

Different Denominations of the Christian Faith

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Christianity on the whole

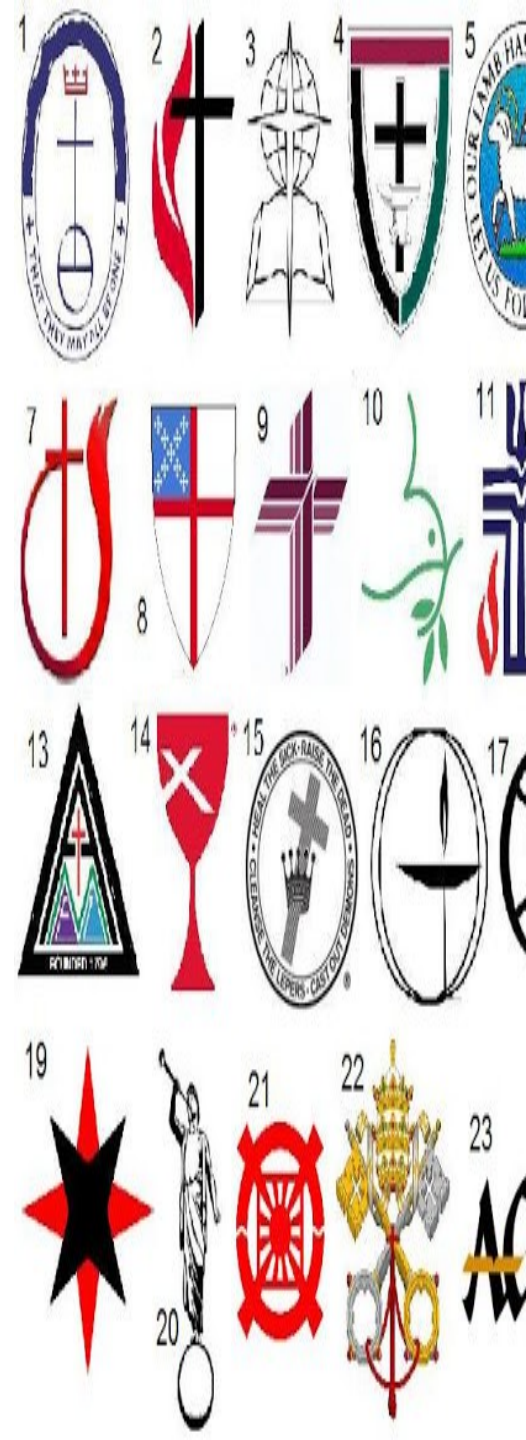
- Christianity is the world's largest religion, with around 2.1 billion followers worldwide.
- In Britain, 42 million people class themselves as Christians, with 6 million actively practising.
- The Christian holy book is the Bible, and consists of the Old and New Testaments.

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What is a denomination?

- A denomination is a recognized autonomous branch of the Christian Church.
- Today we will look at 4 different denominations of the Christian Faith:
 1. Catholicism
 2. Mormonism
 3. Baptism
 4. Protestantism





Catholicism

Catholicism: A Brief History

- Catholicism is the oldest form of the Christian faith and the oldest institution set up in the Western World – existing for around **2000 years**.
- Before the conversion of Emperor Constantine in 312 A.D., Catholicism was classed as illegal.
- After his conversion, Catholicism went on to become the dominant religion in the Roman Empire, installing itself into their basic culture.
- Catholicism played a key role in the 200 years war known as the **Crusades** (1095 – 1298), in which they attempted to rescue the holy lands of Palestine from the Muslims.



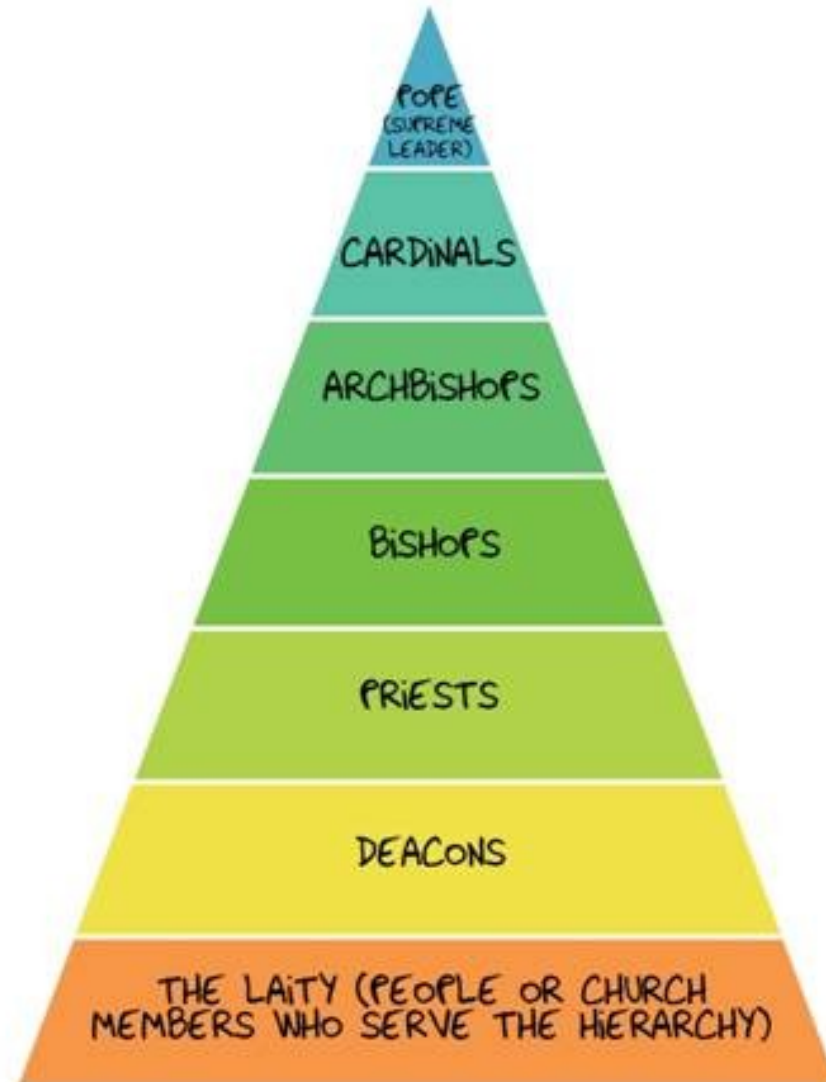
Catholicism: Principle Beliefs

- Most Catholics believe that the Pope is the successor to Saint Peter, who was appointed as the First Head of the Church by Christ.
- Many believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and following his teachings in the New Testament.
- Many believe that only celibate men can be a part of the priesthood, as they have to embody Jesus.
- Most Catholics condemn abortion and contraception as it interferes with God's sacred purpose of sex, to create life.
- Most Catholics are strongly devoted to Saints such as Saint Andrew (an apostle) and Saint Claude (an Archbishop).

