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Adventist Identity Trends

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The Adventist Church is God's Last-day Church

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters… Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." (Rev. 14:6-12, KJV)

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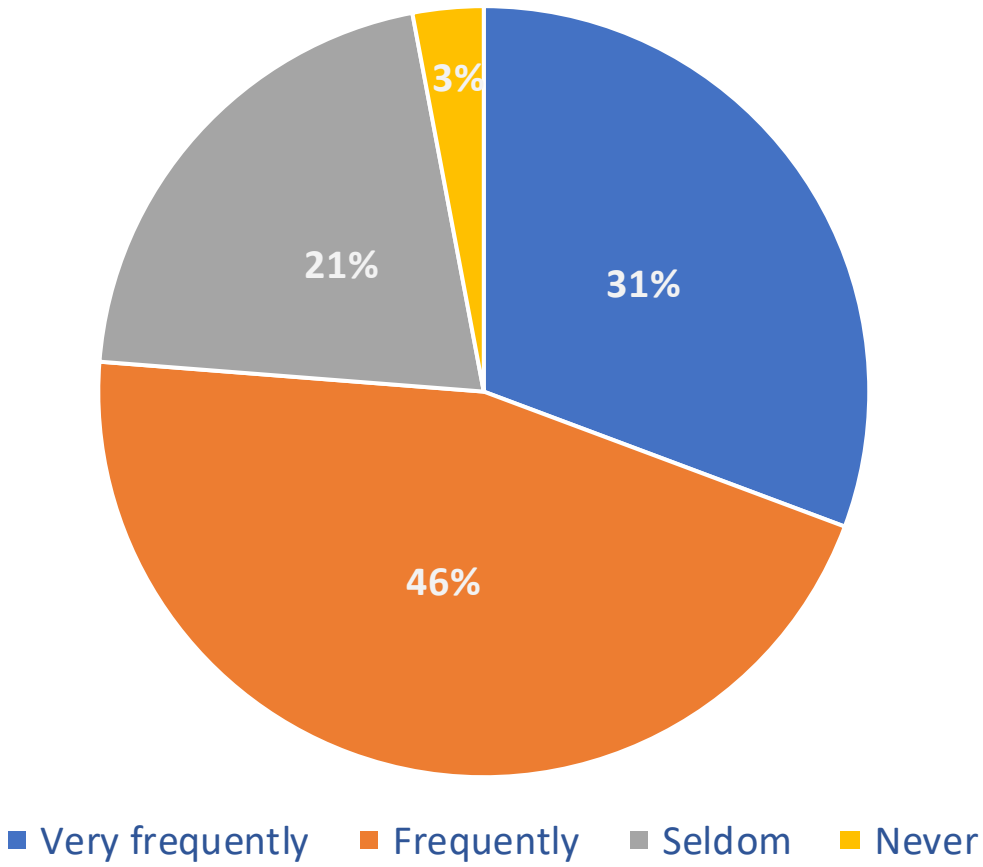
- **77%** of members hear sermons on the three angels' messages frequently or very frequently

Sermons: Three Angels' Messages

GCMS: How often does the Sabbath speaker in your church preach on the following topics?



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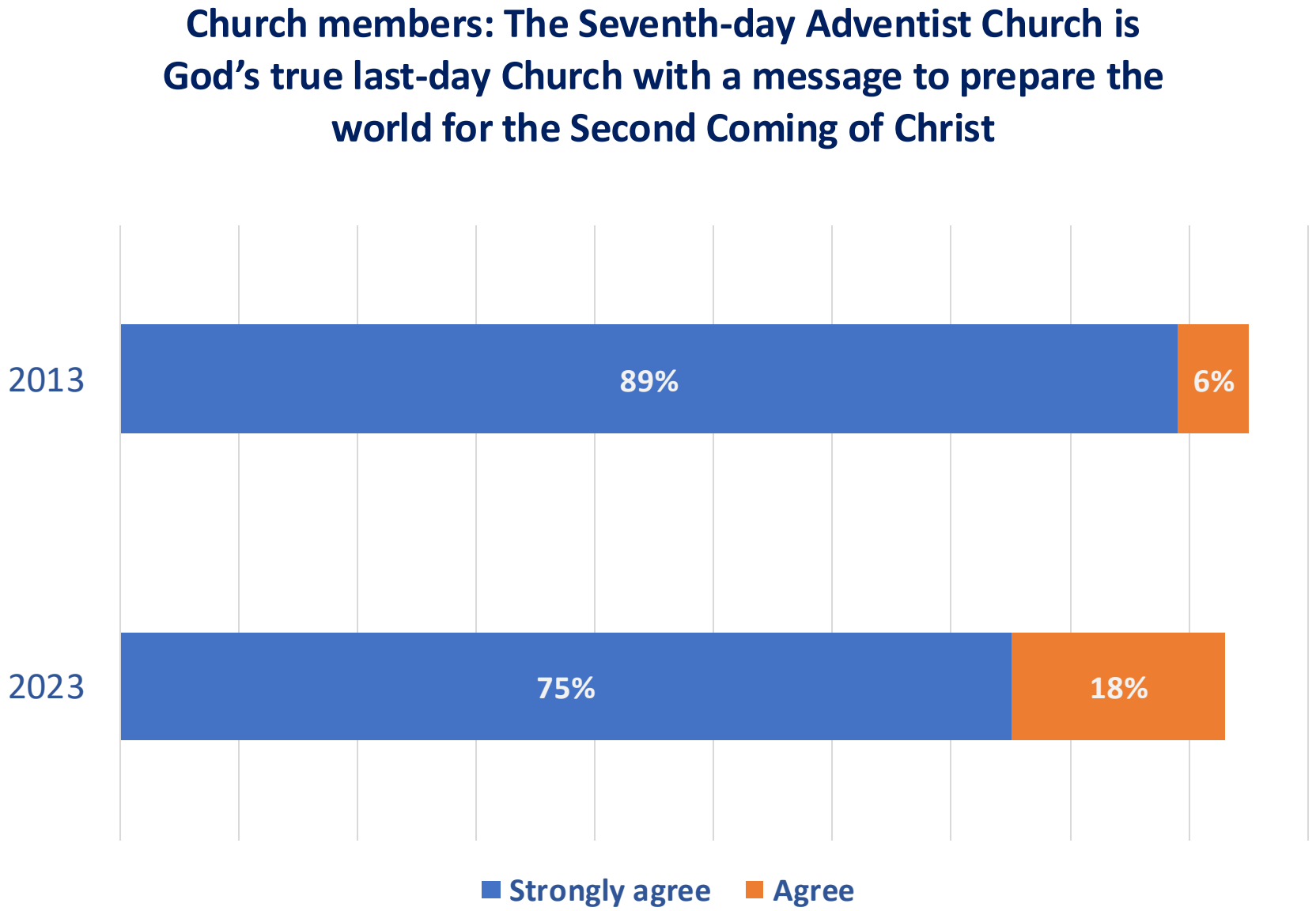
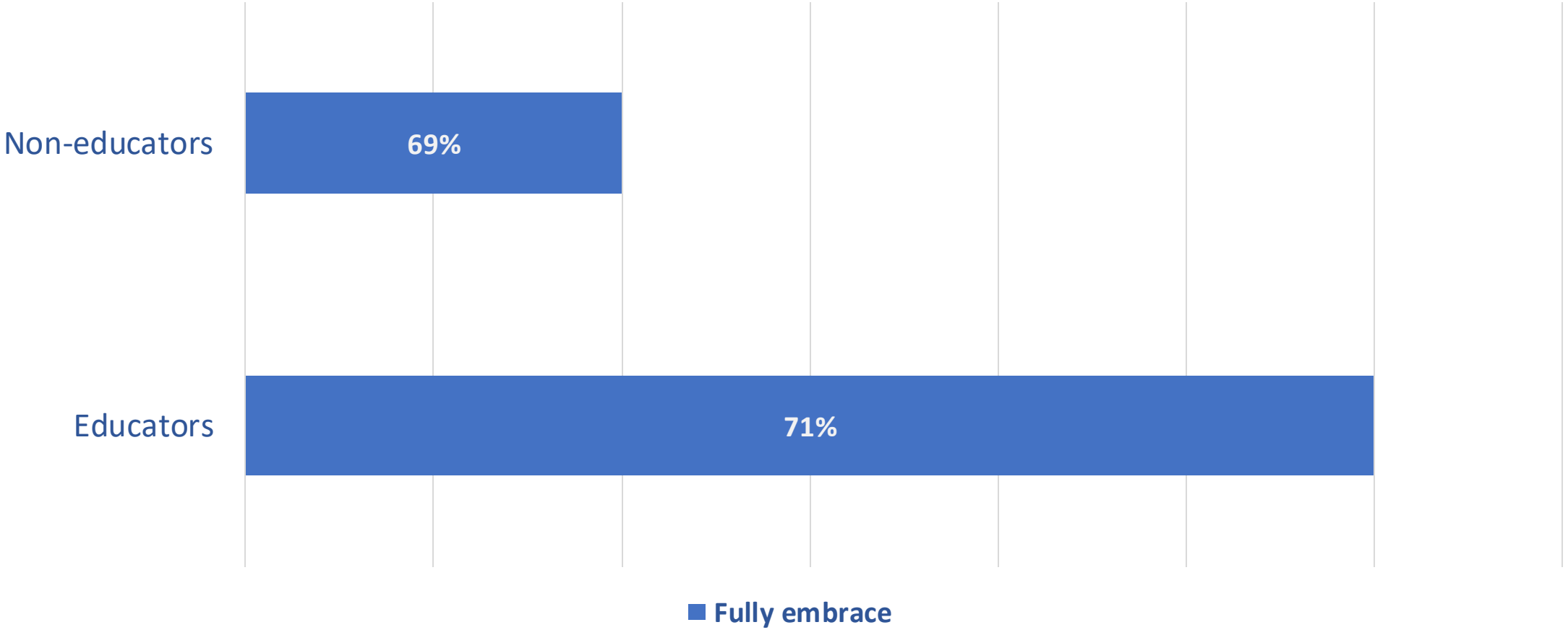


Institutional Workers' Survey:
The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.



