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**DEC 2022 CLERGY SURVEY ON
ORTHODOX INTERNET RESOURCES**

WHAT IS THIS SURVEY? 1/2

- ▶ As part of the final project in my PT204 Pastoral Theology class at [St. Vladimir's Seminary](#), I created a survey asking Orthodox priests and deacons their opinions on 50 sites in the "Orthodox Internet": News Aggregators, Multi-author Blogs, Single-author Blogs, Podcasts, and Video Channels.
- ▶ Each respondent was asked to rate each site in four categories:
 1. Full Recommendation
 2. Partial Recommendation
 3. Do Not Recommend
 4. Unknown

WHAT IS THIS SURVEY? 2/2

- ▶ I also asked demographic questions and three open-ended questions:
 1. What is the best site you recommend to inquirers and catechumens?
 2. What site would you remove from the internet, if possible?
 3. What is the biggest parish ministry challenge related to "Internet Orthodoxy"?
- ▶ The following slides present the results of the survey among 29 participating Orthodox clergy from multiple jurisdictions and regions of the country.



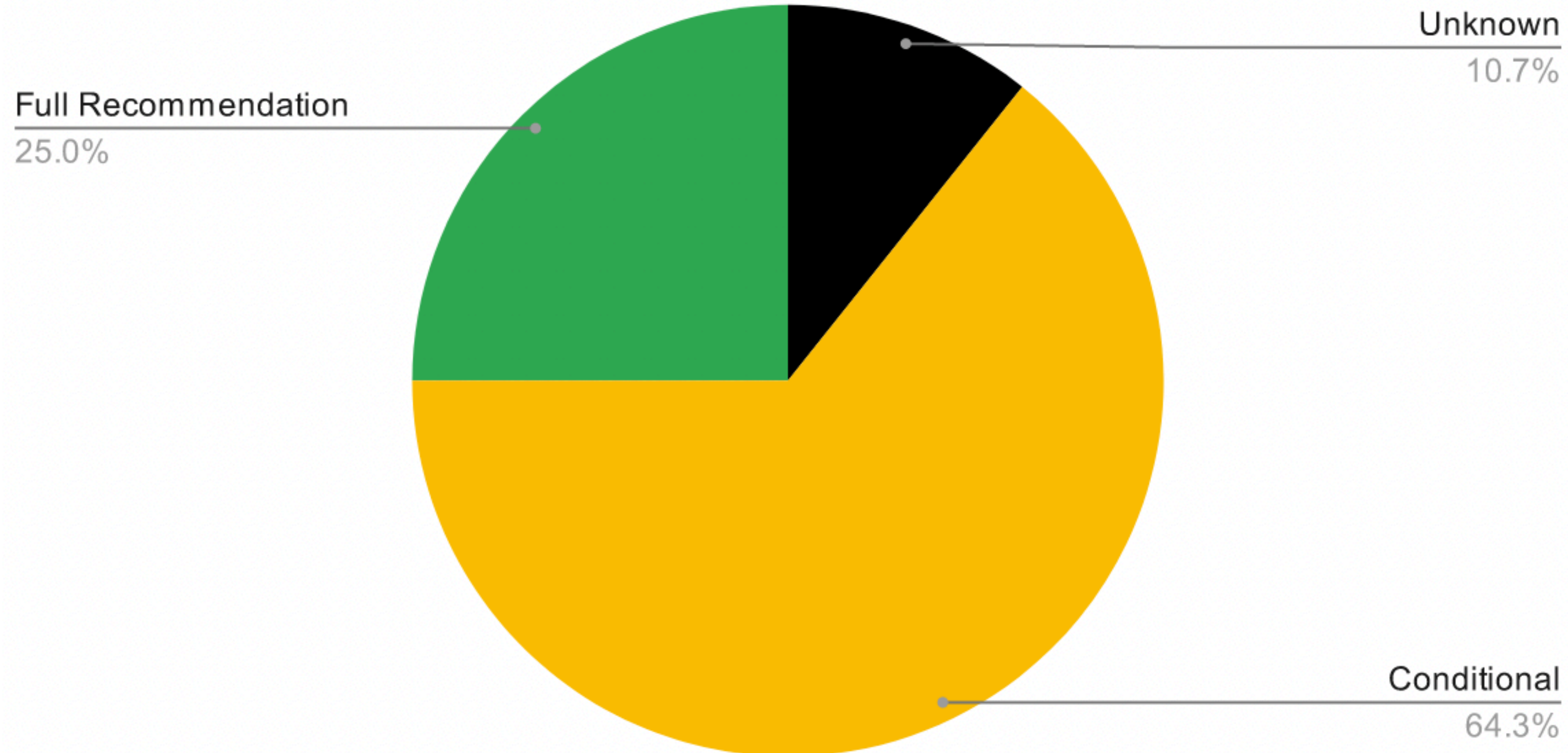
SECTION 1:

NEWS AGGREGATOR WEBSITES

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ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY





Orthodox Times

Full Recommendation

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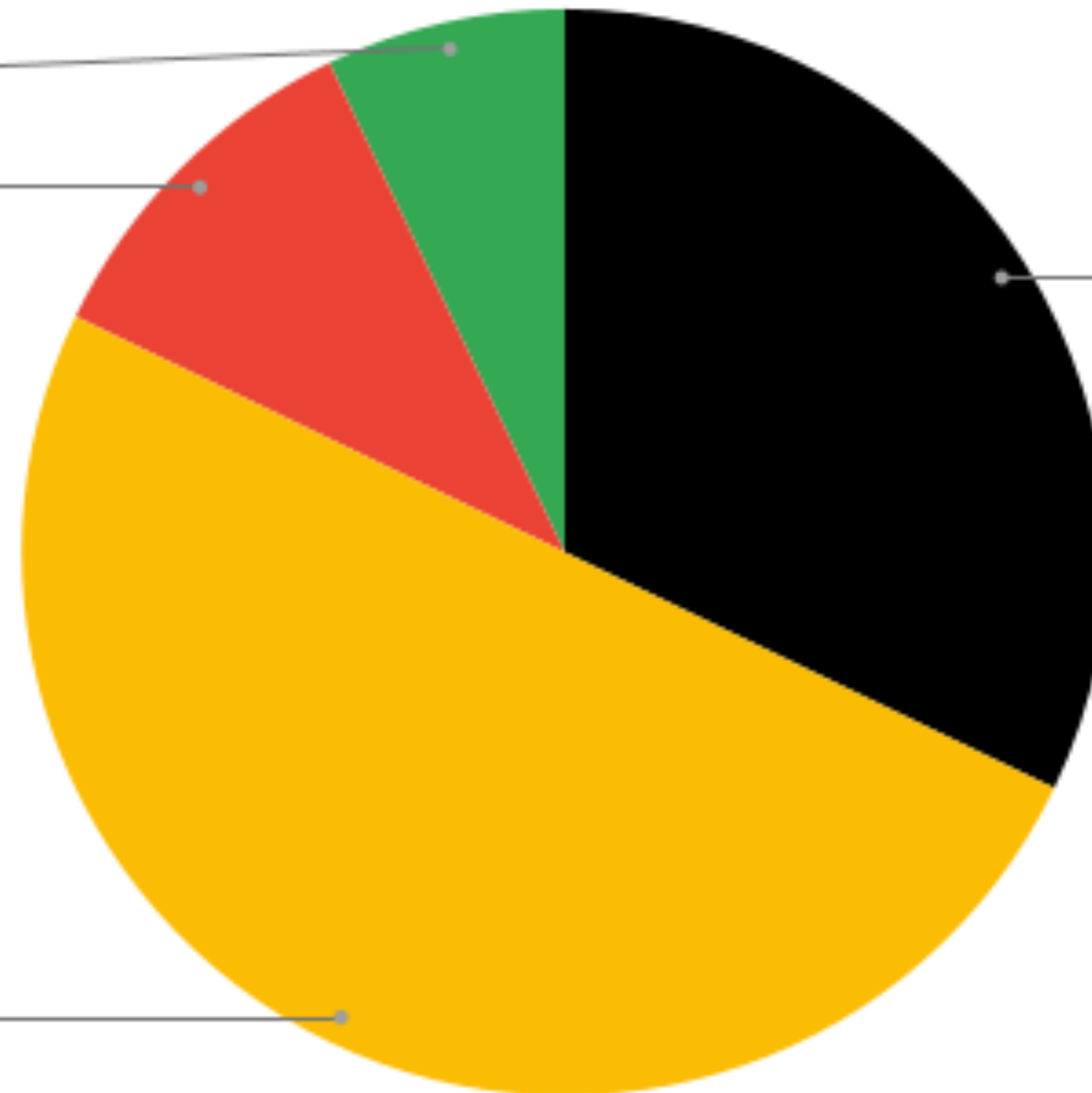
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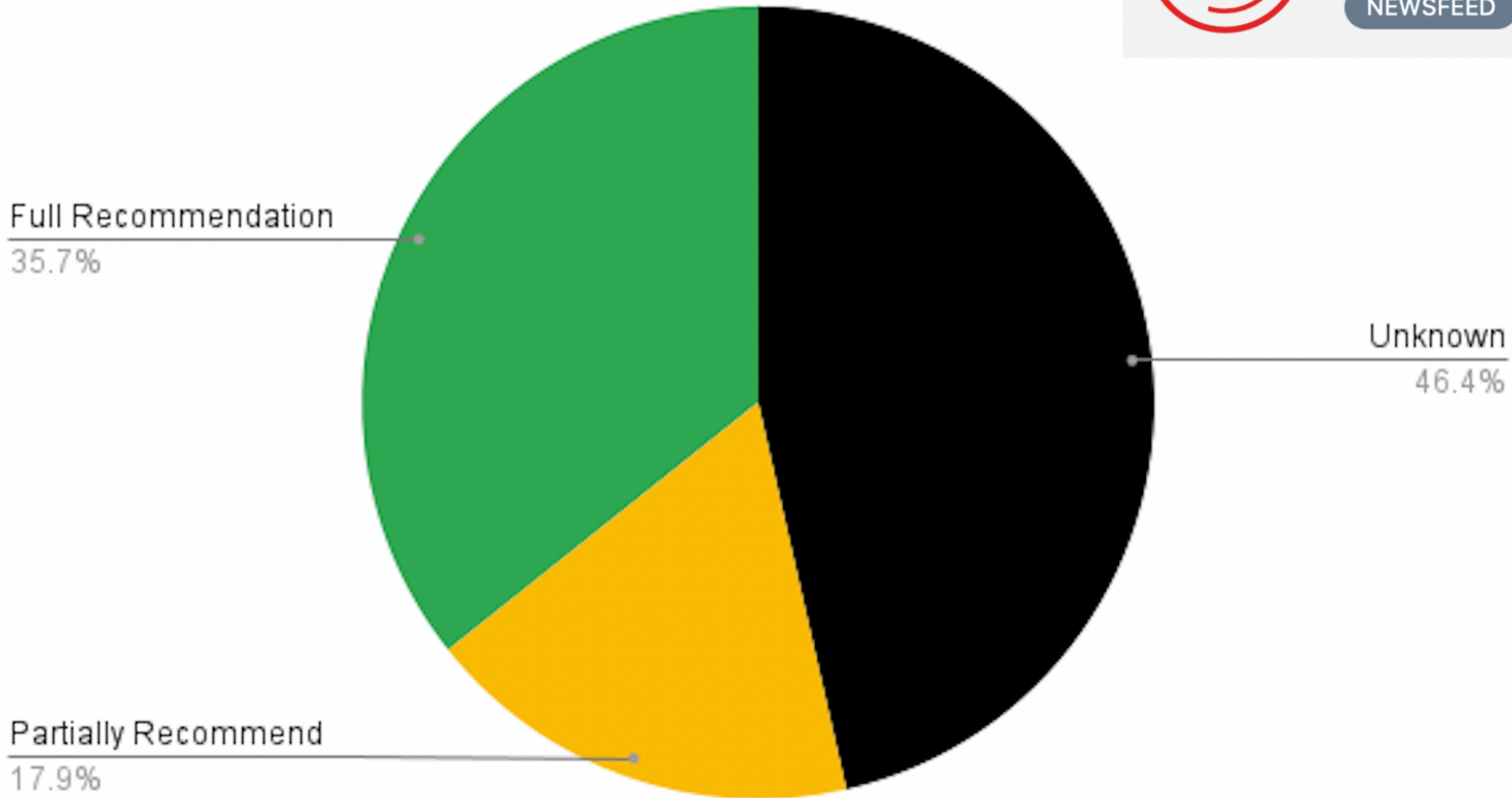
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Basilica.ro News Agency