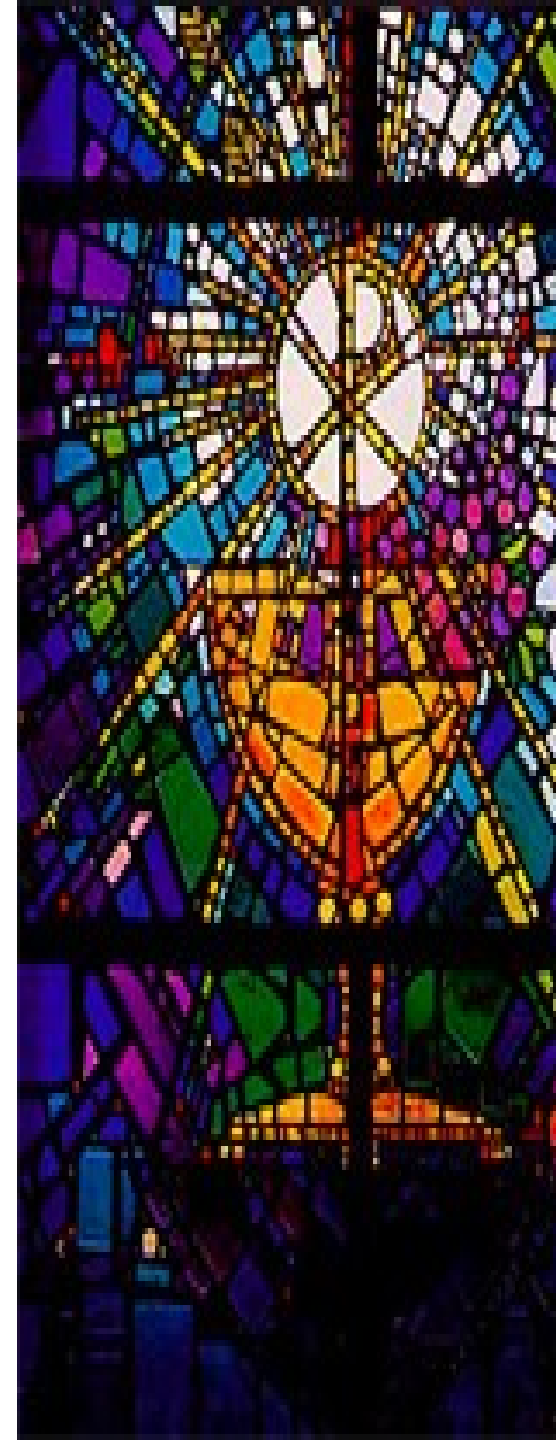
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Catholicism: Structure



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Catholicism: in today's society

- As of 2010, there are nearly 1.1 billion Catholics, up from an estimated 291 million in 1910.
- Catholics comprise 50 percent of all Christians worldwide and 16 percent of the world's total population.
- Today, most Catholics worship in the Catholic Church.
- Contemporary Catholicism embraces a distinctive set of social principles including:
 - 1- Equal rights for workers.
 - 2- Defending the rights of the oppressed and less fortunate.
 - 3- Oppressing capitalism.
 - 4- Equal global trading.
 - 5- Political balance between the North and South.





Mormonism

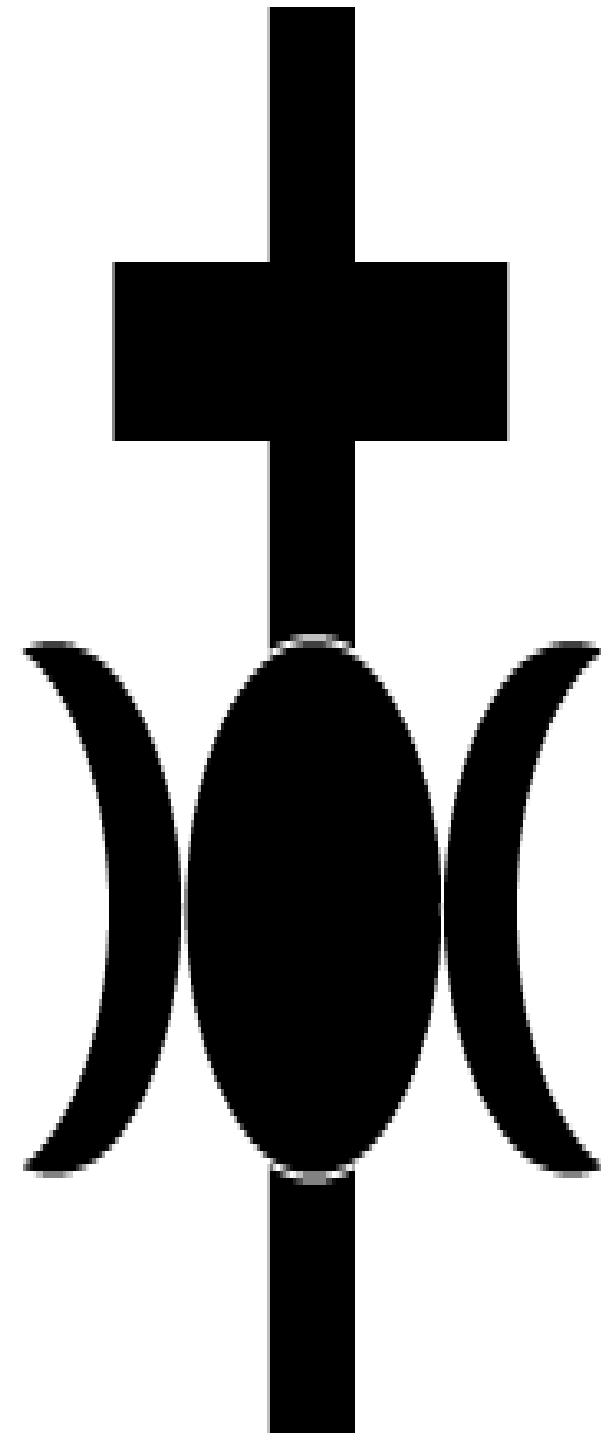
Mormonism: a brief history

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was founded in 19th Century America.
- It has over 12 million members world-wide, including 190,000 in the UK.
- The Church is centred on Christ, but has substantial differences in belief to the Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Christian Churches