God as Creator:

14% of church members do not accept
that God created the world in six literal days.

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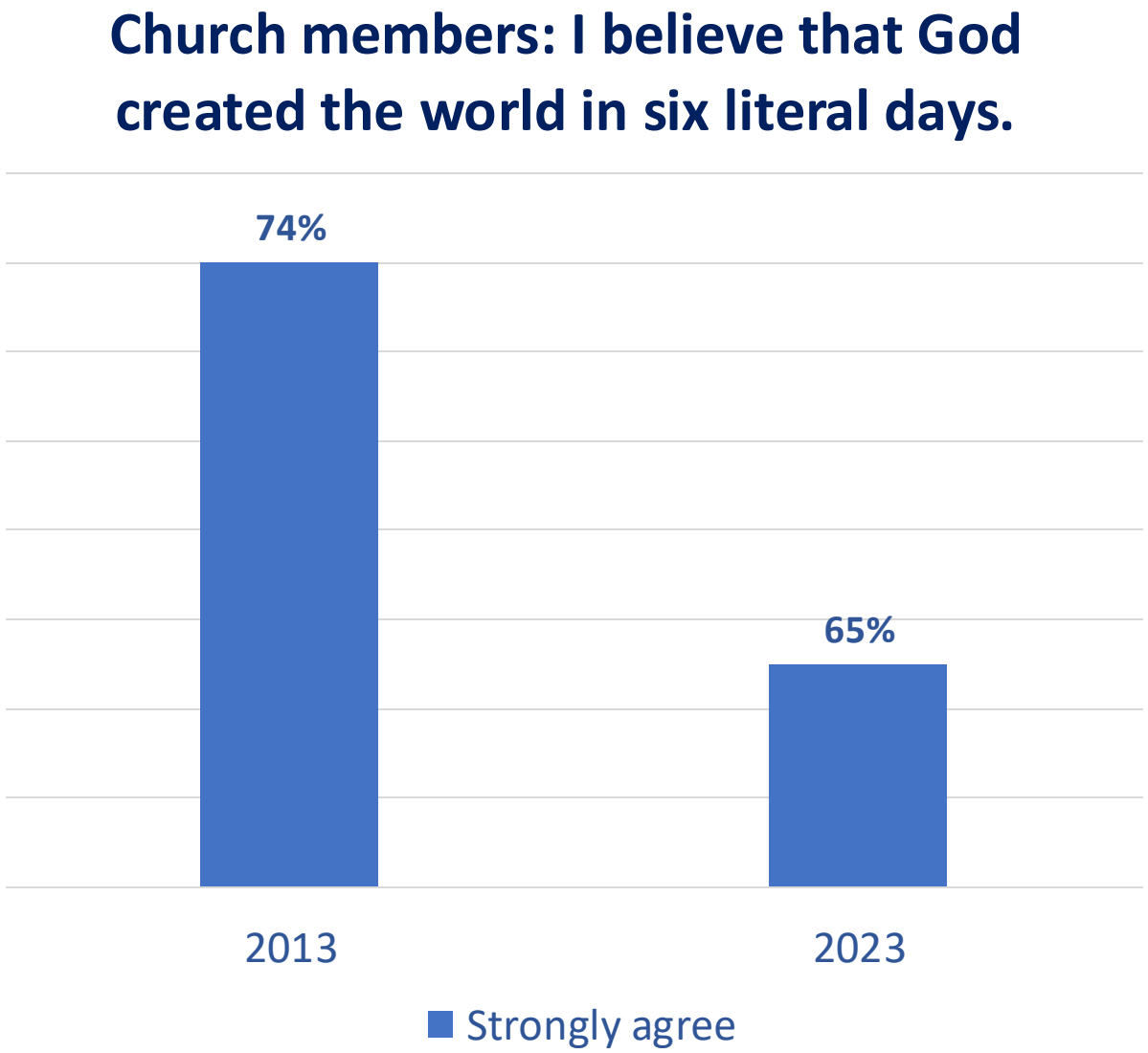
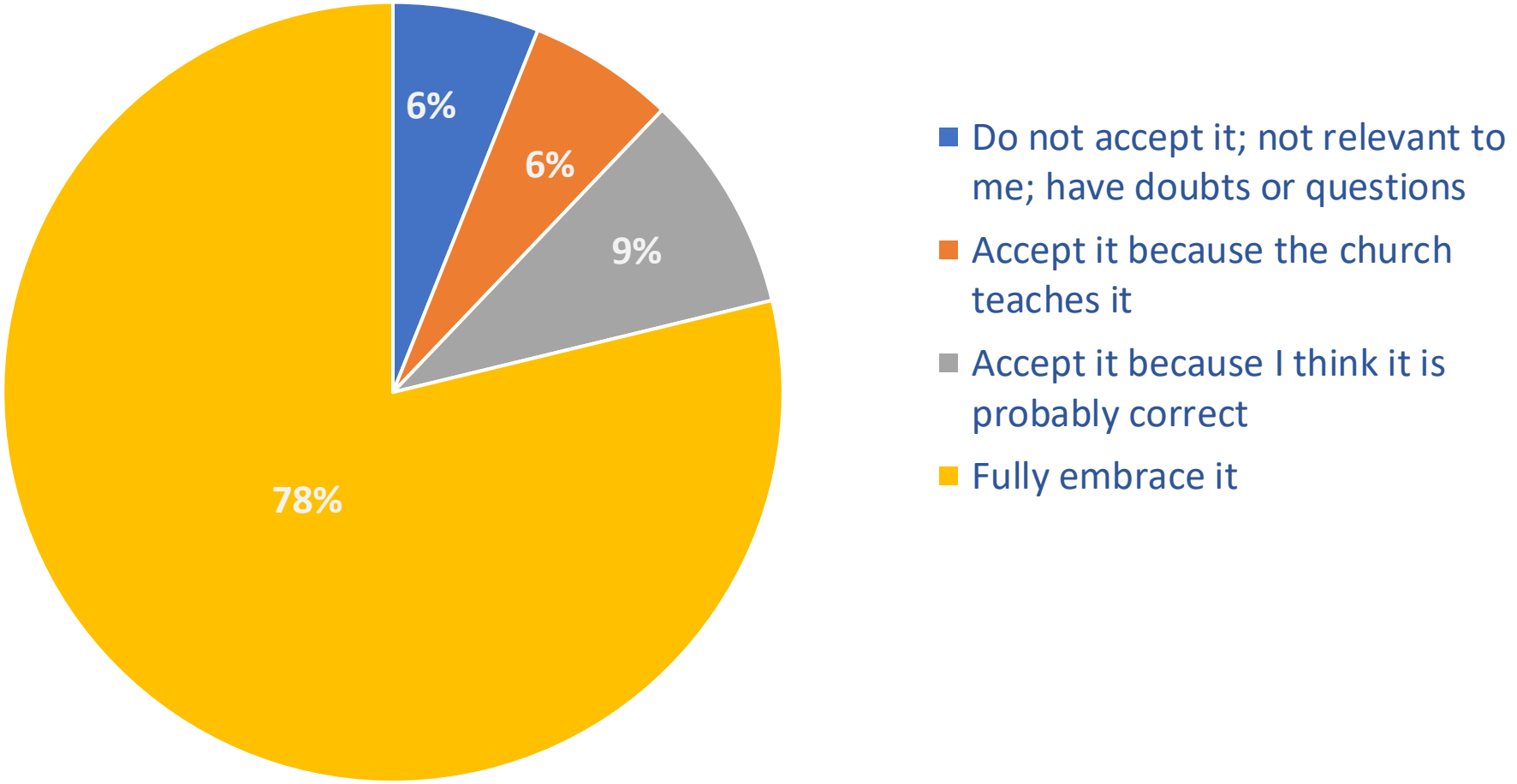
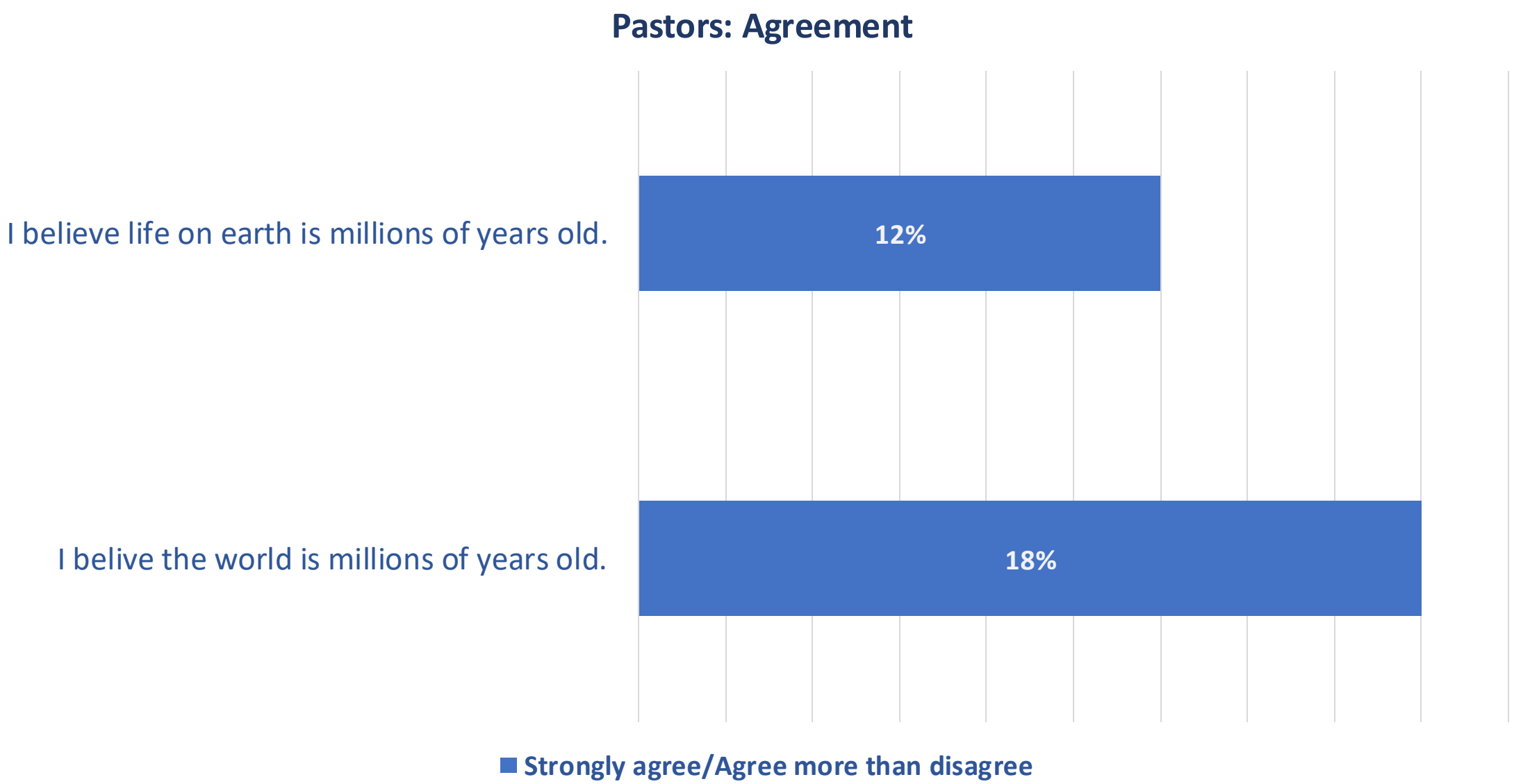
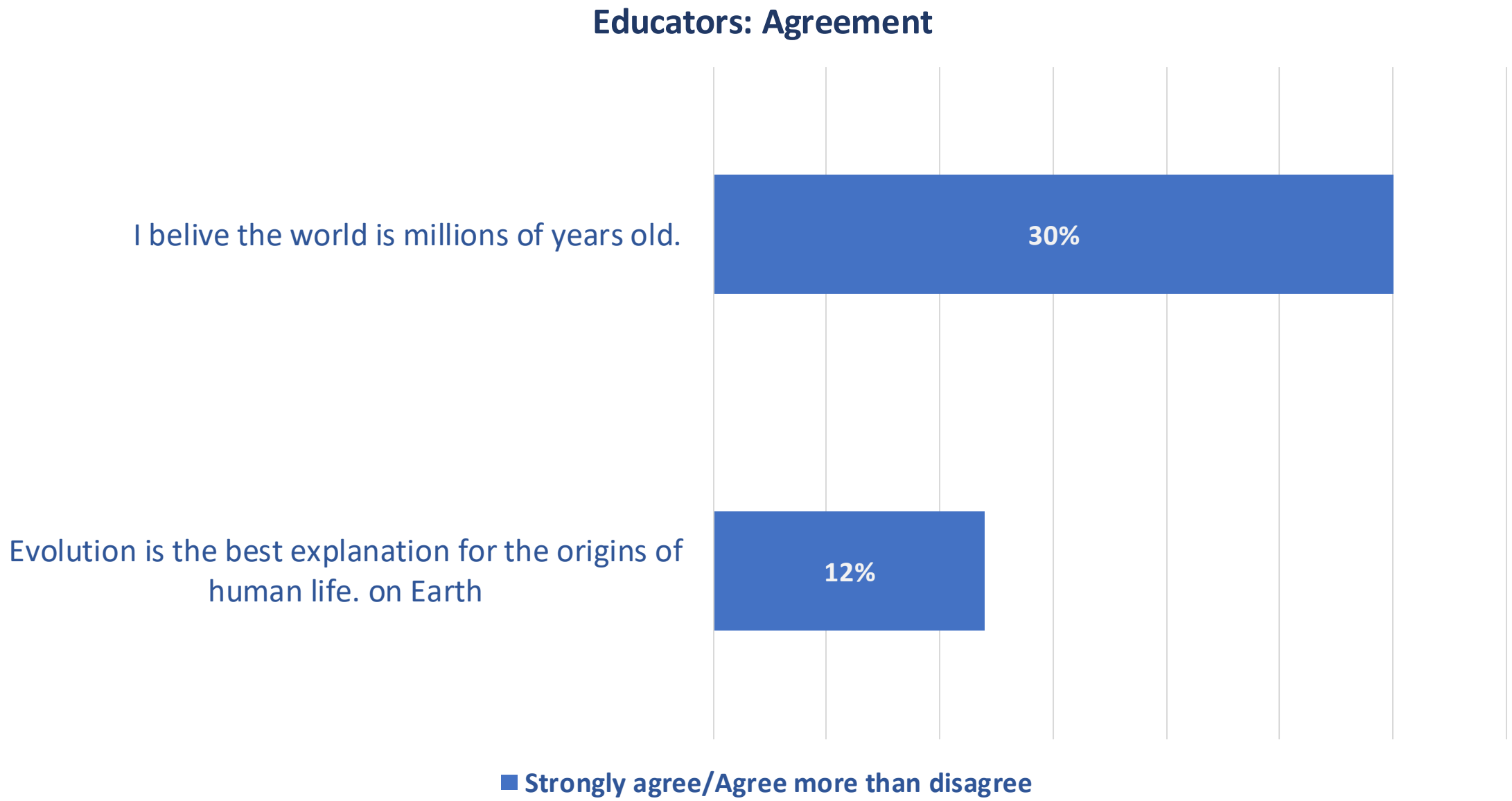