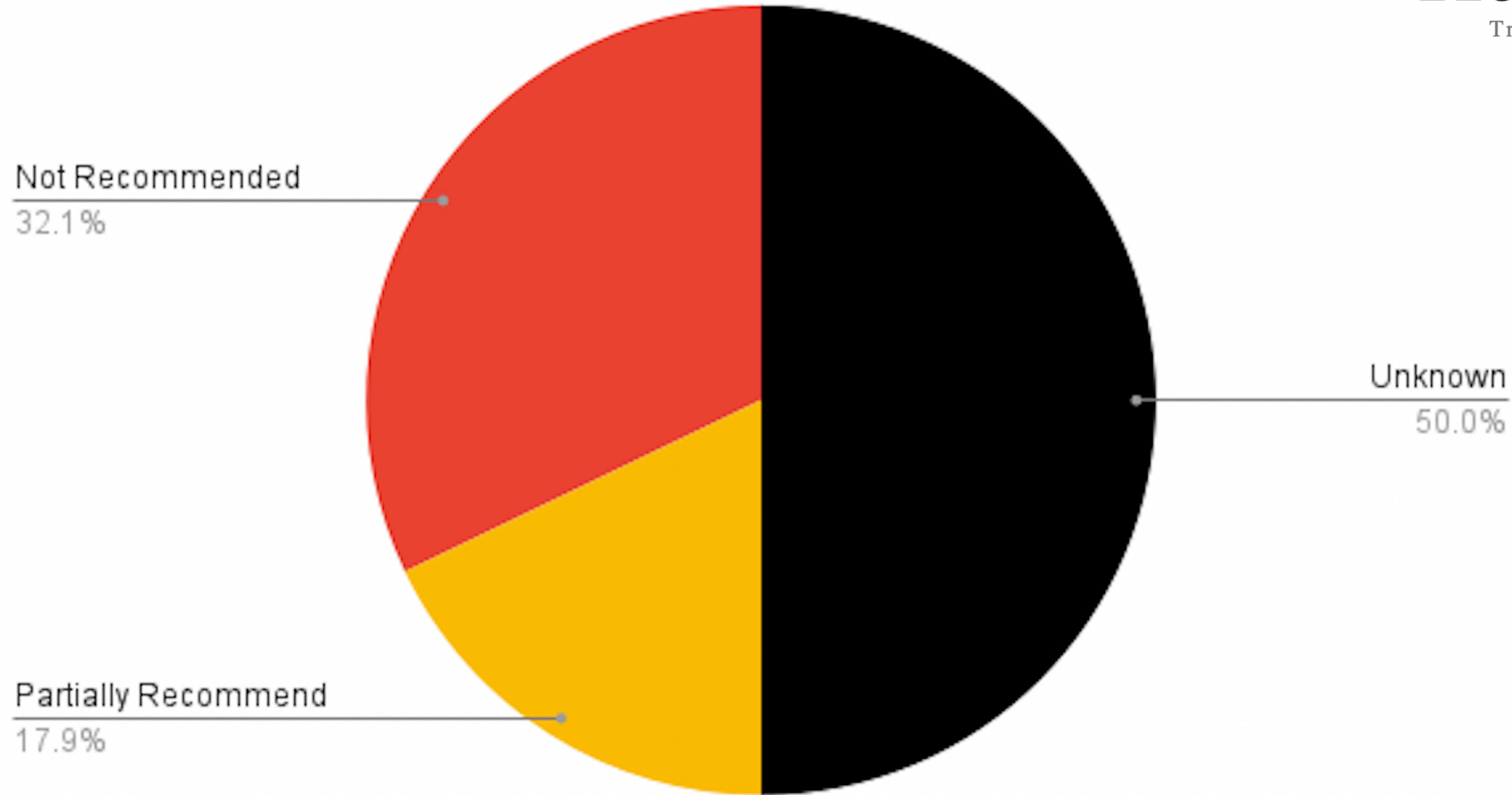


NEWS AGENCY
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NEWSFEED [Contact](#) [RSS](#) [Newsletter](#)



Helleniscope - Truth Through Knowledge

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PRAVMIR.COM

Orthodox Christianity and the World

The Daily Website on How to be an Orthodox Christian Today

Not Recommended

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Full Recommendation

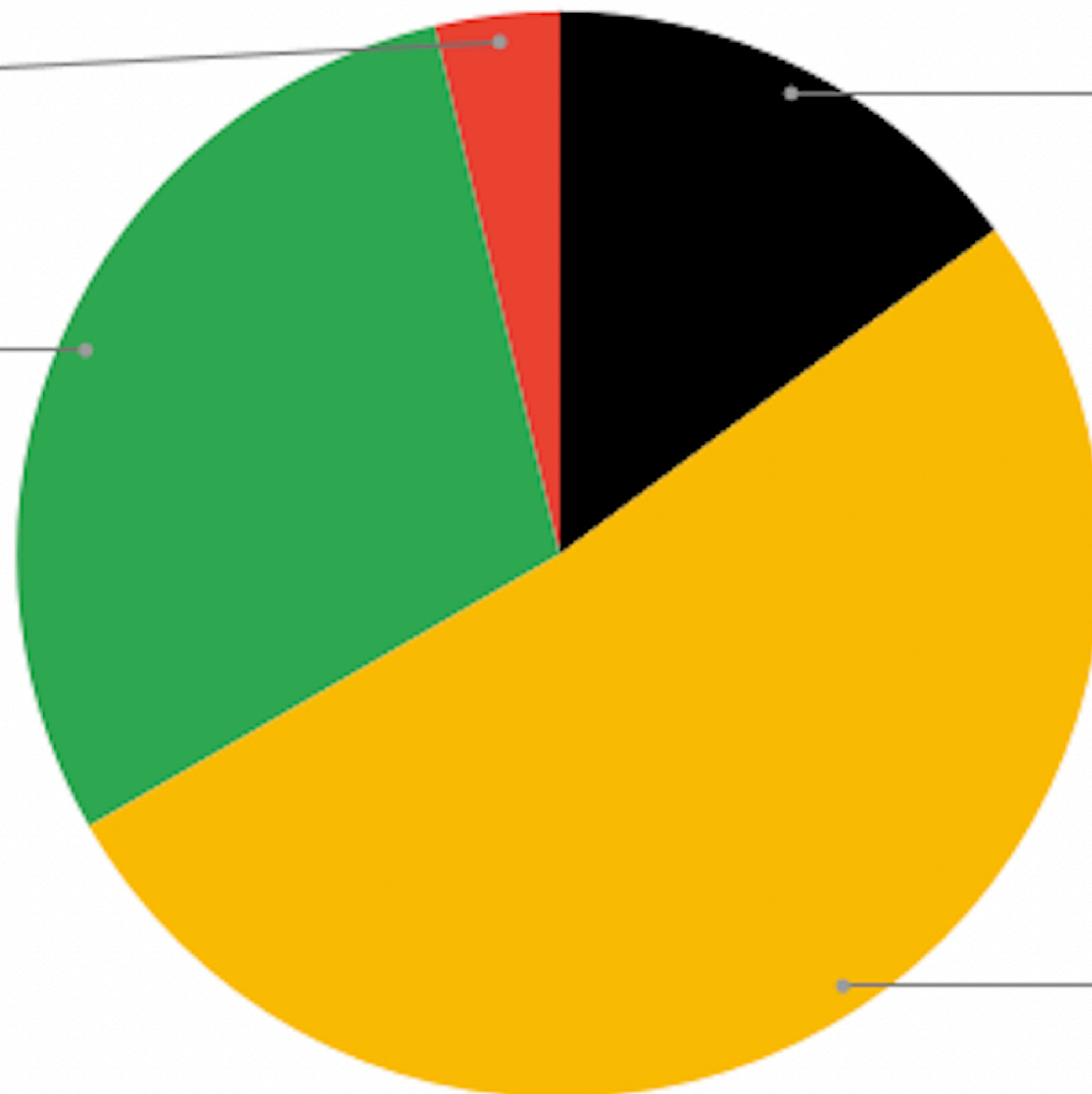
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Partially Recommend