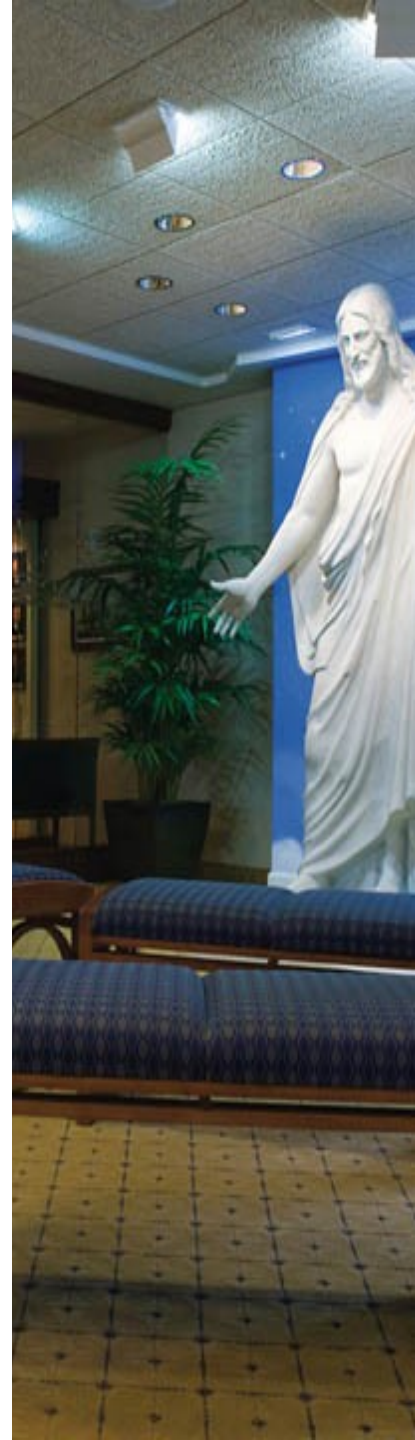
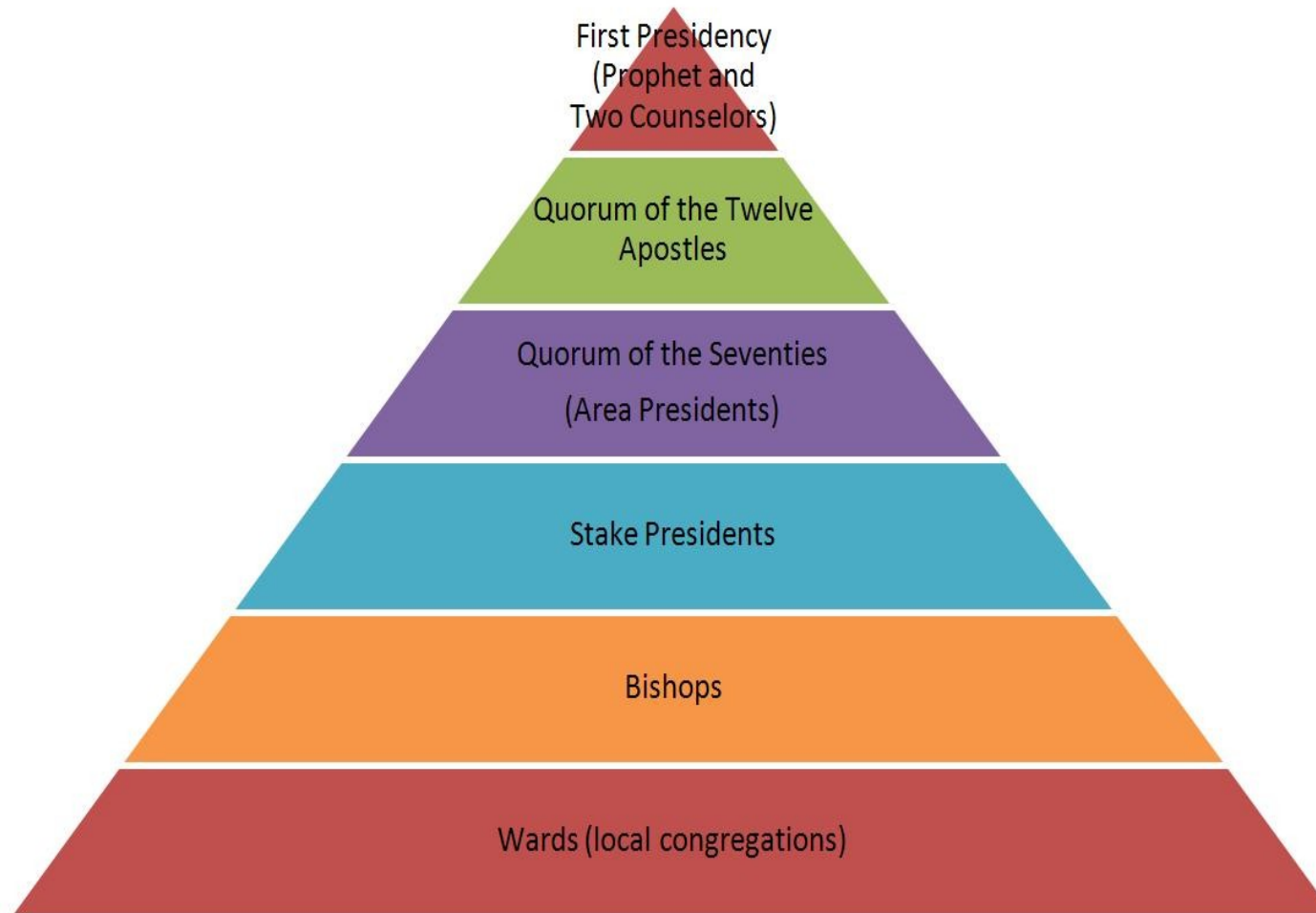


Mormonism: principle beliefs

- Latter-day Saint theology embraces what Mormons refer to as the “plan of salvation.”
- The topic covers the pre-mortal state of all mankind, the reasons why God created the world, the nature and purpose of our life here and what future awaits us in the next life.
- At death, our spirit leaves our deceased body. While our bodies remain on the earth, our spirits will reside in a state of rest or in a state of learning until the day of resurrection and judgment.
- These states have been called respectively “spirit paradise”



Mormonism: Structure



Mormonism: in today's society

- Abstinance from alcohol among religious faiths is not unique to Latter-day Saints.
- However, among Latter-day Saints abstinance from alcohol is expected to be total, as is the abstinance from tobacco, tea and coffee.





Baptist

Baptism: a brief history

- 16th century post-Reformation.
- First Baptist congregation = Holland 1609.
- Split into 2 groups in 1600's - differing thoughts.
- “General Baptists” believe that Christ did die for the benefit of everyone.
- “Particular Baptists” believe Christ died for a specific group or elect.
- Came together in 1813 – formed General Union – became Baptist Union or GB and Ireland in 19th century.