Adventist Pastors' Survey: Creation in Six Days in the Relatively Recent Past

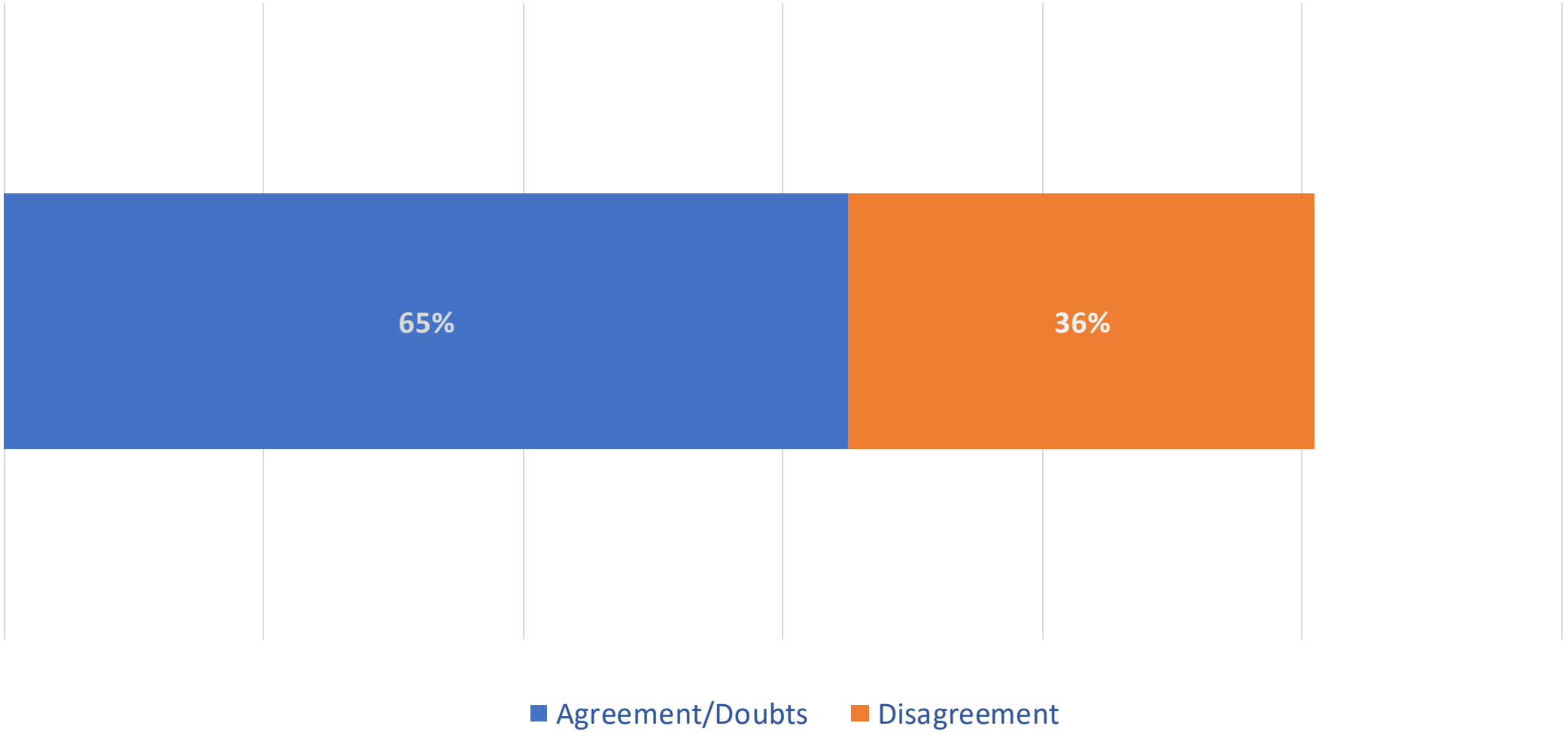



Pastors: Agreement
I believe life on earth is millions of years old.
12%
I belive the world is millions of years old.
18%
Strongly agree/Agree more than disagree


Educators: Agreement
I belive the world is millions of years old.
30%
Evolution is the best explanation for the origins of human life. on Earth
12%
Strongly agree/Agree more than disagree

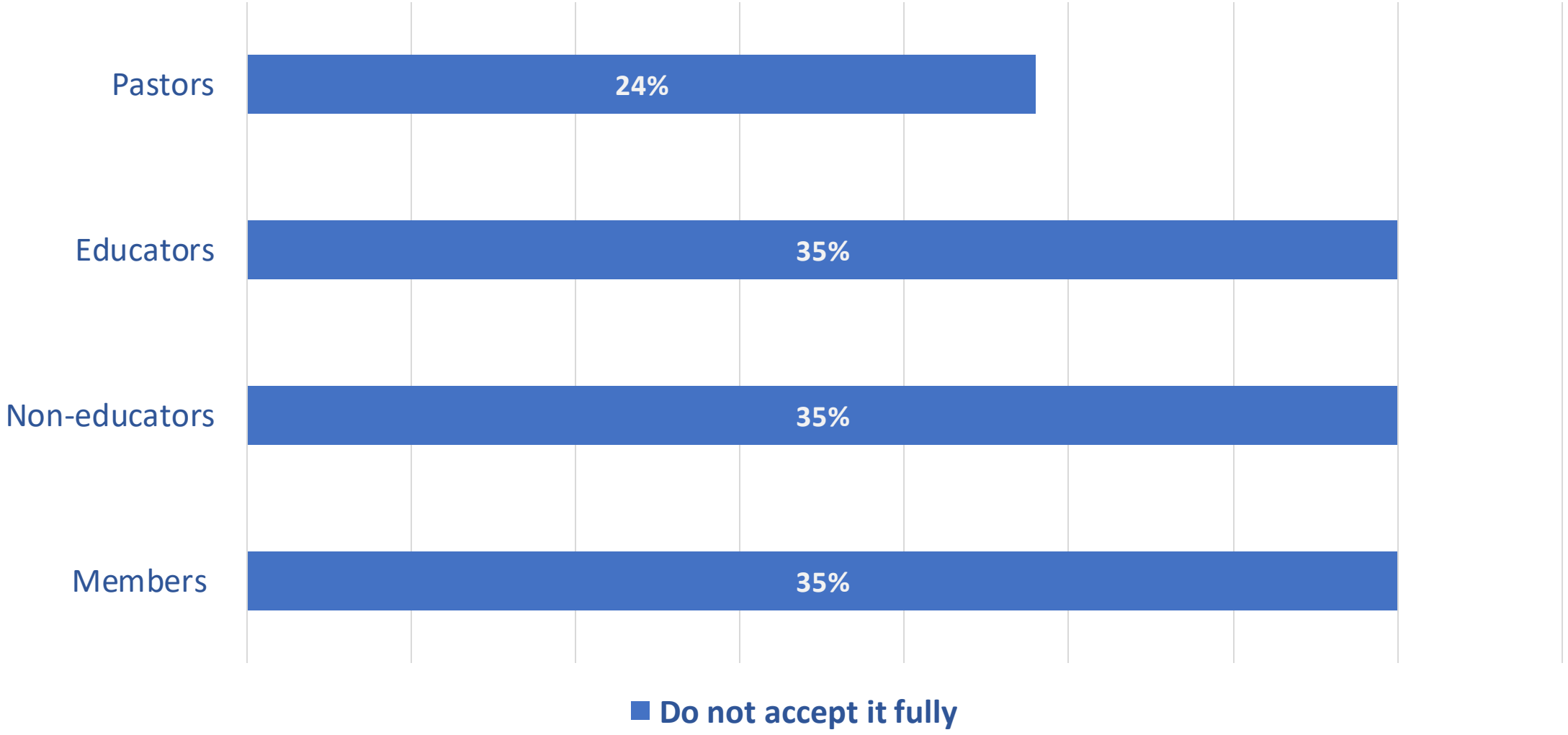
God the Holy Spirit

Church members: Holy Spirit is God's power, not a Person.