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Byzantine, Texas

Full Recommendation

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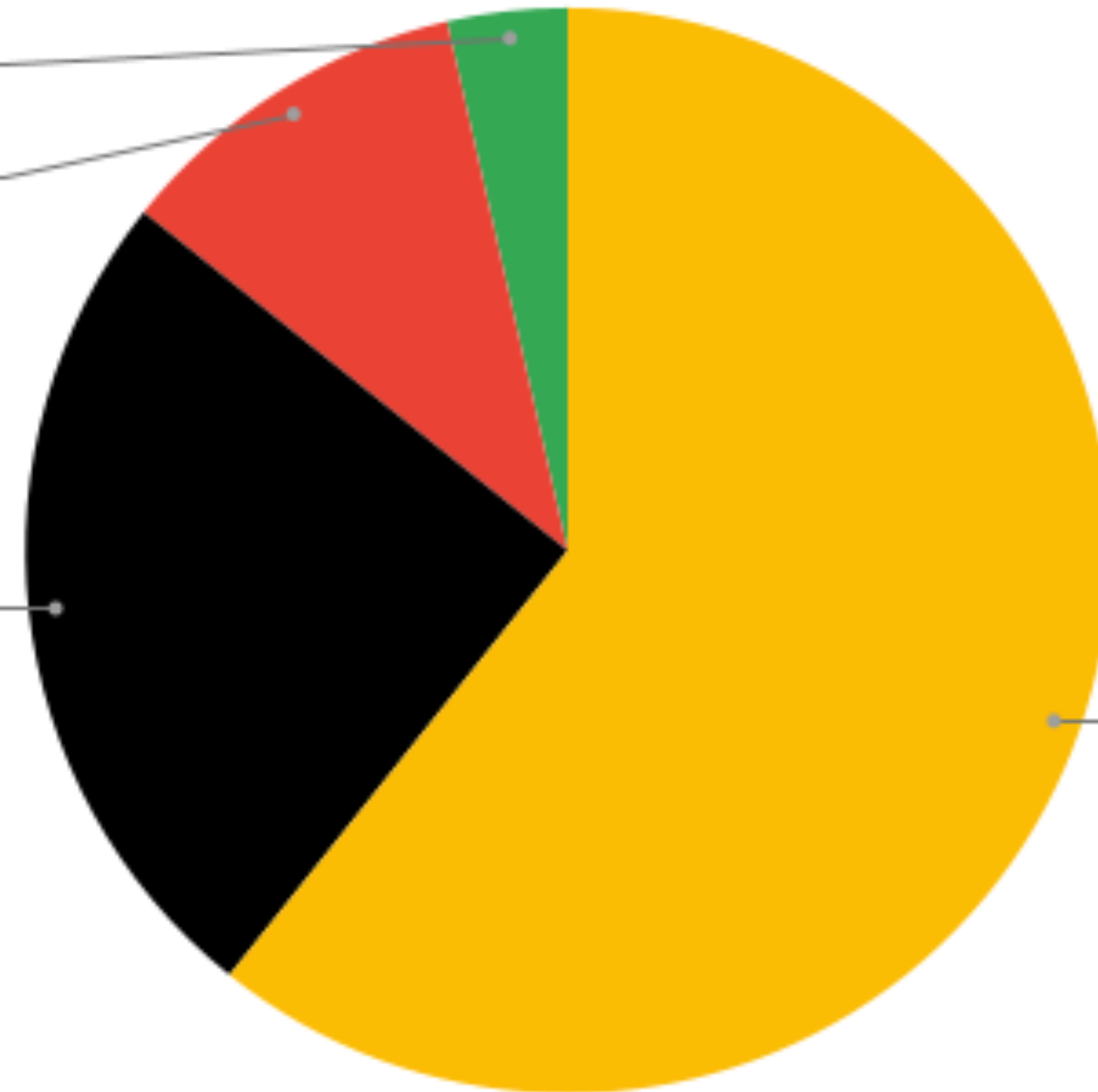
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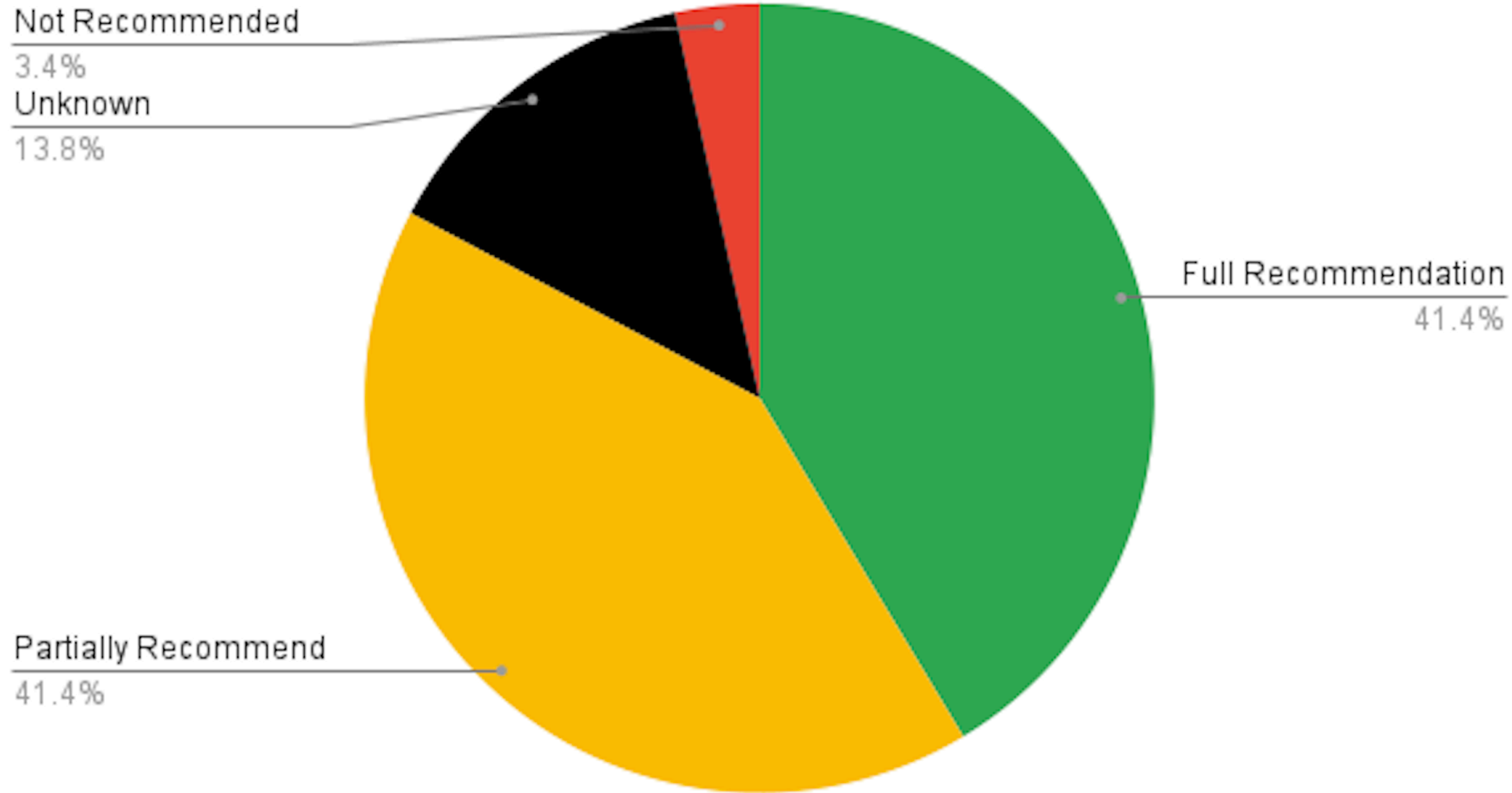




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BLOGS WITH MULTIPLE AUTHORS

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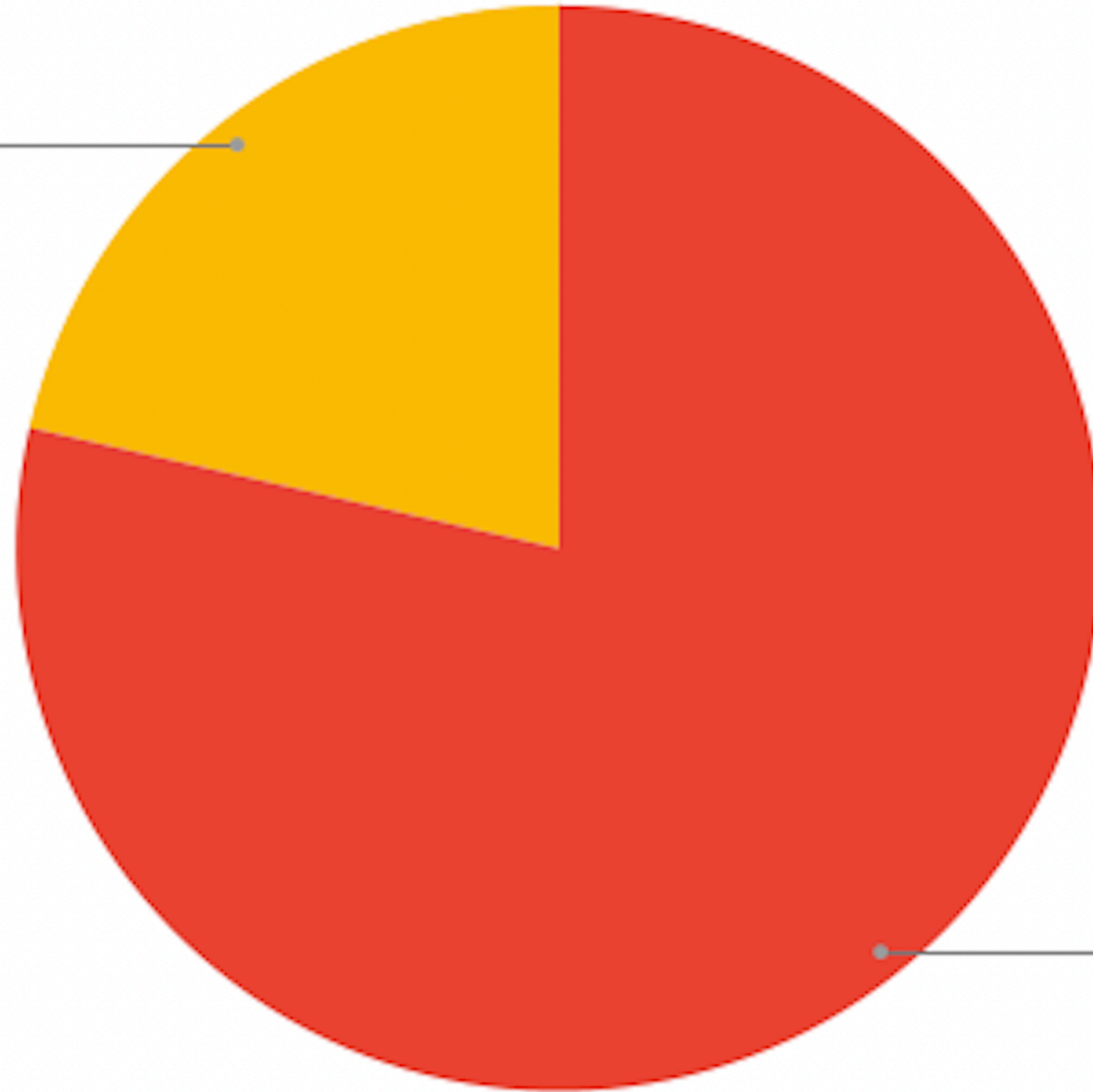