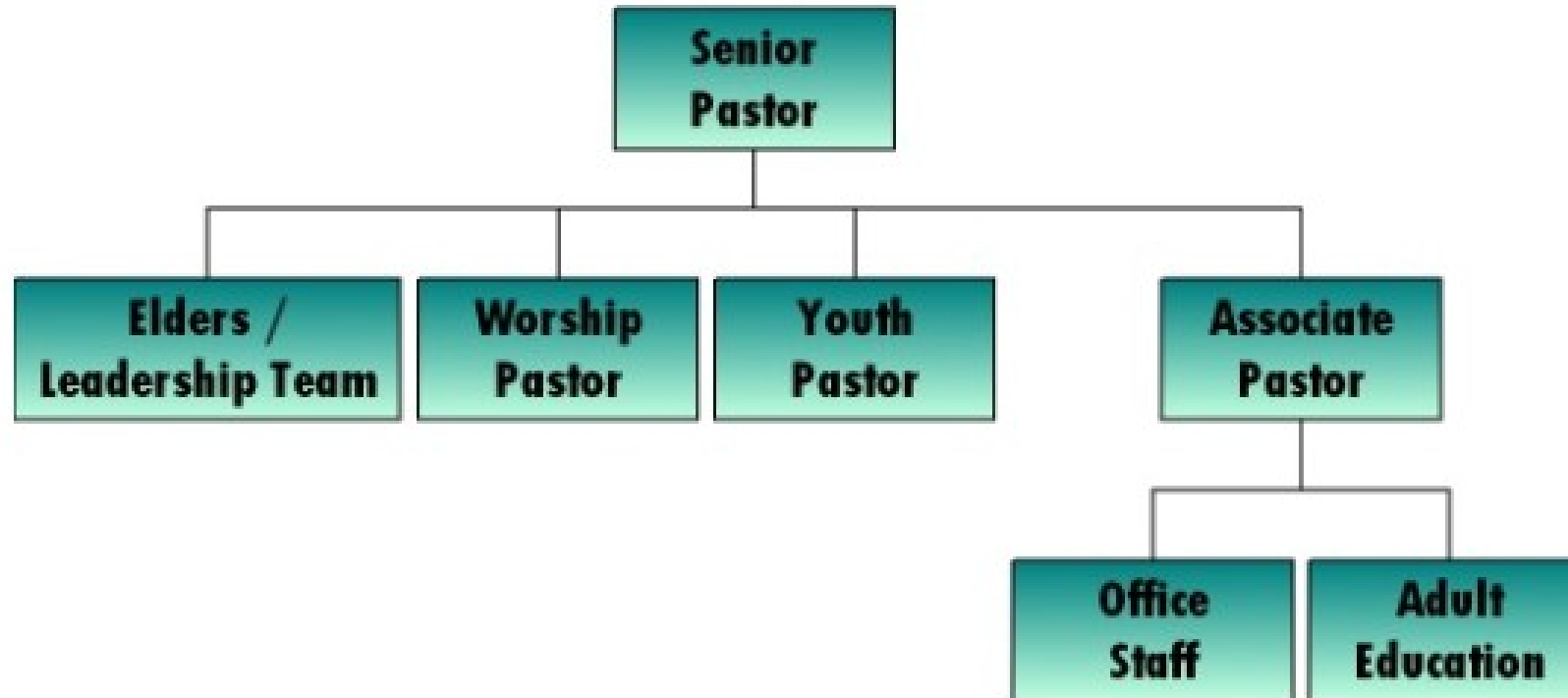


Baptism: principle beliefs

- The Bible is the guide in all matters of faith and practice, not the church.
- The Congregation should be made up of believers only.
- The church is governed by said believers, not hierarchy such as Bishops etc.



Baptism: Structure



Baptism: in today's society

- Church of England Minister John Smyth performed “scandalous baptism”.
- The Baptism Church is the 5th largest Christian church in the world – 40m members worldwide.
- There are 2150 Baptist churches in UK, with over 150,000 members.

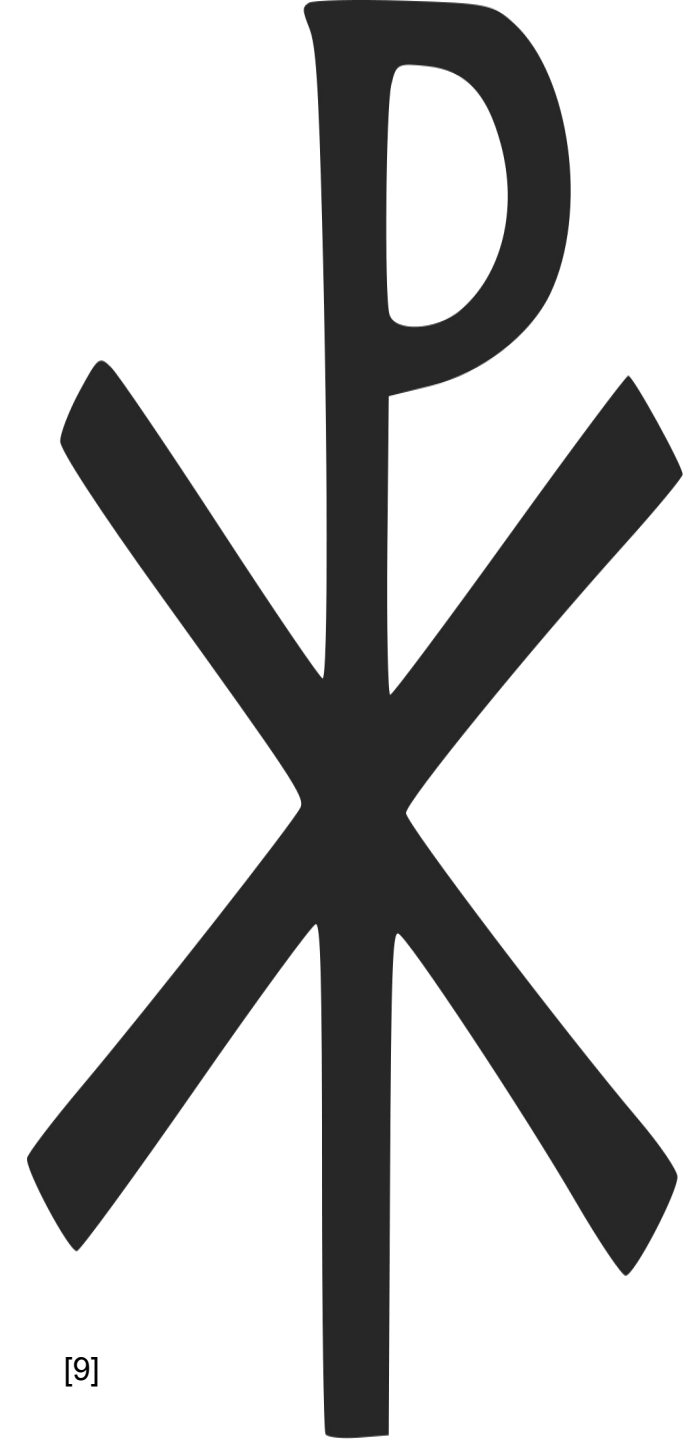




Protestants

Protestants: A Brief History

- Protestantism is the group of churches that broke off from the Roman Catholic Church during the sixteenth century.
- Historians usually date the start of the Protestant Reformation to the 1517 publication of Martin Luther's "95 Theses, in which he defied the traditional beliefs of the Catholic Church.
- In England, the Reformation began with Henry VIII's quest for a male heir.
- When Pope Clement VII refused to annul Henry's marriage to Catherine of Aragon so he could remarry, the English king declared in 1534 that he alone should be the final authority in matters relating to the English church.
- Henry dissolved England's monasteries to confiscate their wealth and to spread the Bible in the hands of the