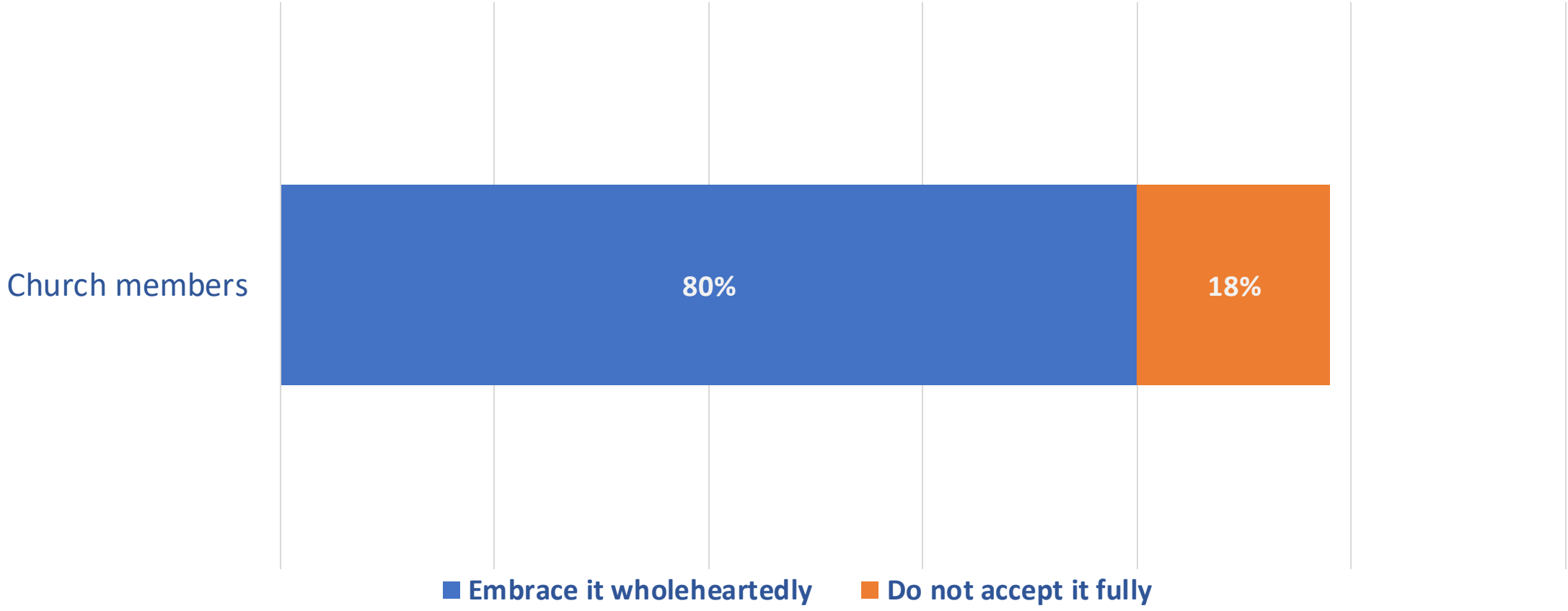


Sanctuary

The Investigative Judgement Beginning in 1844



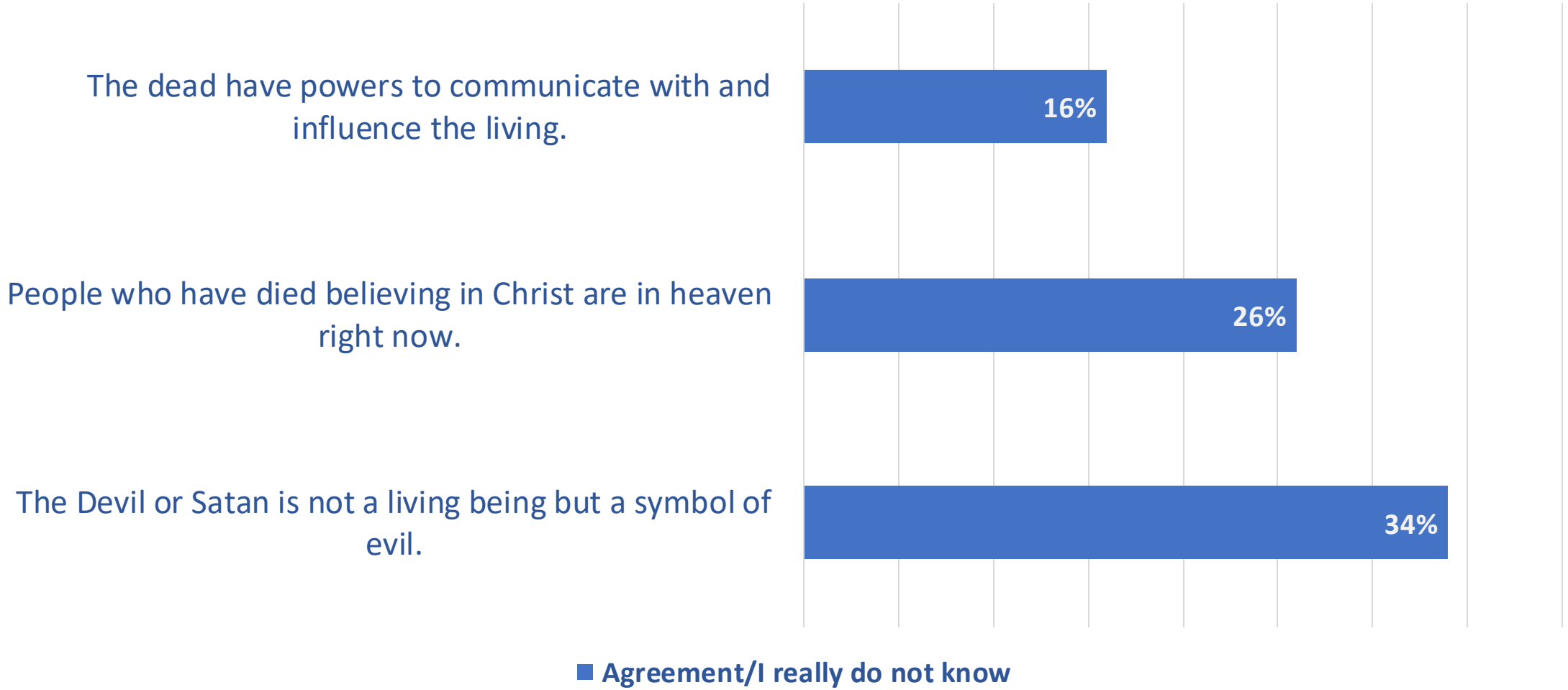
Christ is acting as our advocate before God in the heavenly sanctuary right now.



State of the Dead

Church members: State of the Dead: Agreement/Unsure

Educators: Agreement/I really do not know



Ellen G. White

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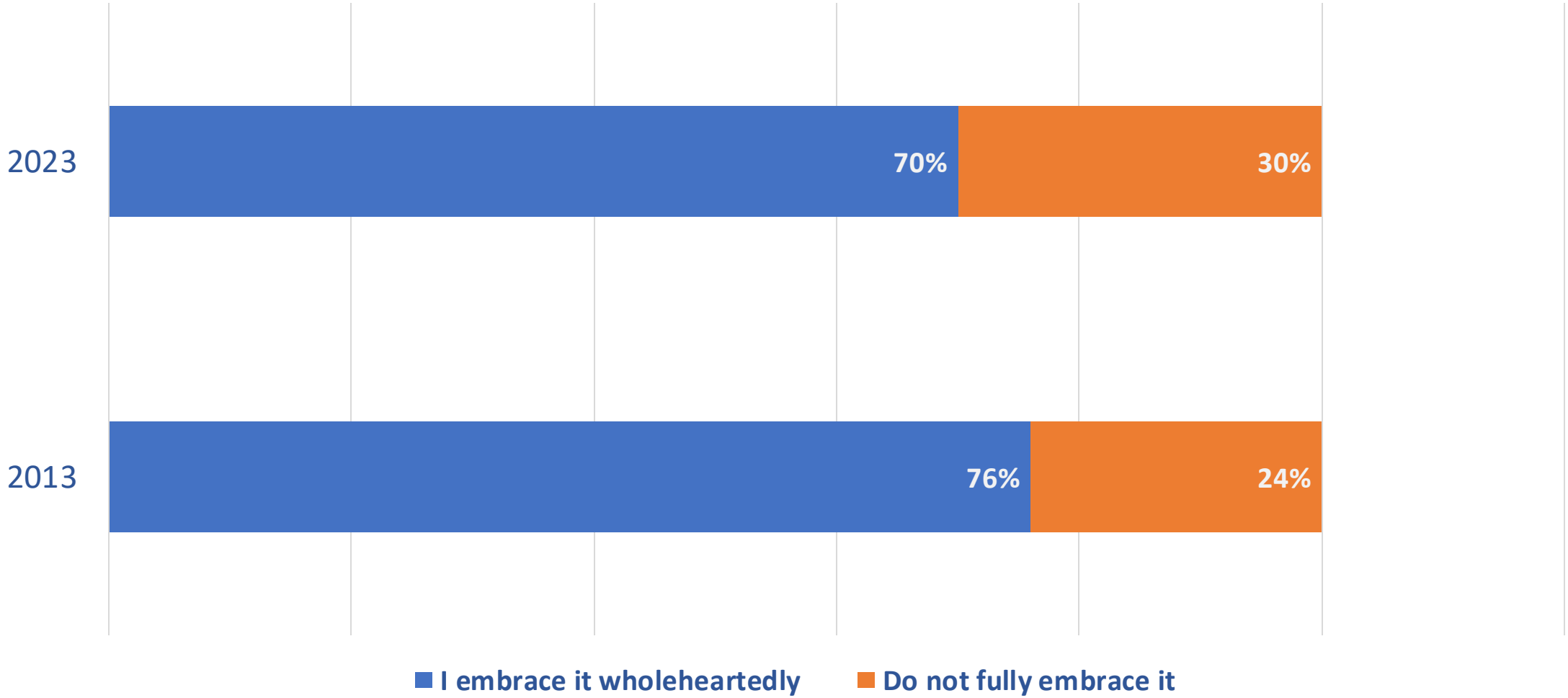

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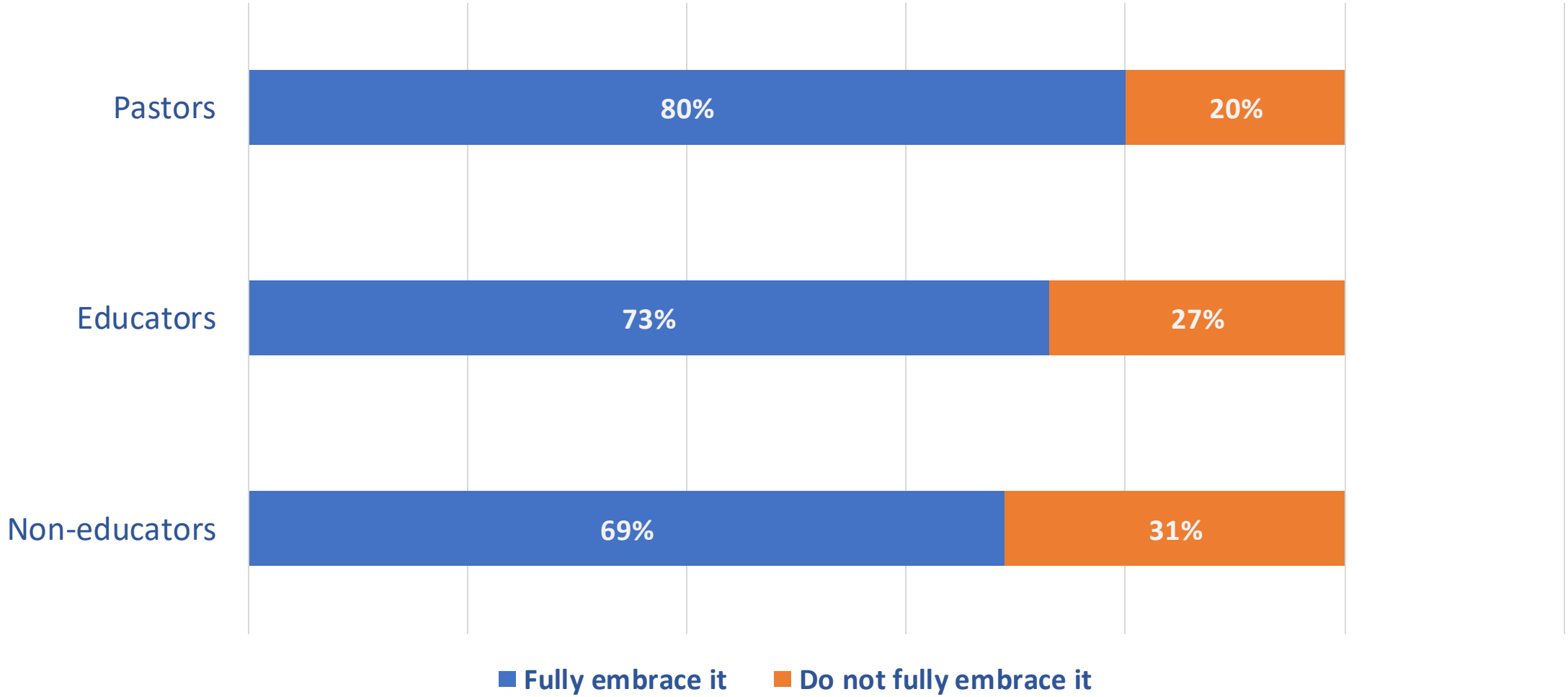