PUBLIC ORTHODOXY

Bridging the Ecclesial, the Academic, and the Political | The Orthodox Christian Studies Center of Fordham University

Public Orthodoxy

Partially Recommend
21.4%



Not Recommended
78.6%

Orthodox Life (Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville NY)

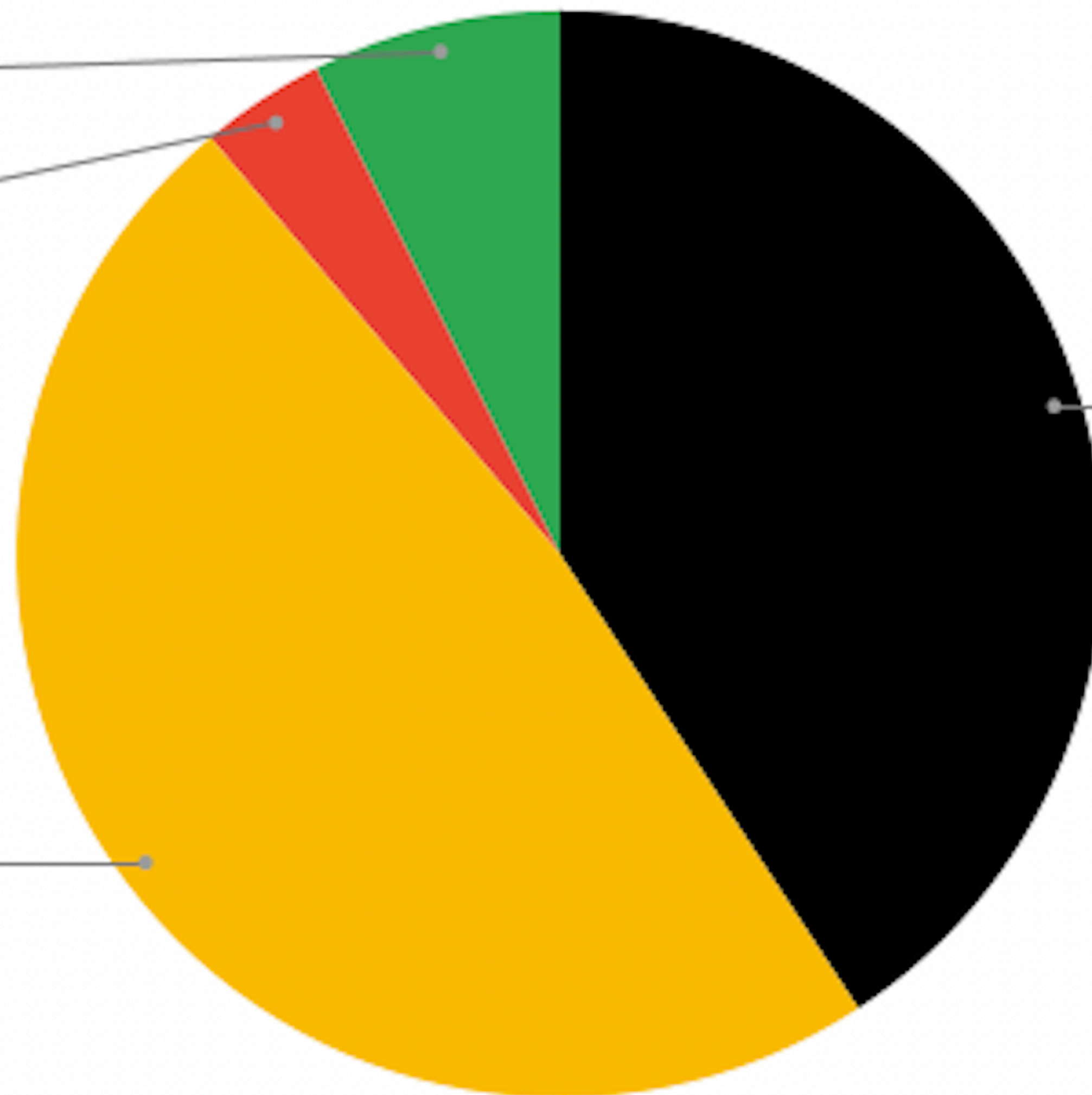


Full Recommendation

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JOURNEY TO ORTHODOXY

Journey to Orthodoxy (Fr. John Whiteford & friends)

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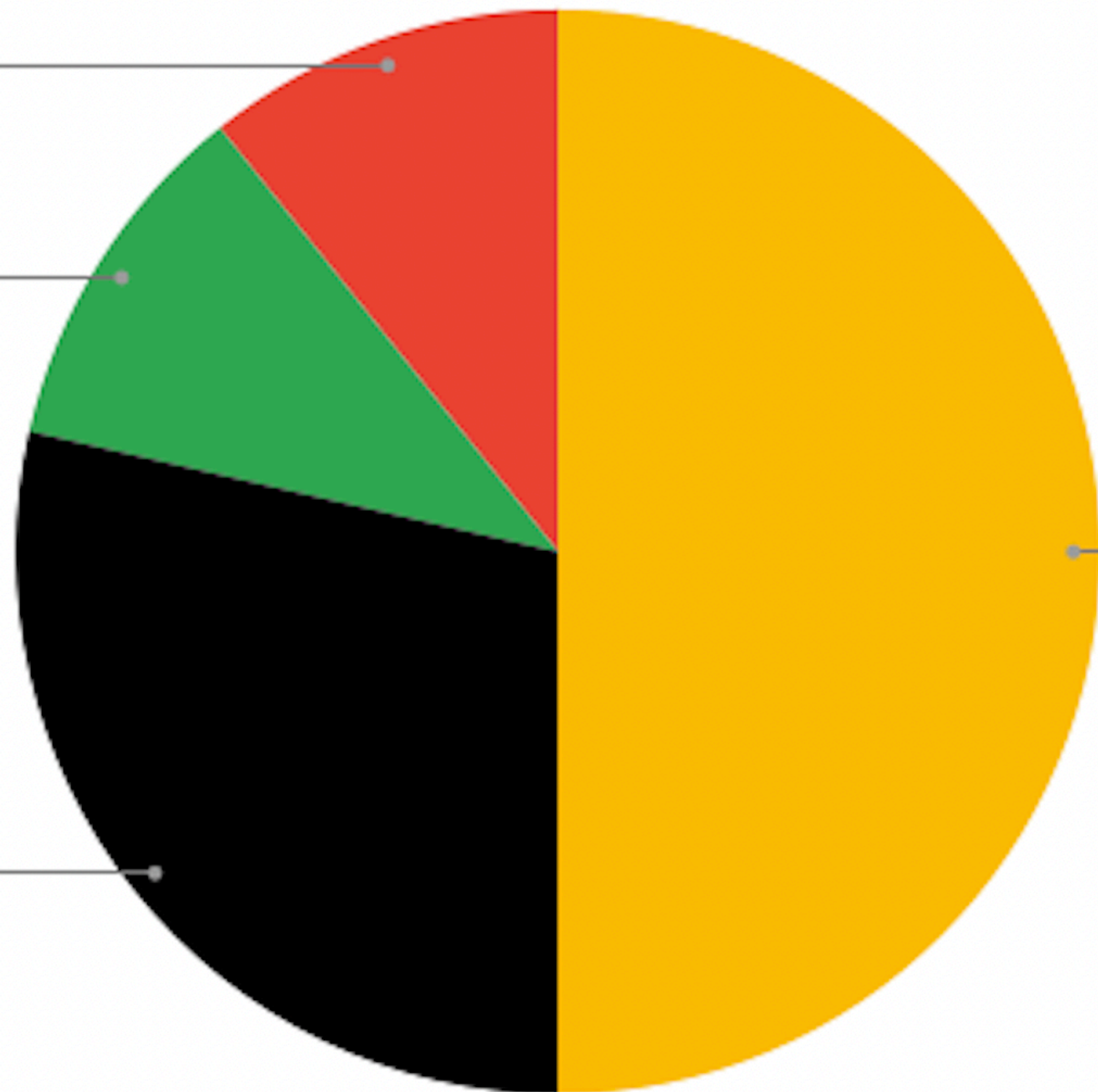
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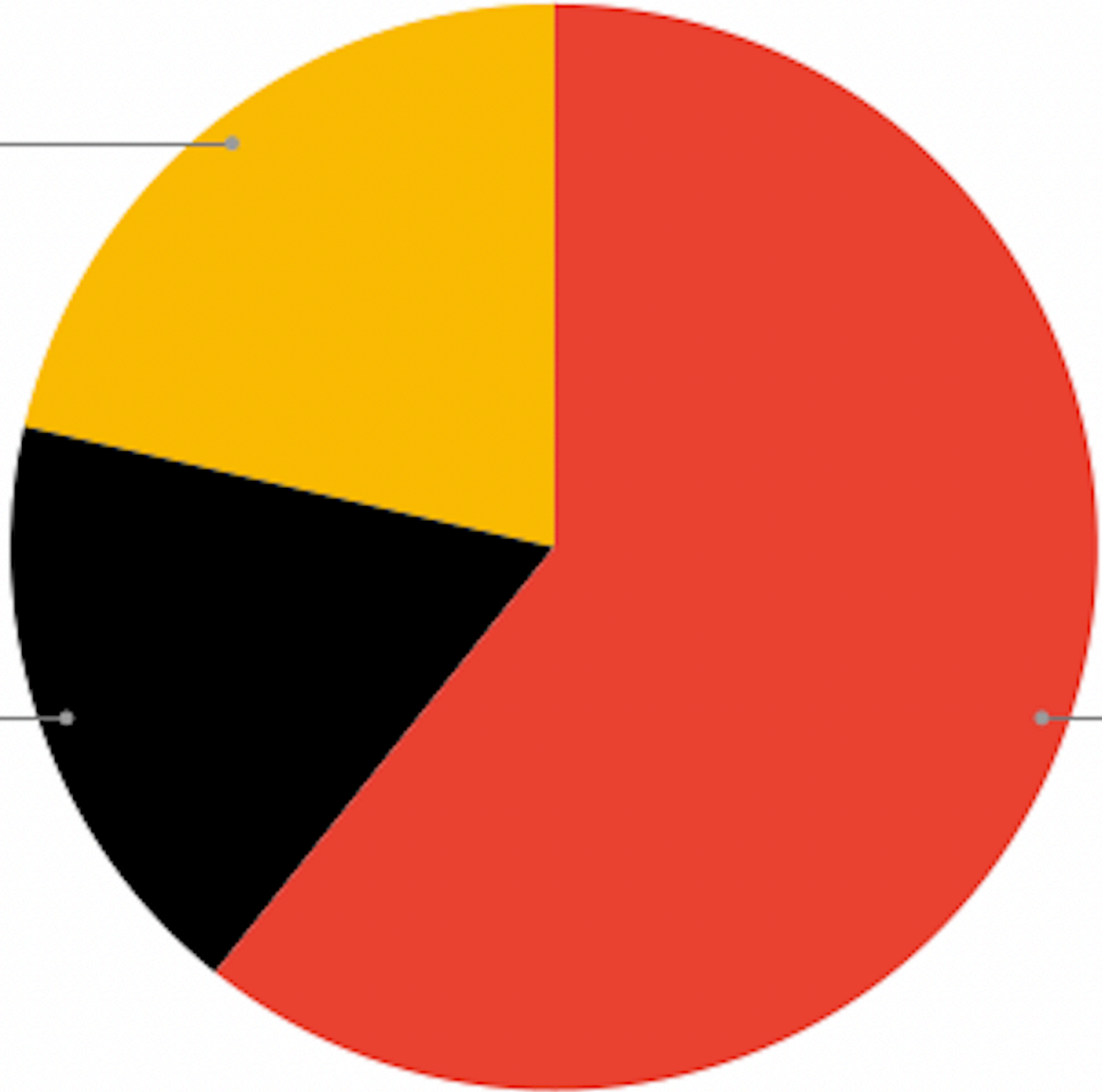
The Wheel Journal