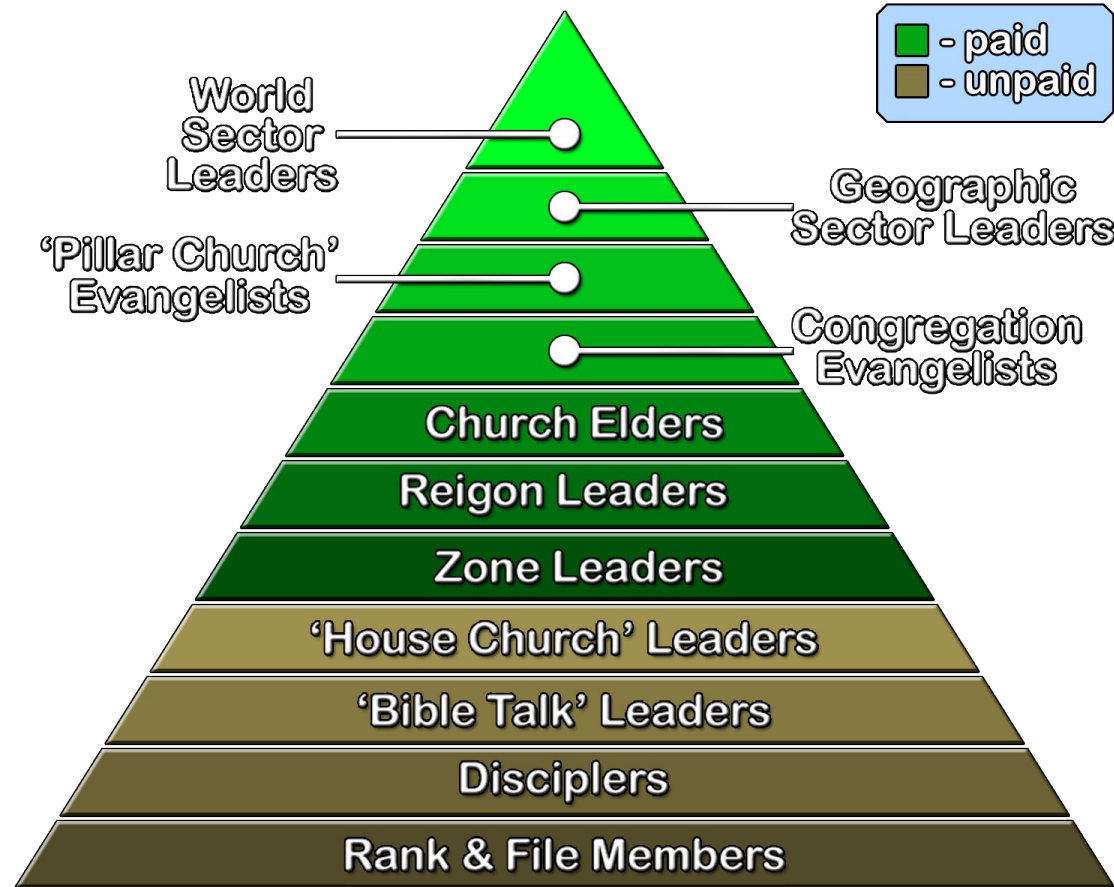


Protestants: principle beliefs

- Protestants have believed in the Bible as their sole spiritual authority.
- Protestants also emphasize the individual's relationship with God.
- Unlike Catholics, Protestants believe it is permissible for clergy to marry and not be celibate.



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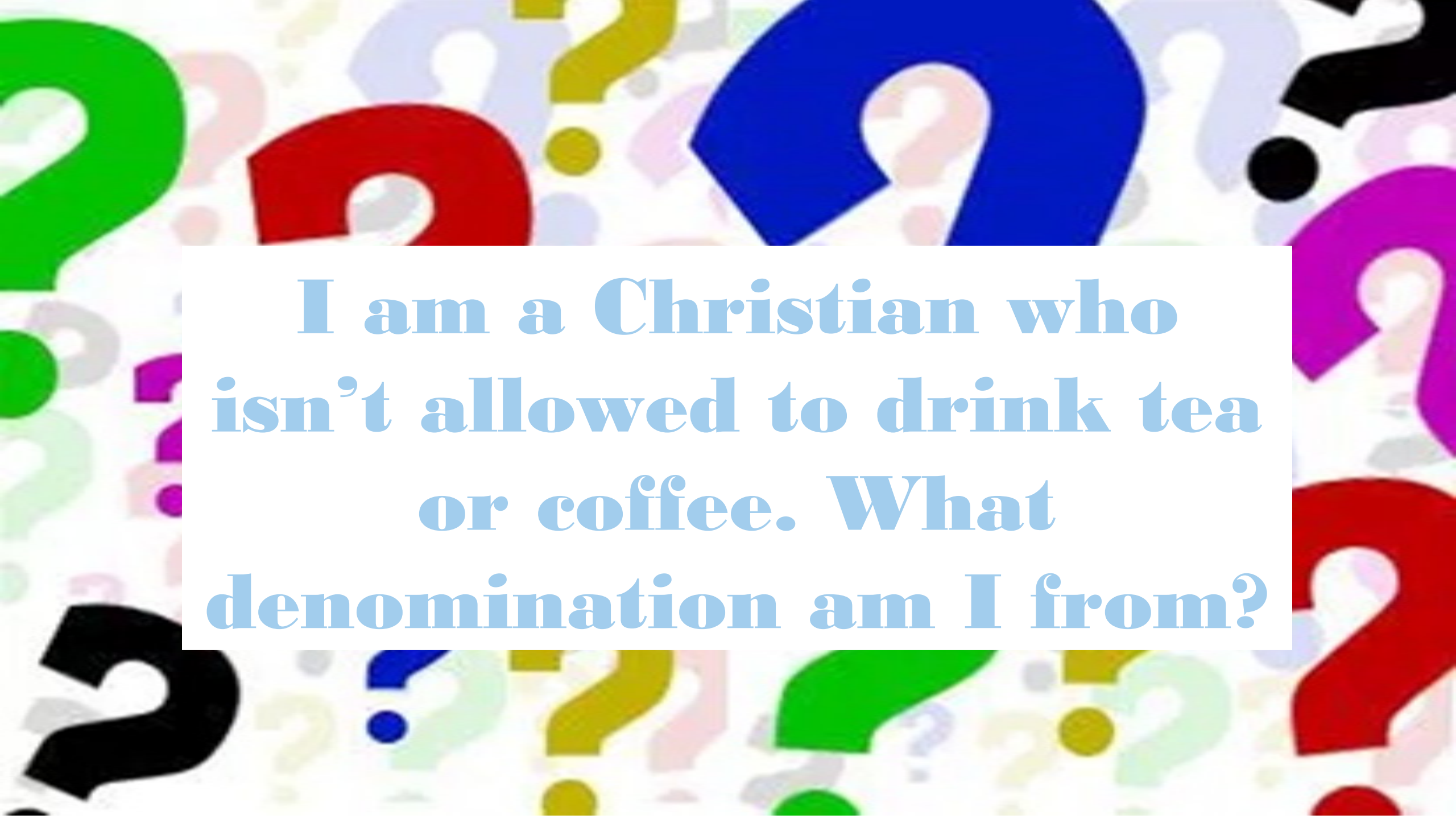
Protestants: in today's society