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Spiritual Practices

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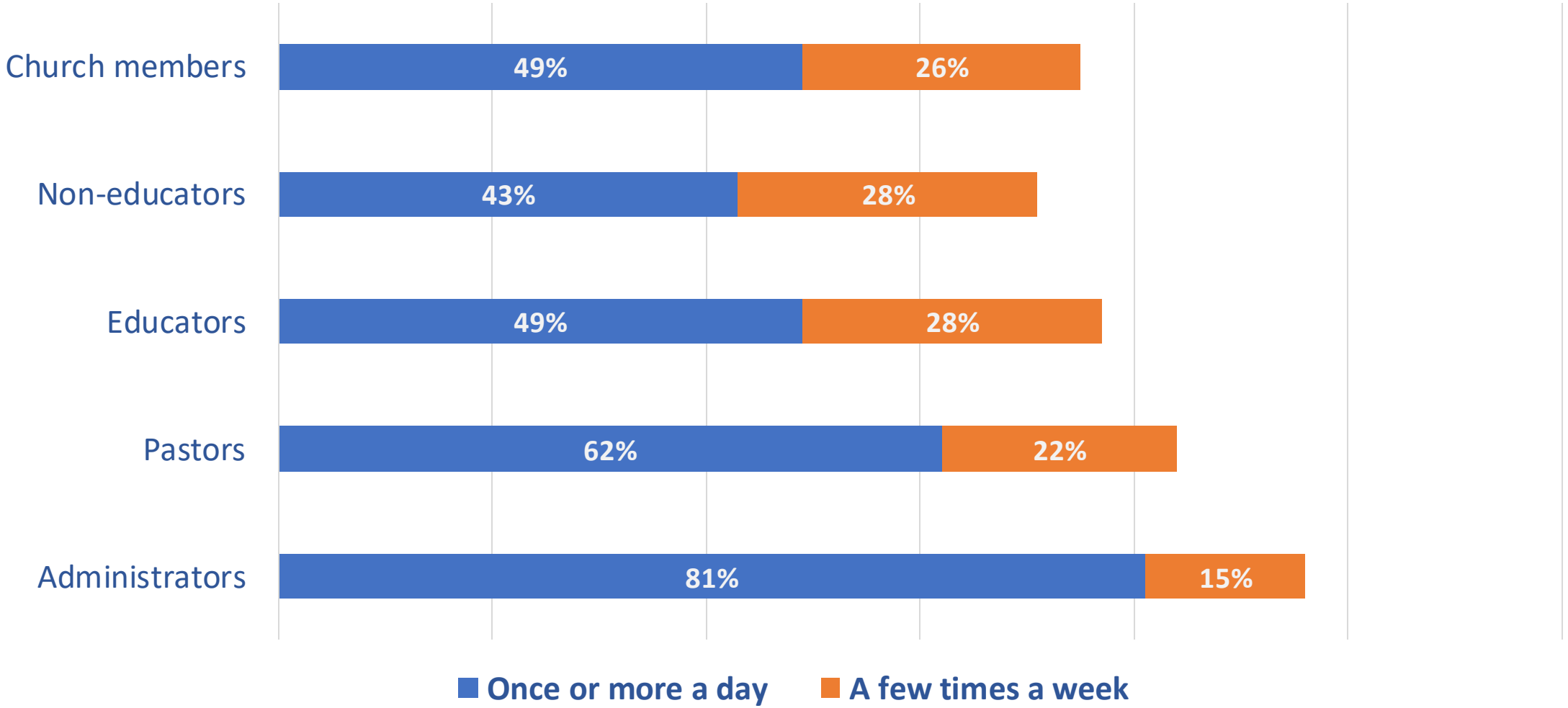
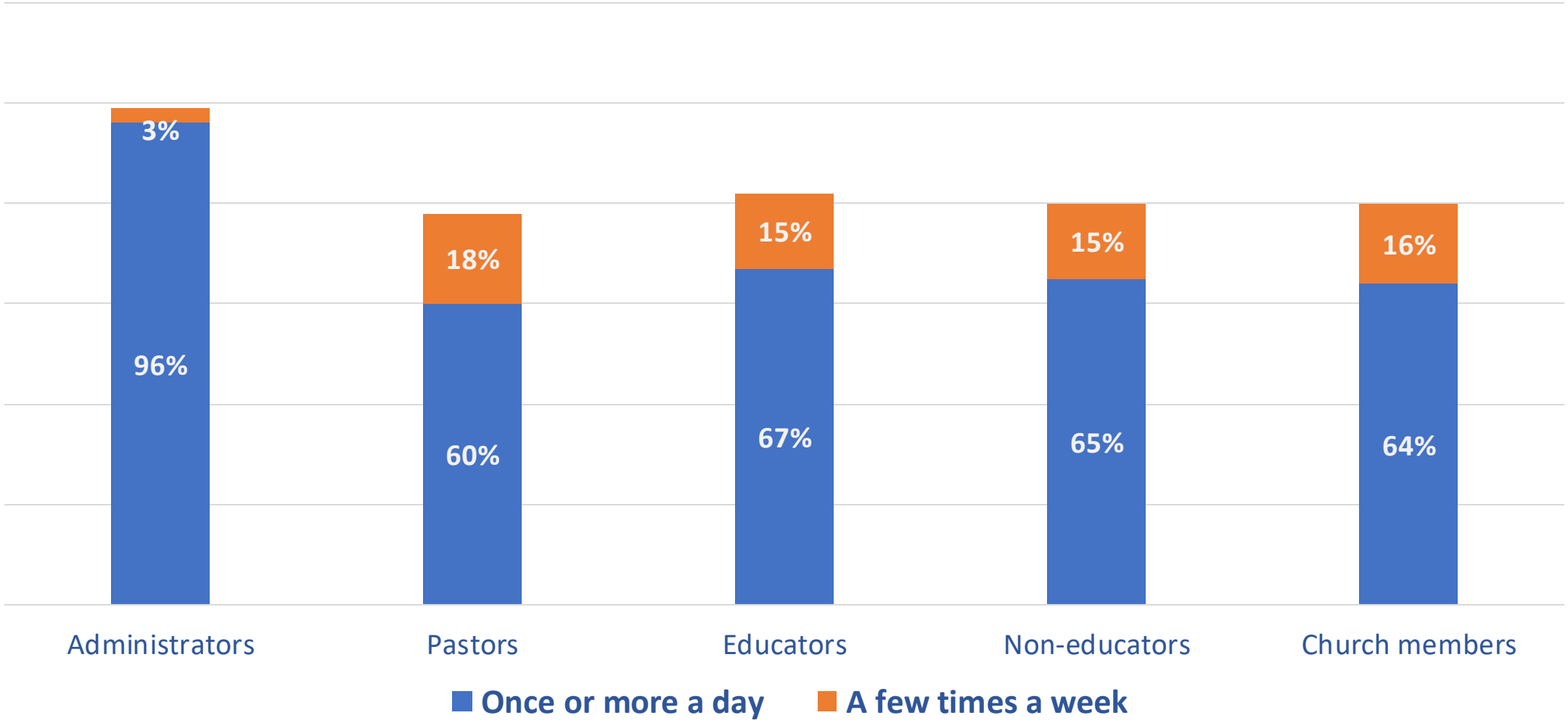
Read Scripture outside of Religious Services



Personal Prayer



Urgency of the Second Coming of Jesus

- **89%** of members hear sermons on the Second Coming of Jesus frequently or very frequently

