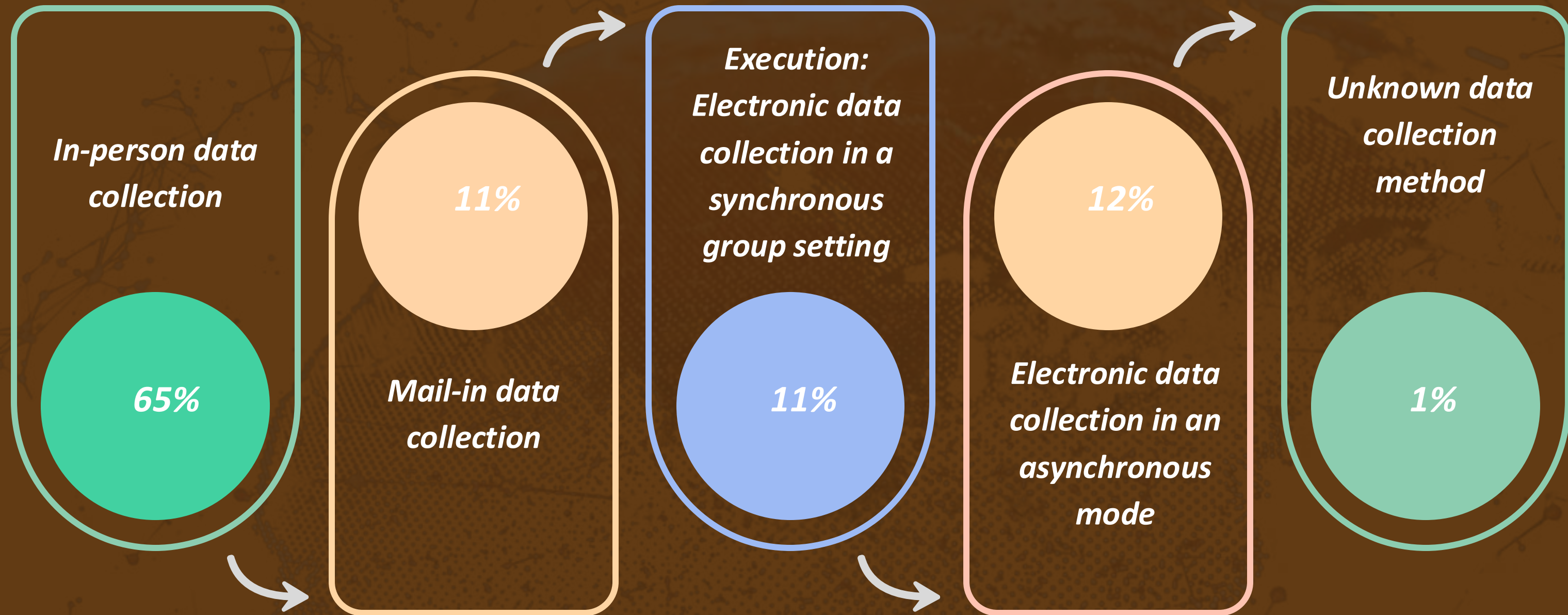
Is there any relationship between years spent studying in Adventist schools and the personal devotional life of Seventh-day Adventists?

Is there any relationship between financial support for Adventist education and the personal devotional life of Seventh-day Adventists?

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Methodology







Adventists' Educational Attainment

	Frequency	Percentage
No Education or Elementary School	18,902	12.90%
High or vocational school	51,917	35.40%
College or University undergraduate degree	59,396	40.50%
University graduate degree or higher	16,368	11.20%
Total	146,583*	100%

Devotional Practices by Educational Attainment



	No education or Elementary school	High or vocational school	College or University undergraduate degree	University graduate degree or higher
	Once a week or more often			
Read the Bible.	68.9%	72.2 %	77.1%	81.3%
	X2 = 2102.558, r = 0.099, p <.001, N = 141410			
Study the Sabbath School lesson.	60.2%	62.8%	64.9%	66.6%
	X2 = 779.992, r = 0.037, p <.001, N = 139641			
Read the writings of Ellen G. White.	35.1%	34.7%	35.0%	39.4%
	X2 = 1399.568, r = 0.047, p <.001, N = 137885			
Have morning or evening worship with family.	59.4%	56.6%	56.4%	58.8%
	X2 = 227.465, r = -0.006, p <.001, N = 139673			
Have personal prayer (at times other than meals).	72.3%	78.6%	83.3%	87.4%
	X2 = 2146.966, r = 0.116, p <.001, N = 140552			

Devotional Life & Years Spent in Adventist Schools



	No SDA education	1-8 years of SDA education	8+ years of SDA education
	Once a week or more often		
Read the Bible.	74.8%	75.9%	74.6%
	$X^2 = 178.091, r = 0.010, p < .001, N = 126062$		
Study the Sabbath School lesson.	64.1%	65.2%	59.7%
	$X^2 = 472.254, r = -0.038, p < .001, N = 124942$		
Read the writings of Ellen G. White.	33.3%	40.0%	36.3%
	$X^2 = 709.229, r = 0.043, p < .001, N = 123750$		
Have morning or evening worship with family.	54.7%	60.1%	56.7%
	$X^2 = 337.547, r = 0.032, p < .001, N = 124865$		
Have personal prayer (at times other than meals).	80.4%	81.9%	82.8%
	$X^2 = 128.385, r = 0.026, p < .001, N = 125617$		

Devotional Practices by Financial Support of Adventist Education



	Strongly disagree	Disagree	I am not sure	Agree	Strongly agree
	Once a week or more often				
Read the Bible.	70.2%	74.2%	70.7%	77.9%	80.8%
	$X^2 = 1828.031, r = 0.091, p < .001, N = 136186$				
Study the Sabbath School lesson.	57.7%	60.9%	62.1%	68.1%	71.8%
	$X^2 = 2408.3, r = 0.117, p < .001, N = 134952$				
Read the writings of Ellen G. White.	28.6%	28.2%	33.4%	40.8%	47.9%
	$X^2 = 4856.944, r = 0.174, p < .001, N = 133559$				
Have morning or evening worship with family.	45.2%	50.8%	53.1%	65.8%	68.6%
	$X^2 = 6205.028, r = 0.201, p < .001, N = 135016$				
Have personal prayer (at times other than meals).	78.8%	81.0%	77.5%	81.8%	84.4%

Conclusion



Adventists live their personal daily devotional life in various ways (reading the Bible and various Adventist literature, studying the Sabbath School lesson, morning and evening worship, personal prayer, listening to Adventist radio stations, watching Adventist TV programs, and spending time thinking about the life of Jesus).



Reading Adventist literature correlates positively with the church members' level of education.



Personal prayer is higher as members reported higher educational attainment.



Conclusion



Whether someone attended Adventist schools or not does not seem to have a definite impact on various practices of church members' devotional life.



The increase in number of years spent in Adventist schools has a moderate impact on church members' devotional life.



There is a positive relationship between financial support for Adventist education and the personal devotional life of Seventh-day Adventists.



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