- Today there are about 590 million Protestants throughout the world and they cover all continents and nations.
- Nearly 27% of all Christians today are Protestants.
- It is the most popular denomination of Christianity in the UK.

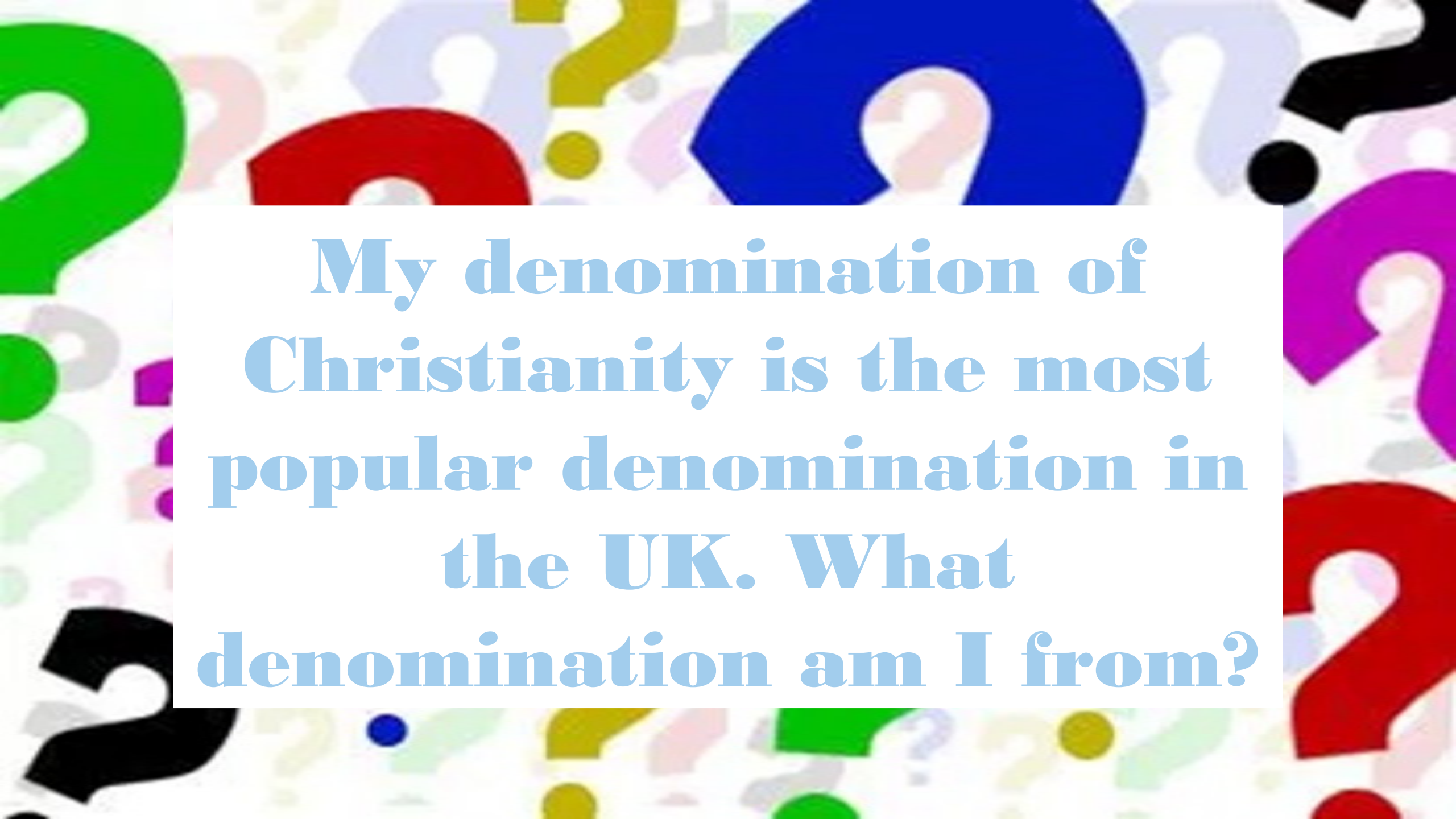