Partially Recommend
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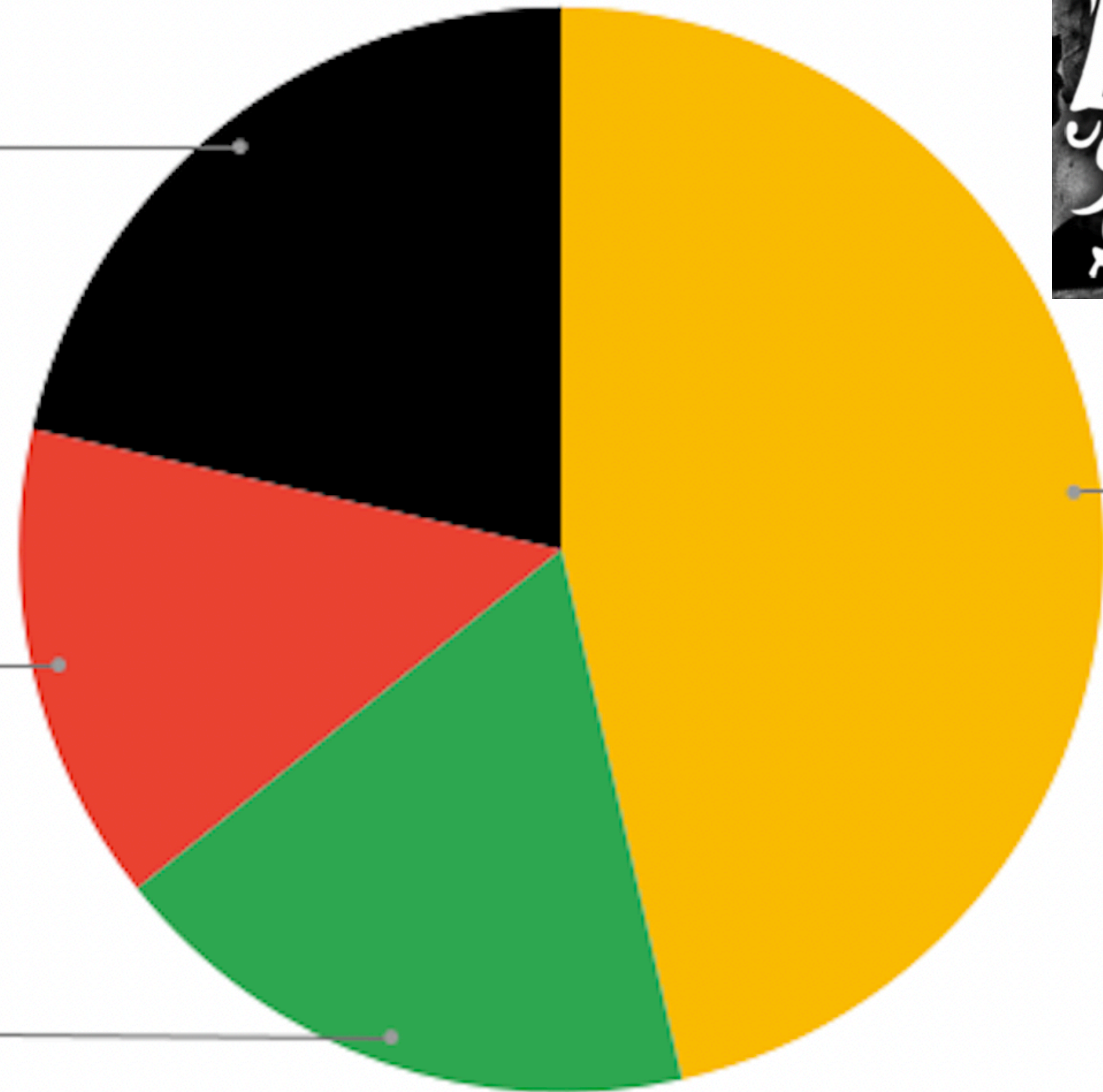


Death to the World

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Not Recommended
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Full Recommendation
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Orthodox Christian Information Center (OrthodoxInfo.com)