Sermons: Second Coming of Jesus

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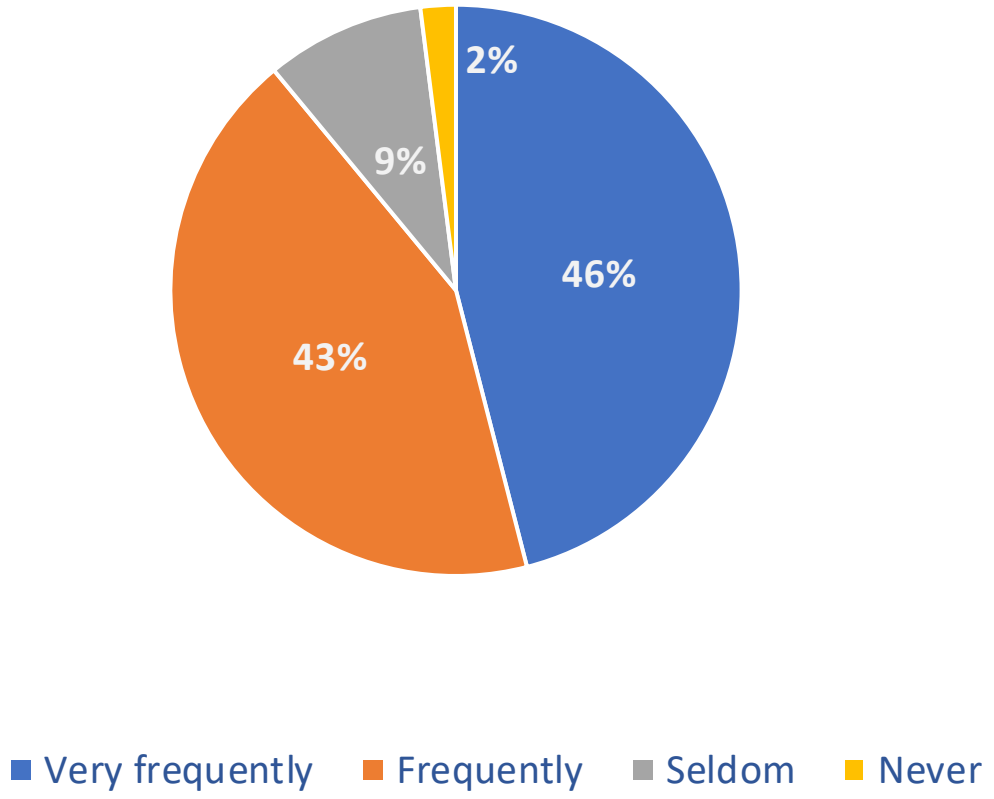
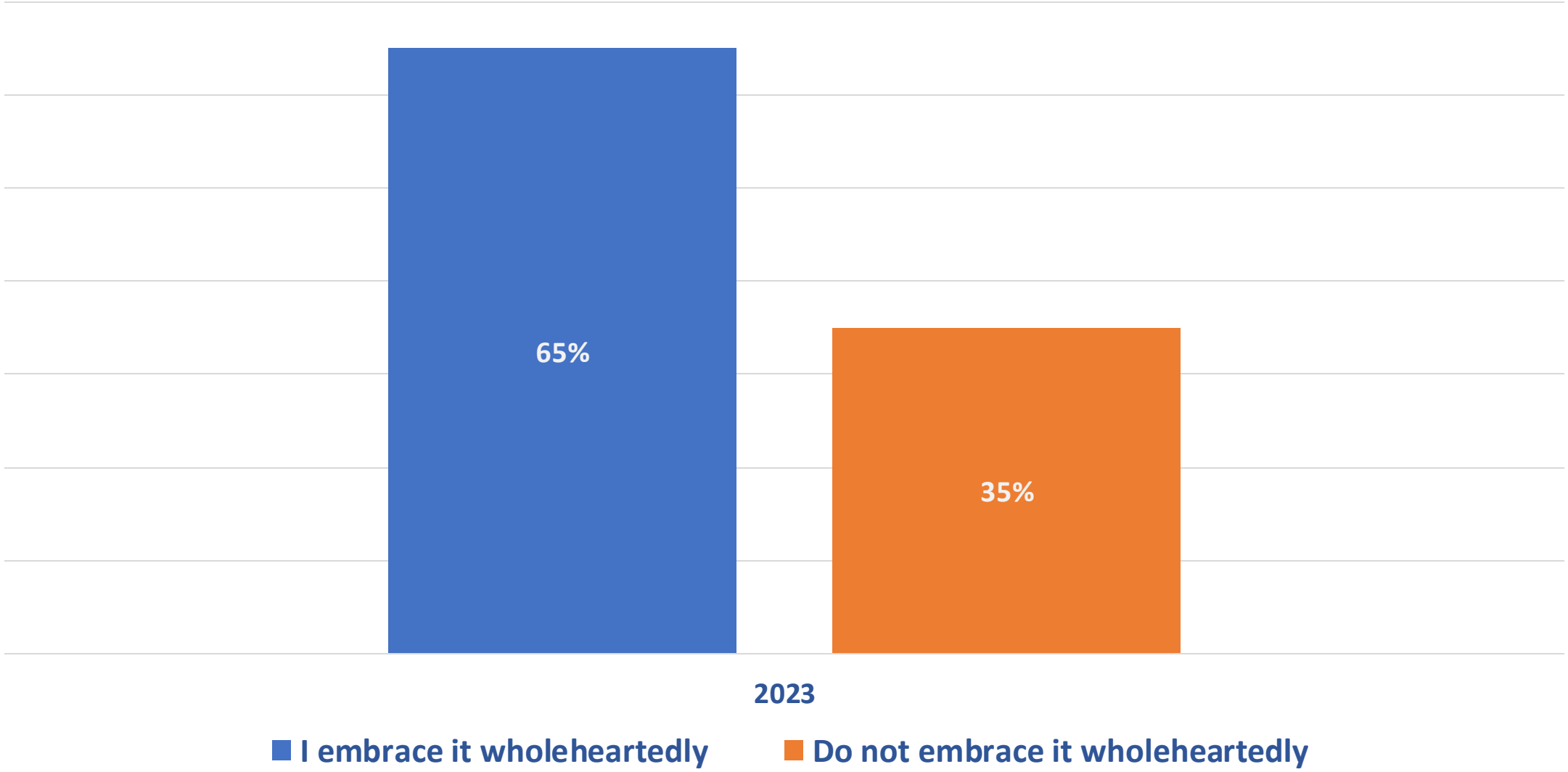
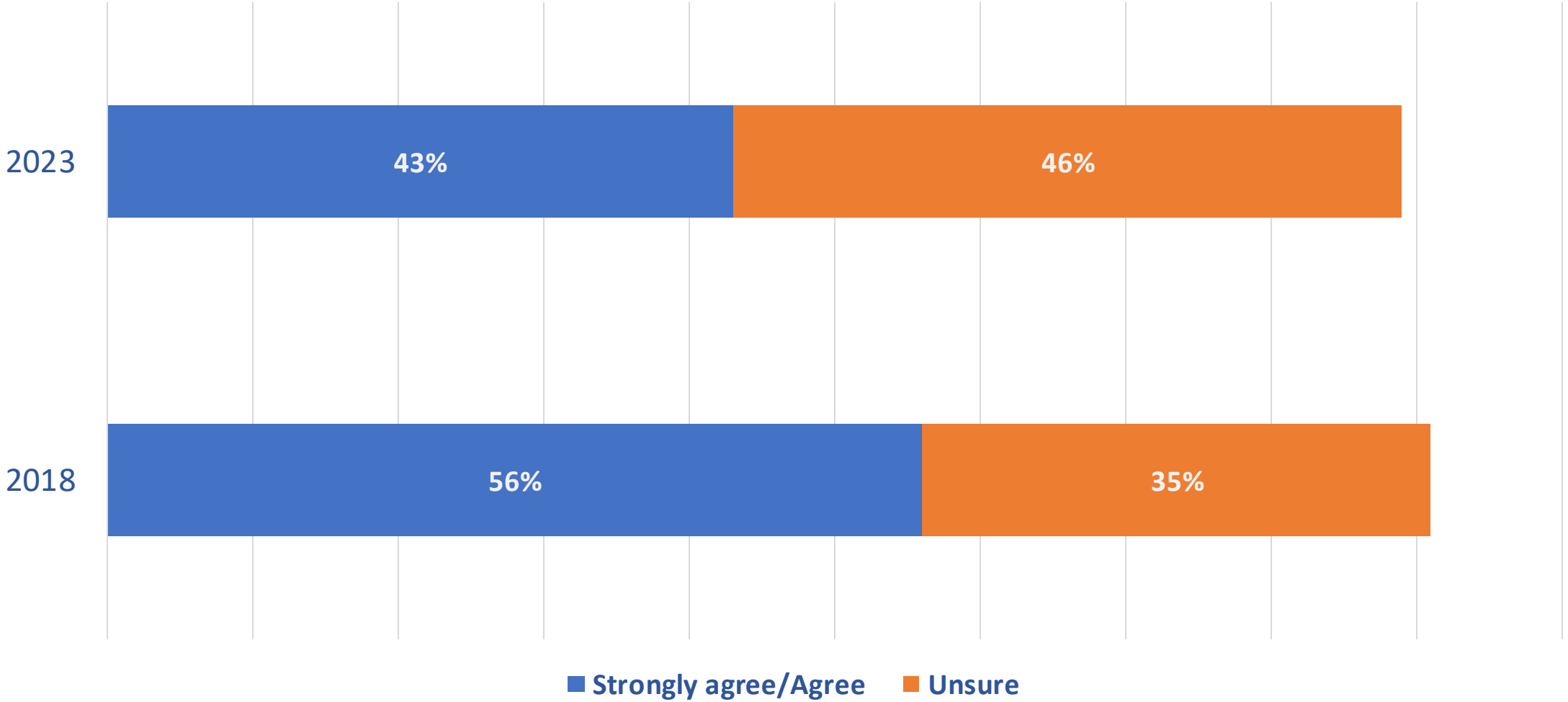