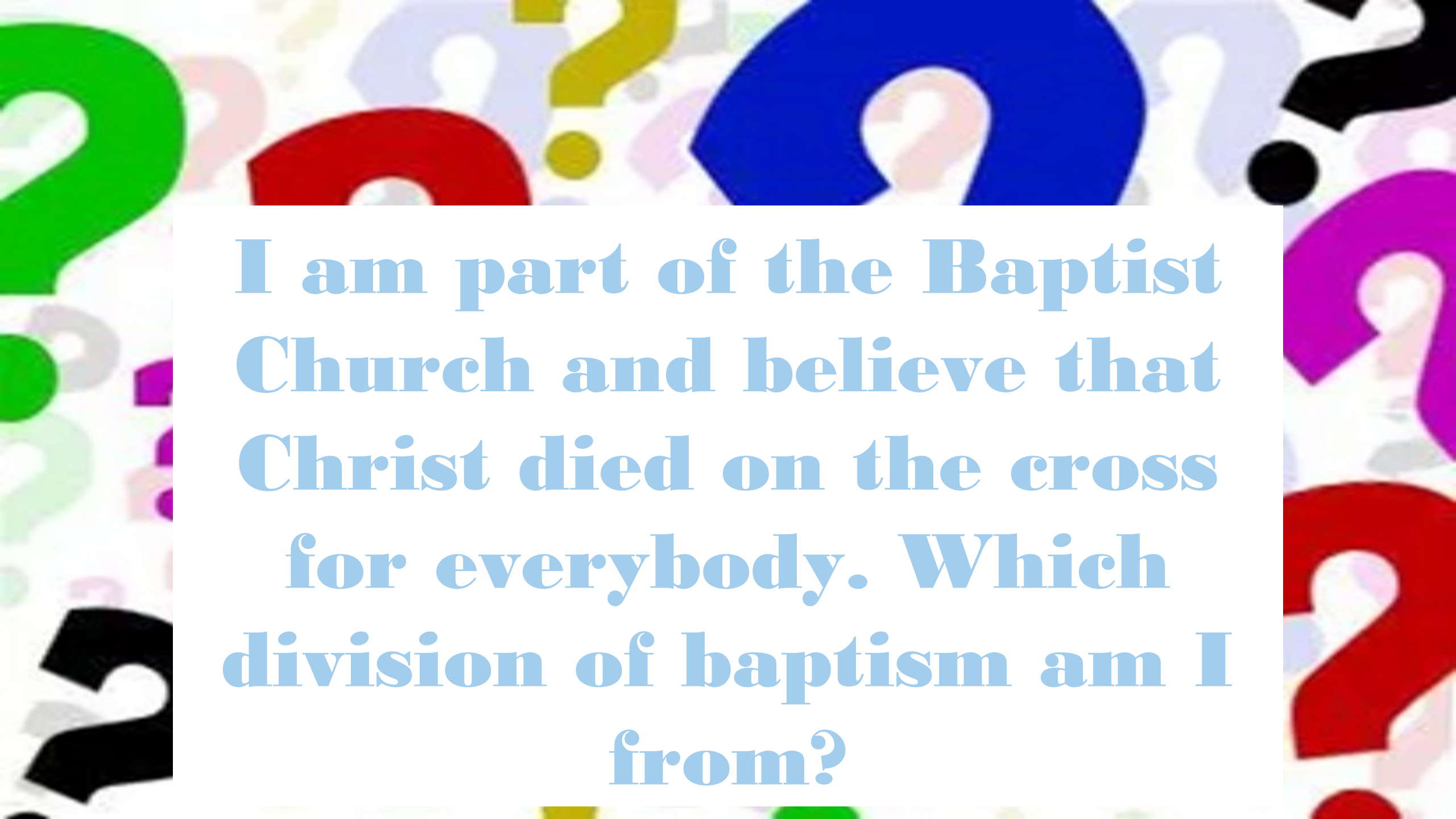
Quiz Time

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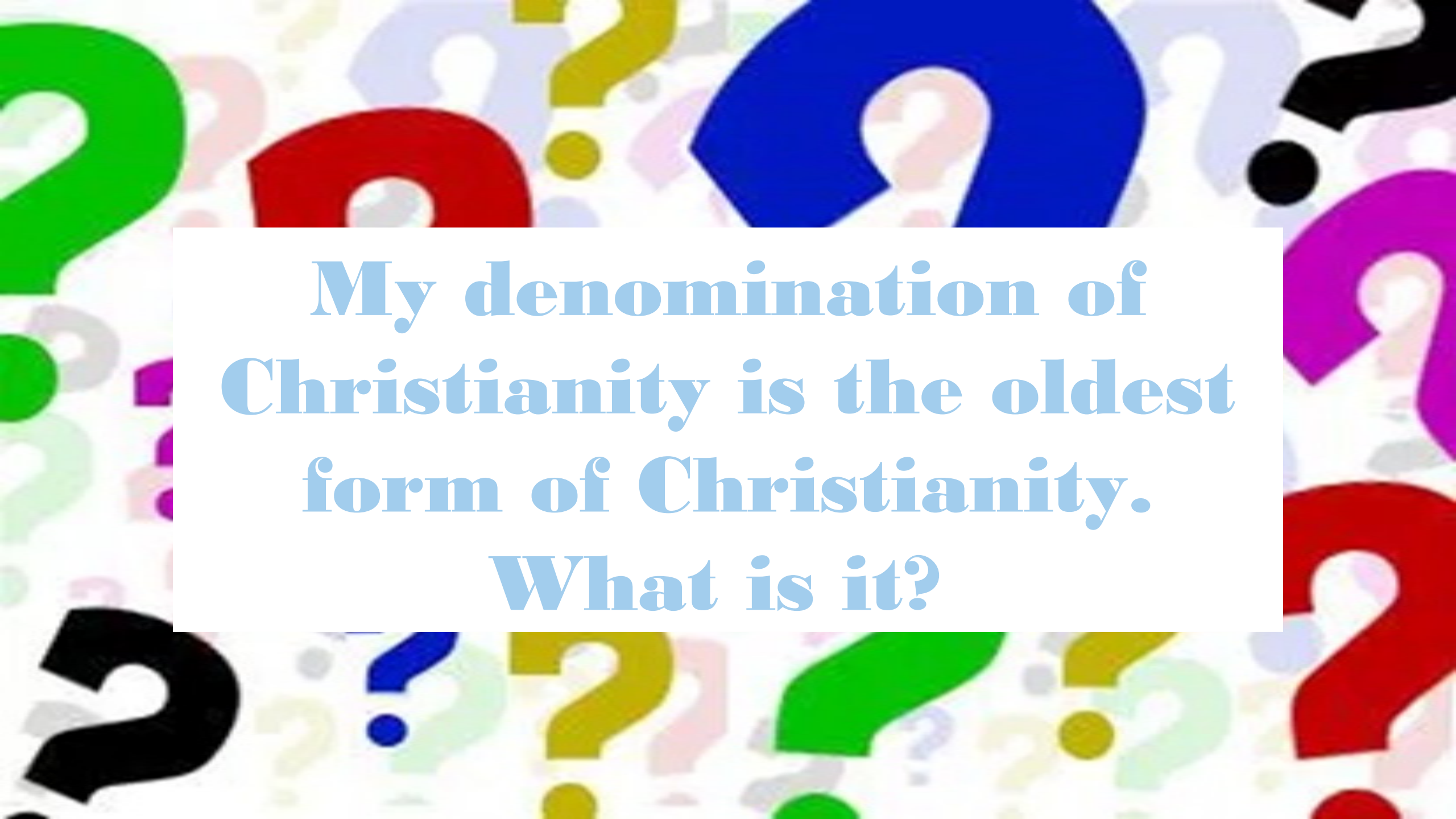
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isn't allowed to drink tea
or coffee. What
denomination am I from?**