Full Recommendation

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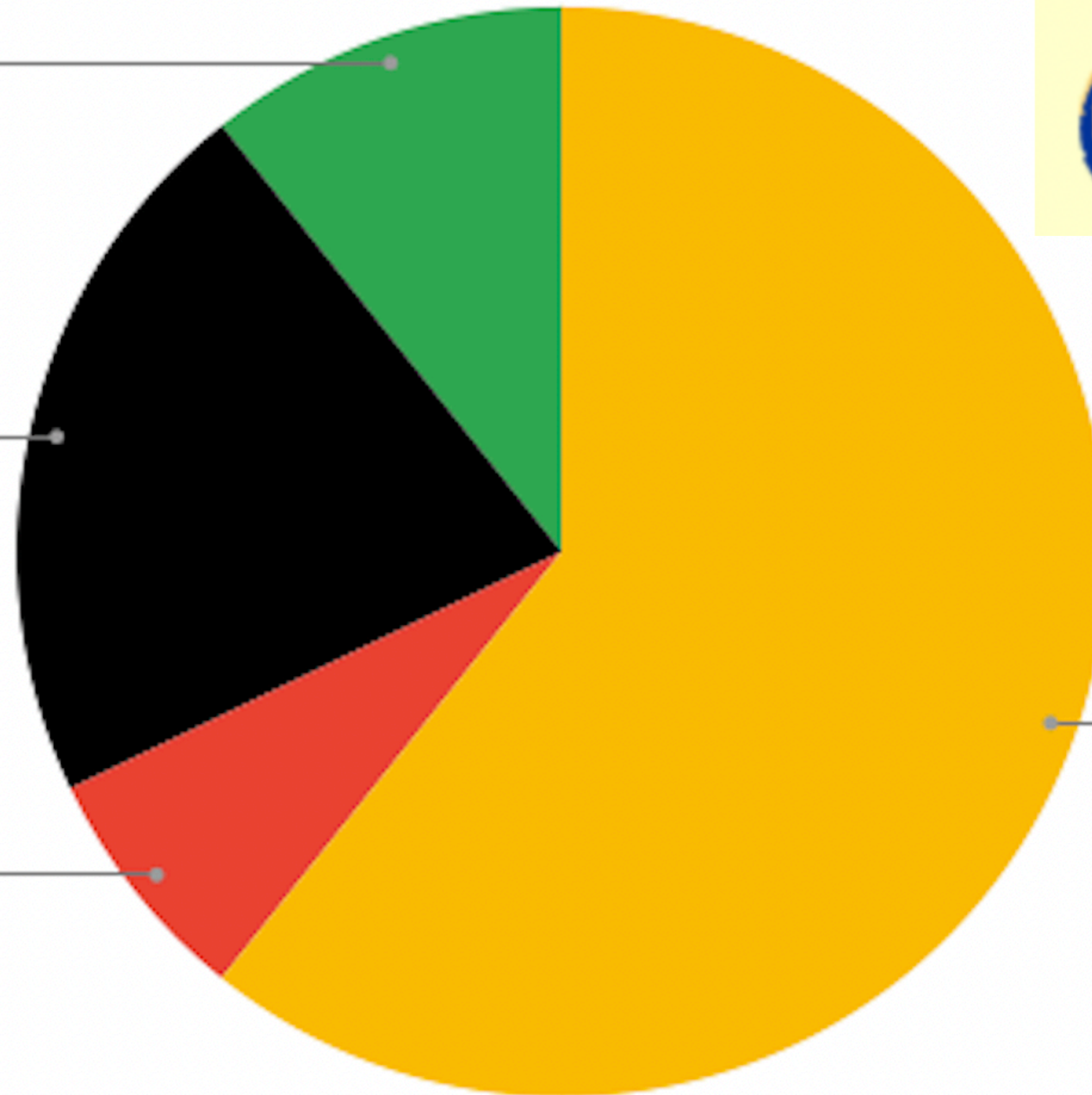
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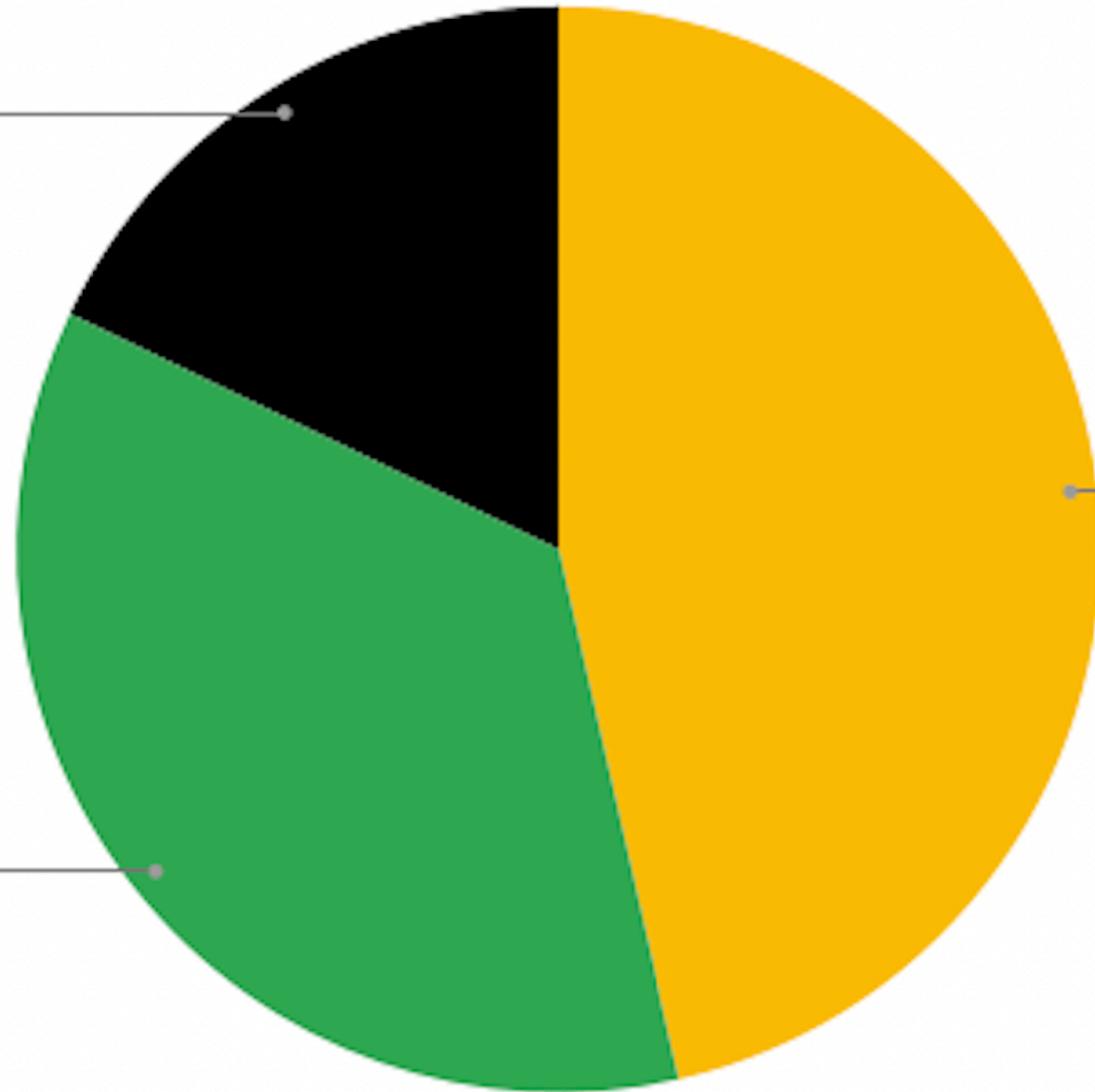
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The Symbolic World (Jonathan Pageau and friends)

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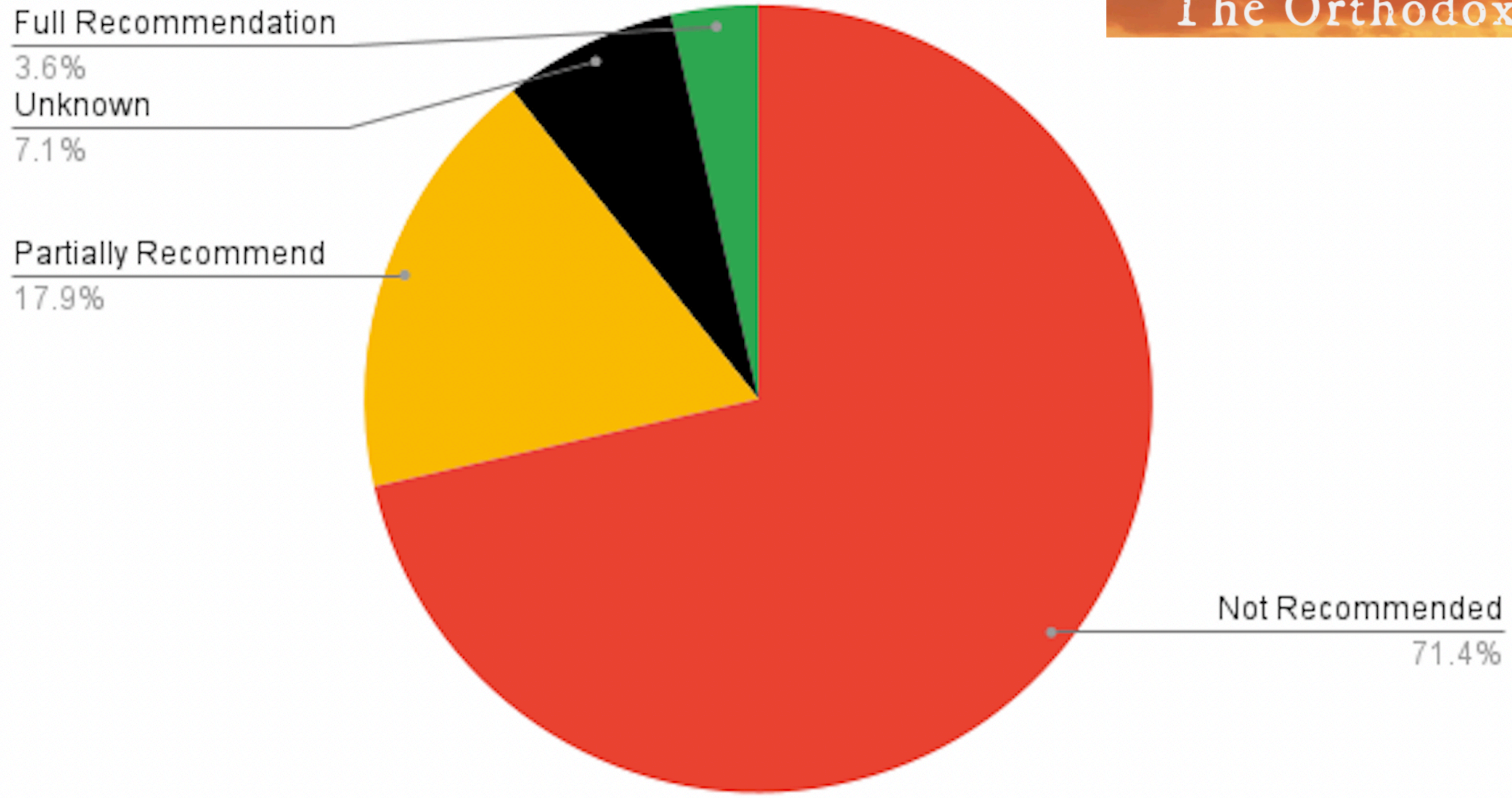