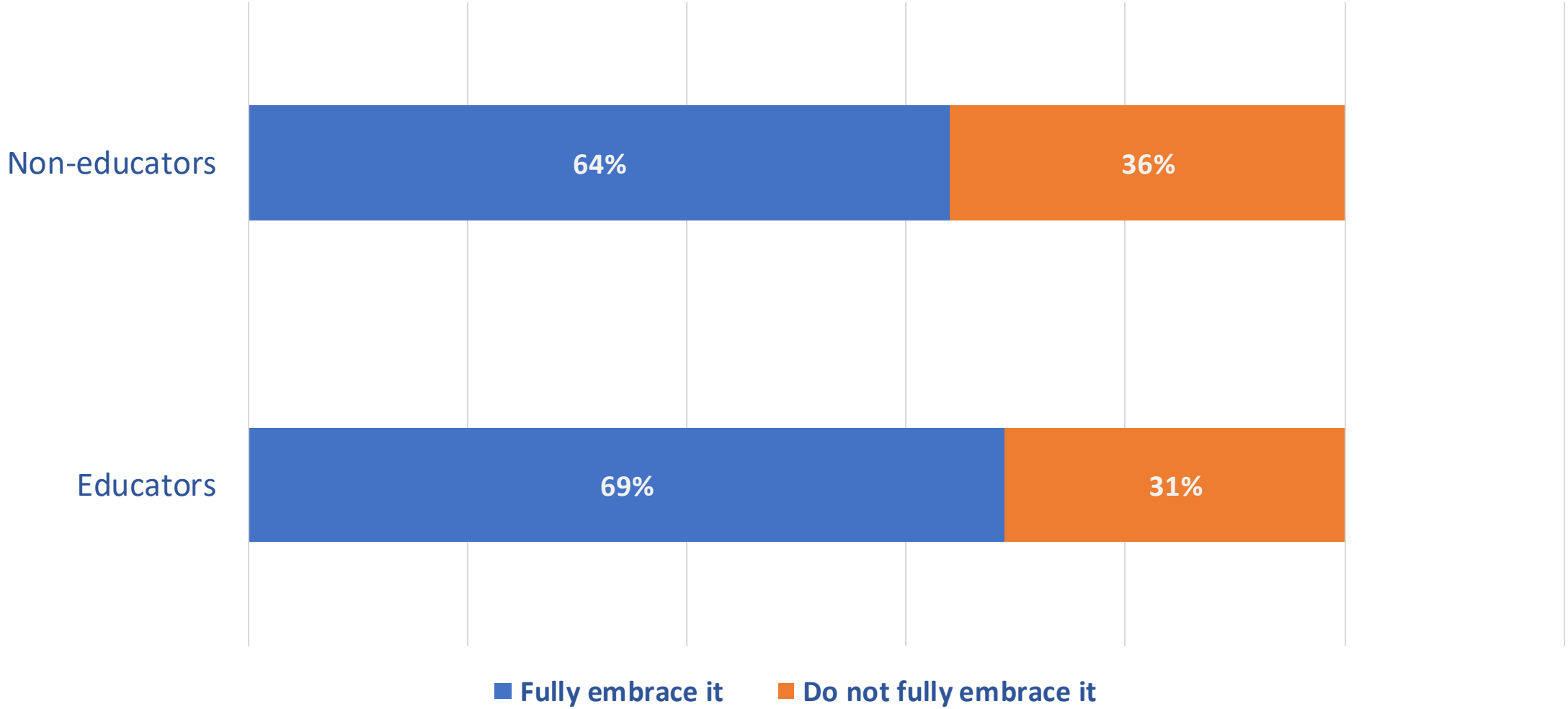
Church members: The Church's Interpretation of End-Time Prophecies



Church members: Christ will return in my lifetime.

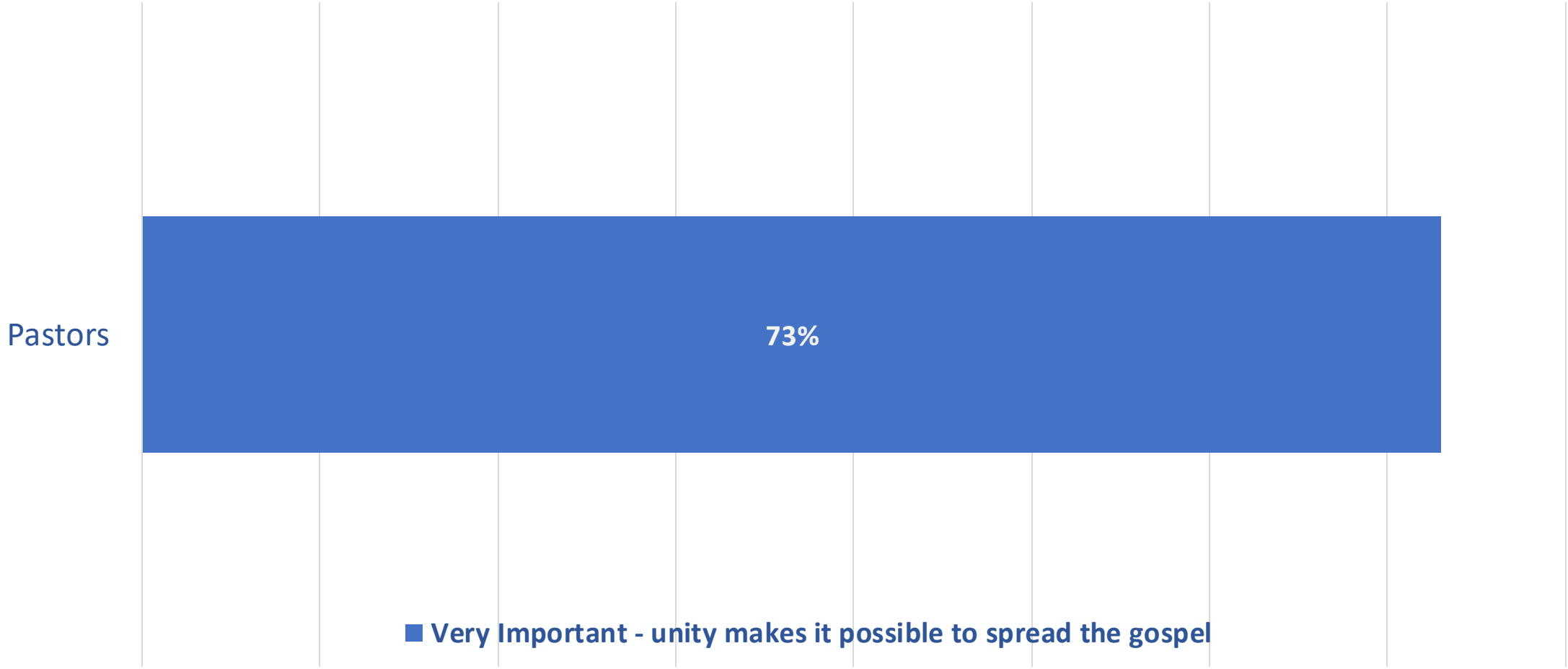
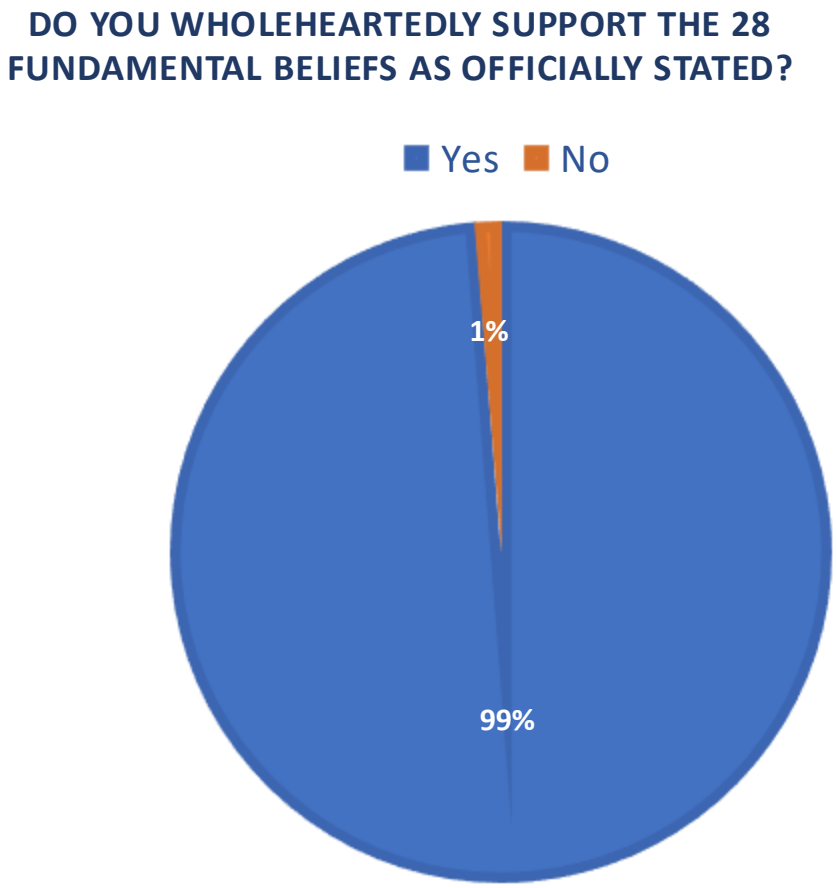


The Adventist Church's Interpretation of End-Time Prophecies



The World Church

As an Adventist Minister, How Important is it to Be Part of the World Church?



Church Administrators on the 28 Fundamental Beliefs