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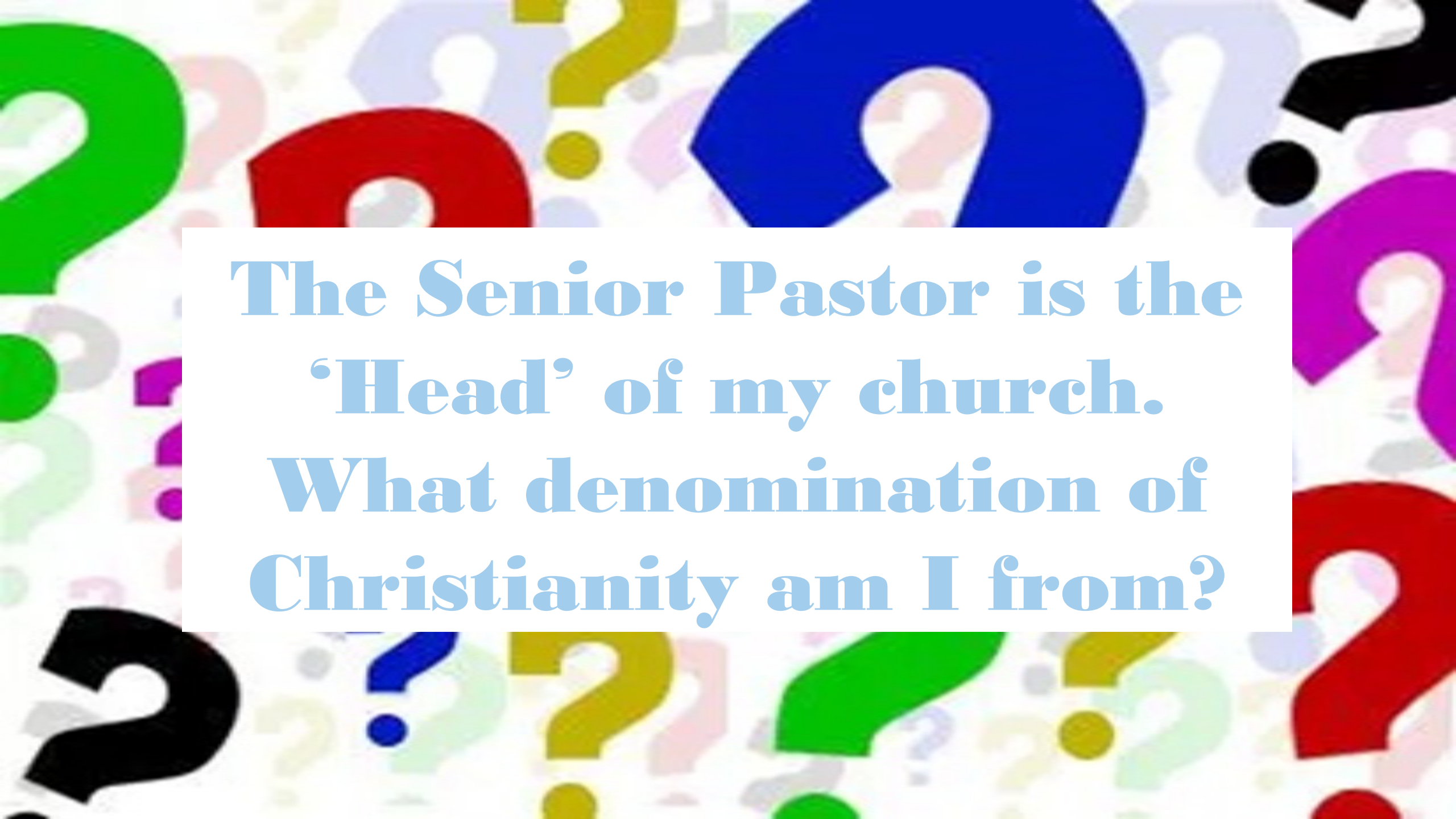
**My denomination of
Christianity is the most
popular denomination in
the UK. What
denomination am I from?**

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I am part of the Baptist Church and believe that Christ died on the cross for everybody. Which division of baptism am I from?

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**My denomination of
Christianity is the oldest
form of Christianity.
What is it?**

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**The Senior Pastor is the
'Head' of my church.
What denomination of
Christianity am I from?**

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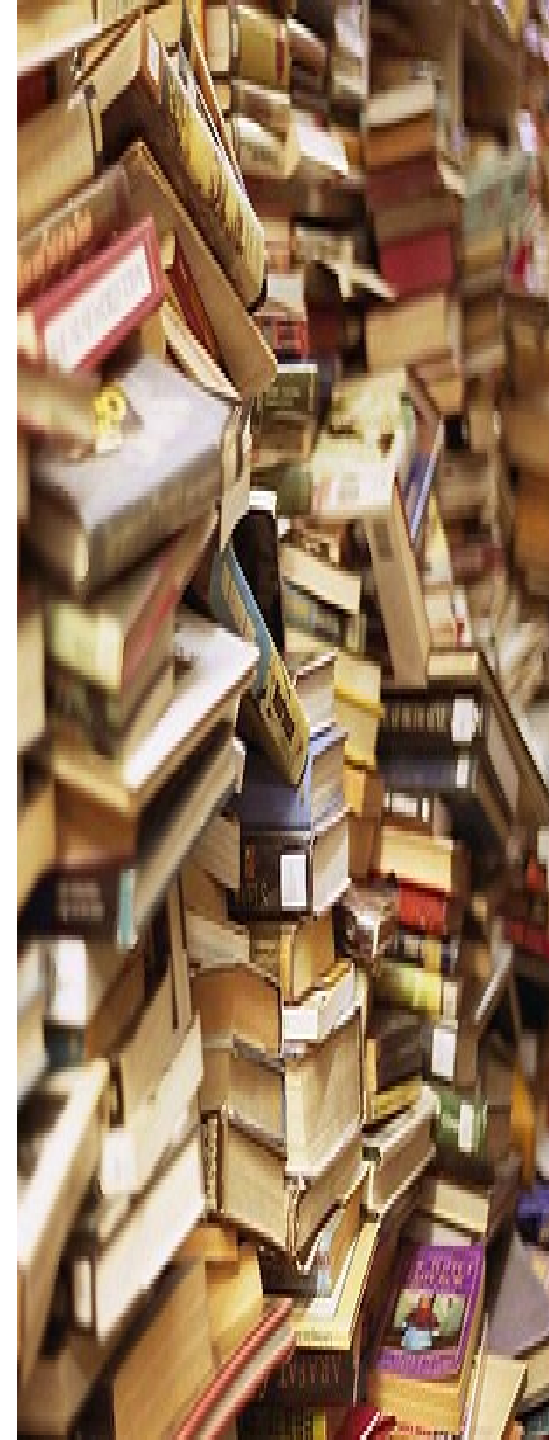
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