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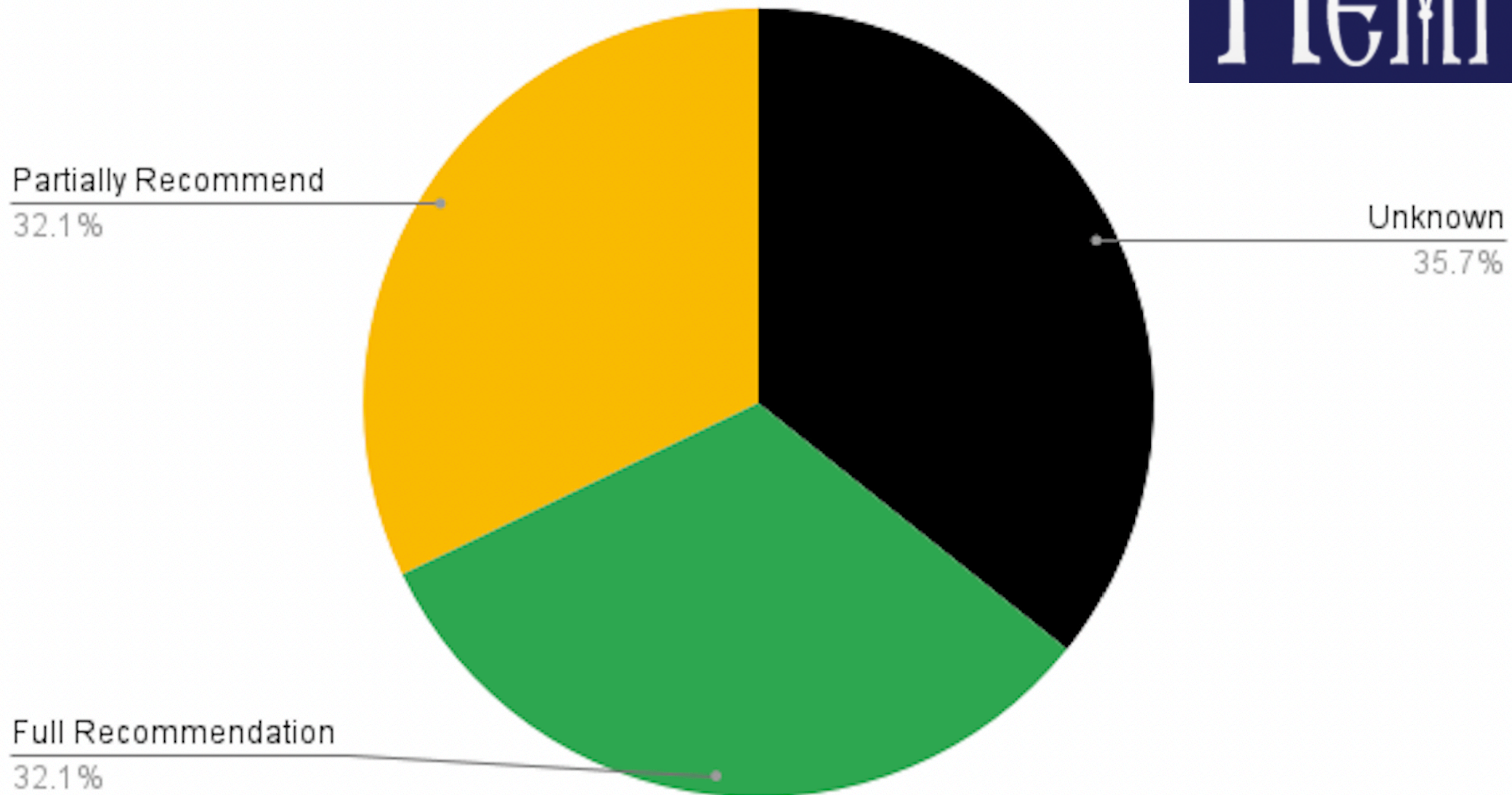
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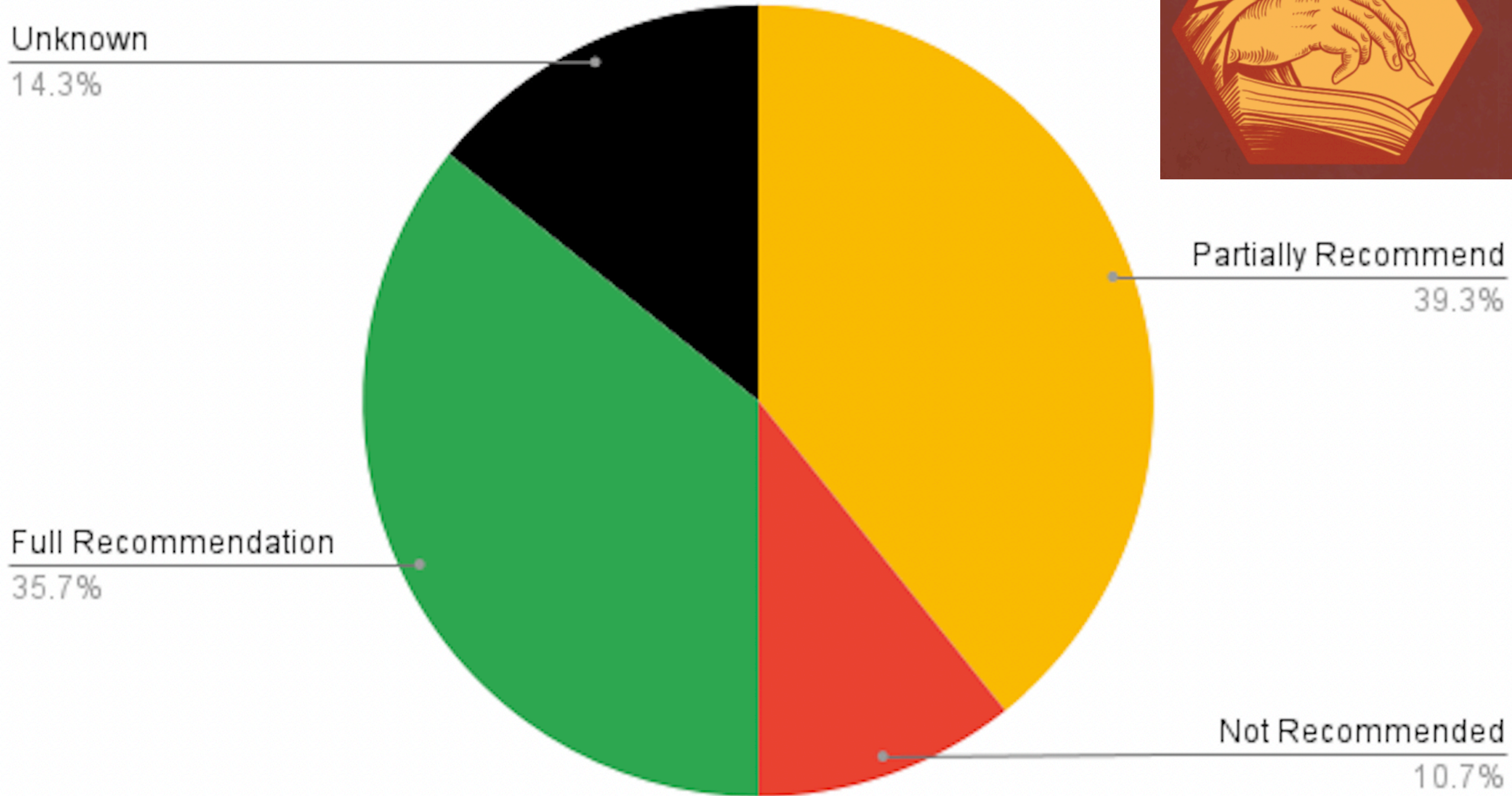
Orthodox Ethos (Fr. Peter Heers and friends)



Pemptousia - Mt Athos, Wisdom, Holiness



Patristic Nectar (Fr. Josiah Trenham and friends)



In Communion - A Website of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship

Not Recommended

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Full Recommendation

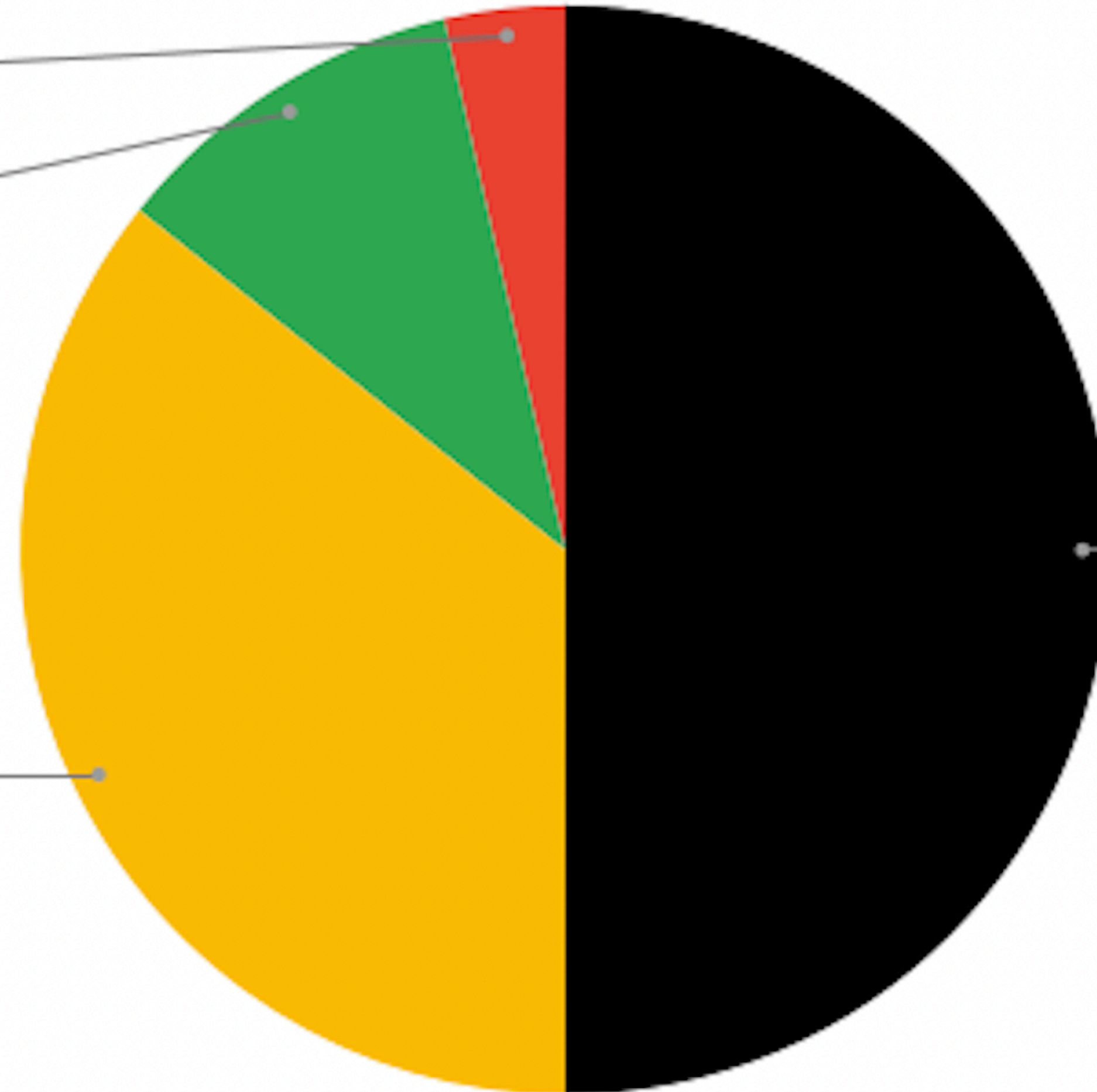
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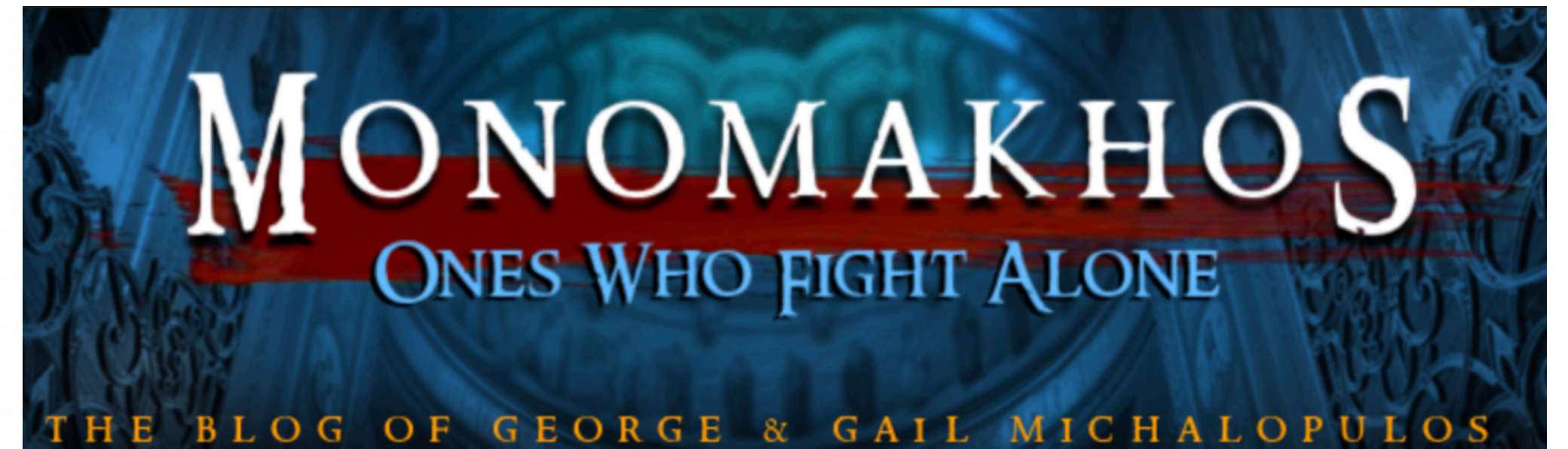
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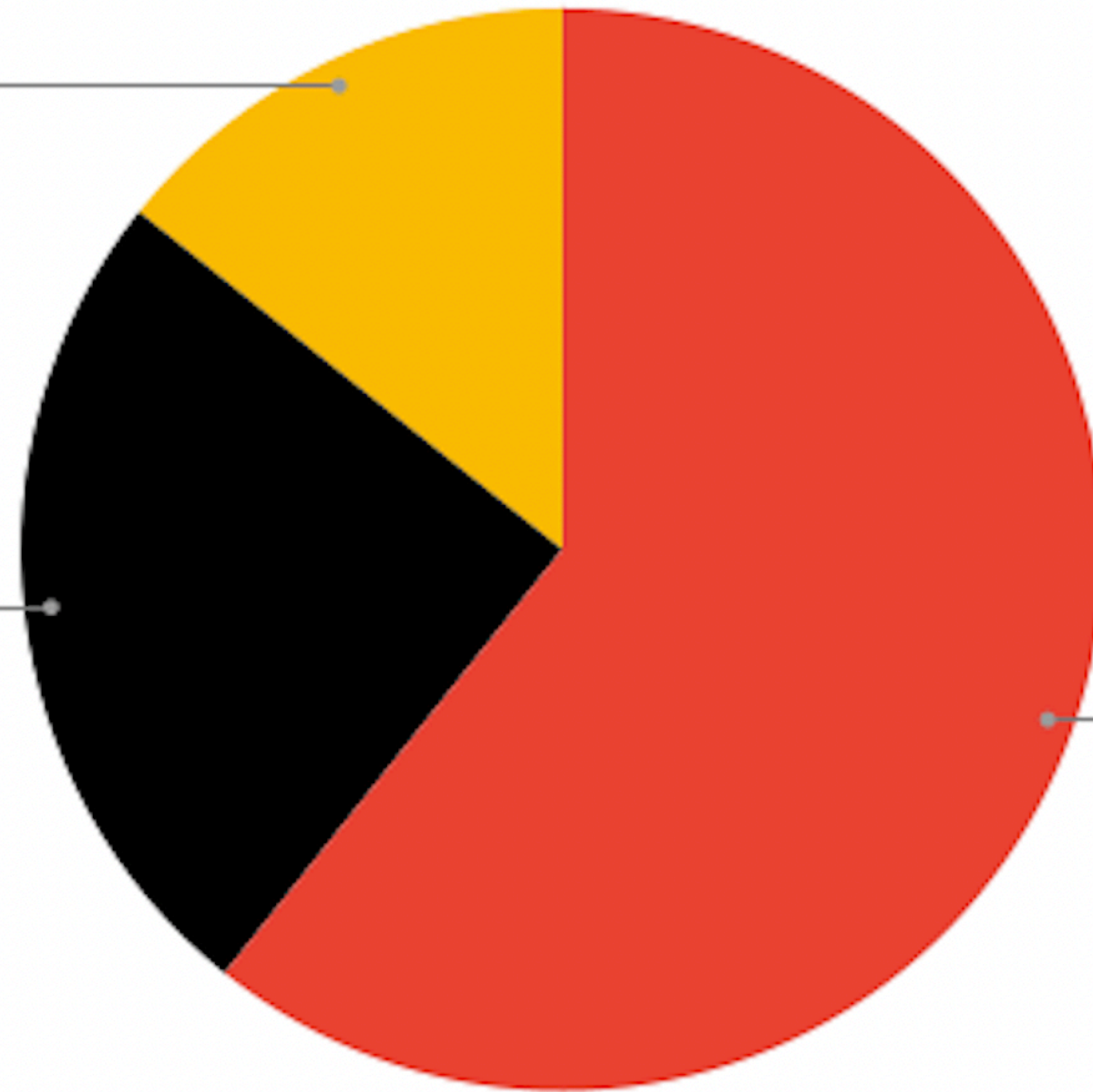
Monomakhos - Ones Who Fight Alone (George and Gail Michalopoulos)



Partial Recommendation
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Patristic Faith (Dn. Ananias Sorem and friends)

Full Recommendation

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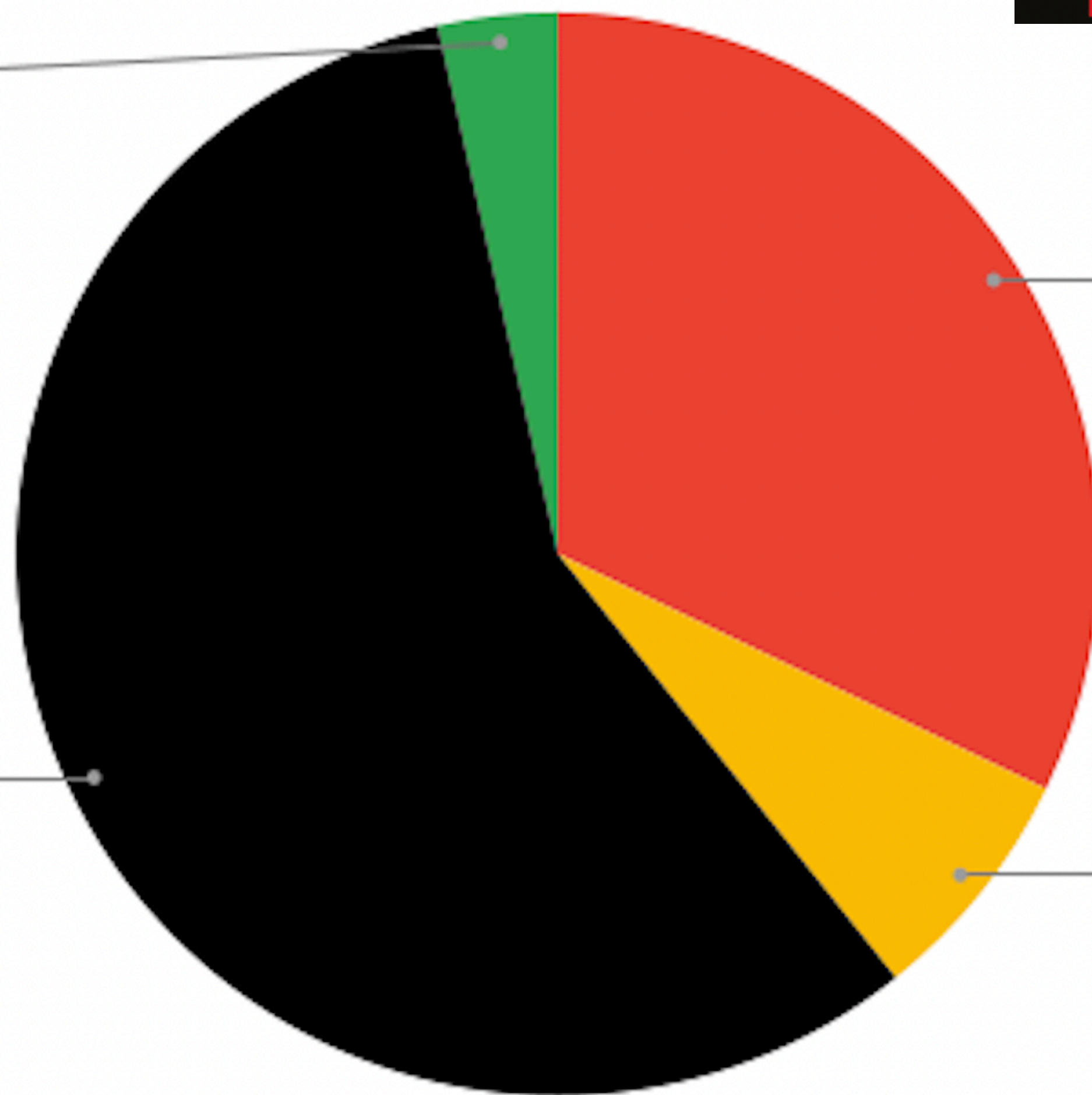
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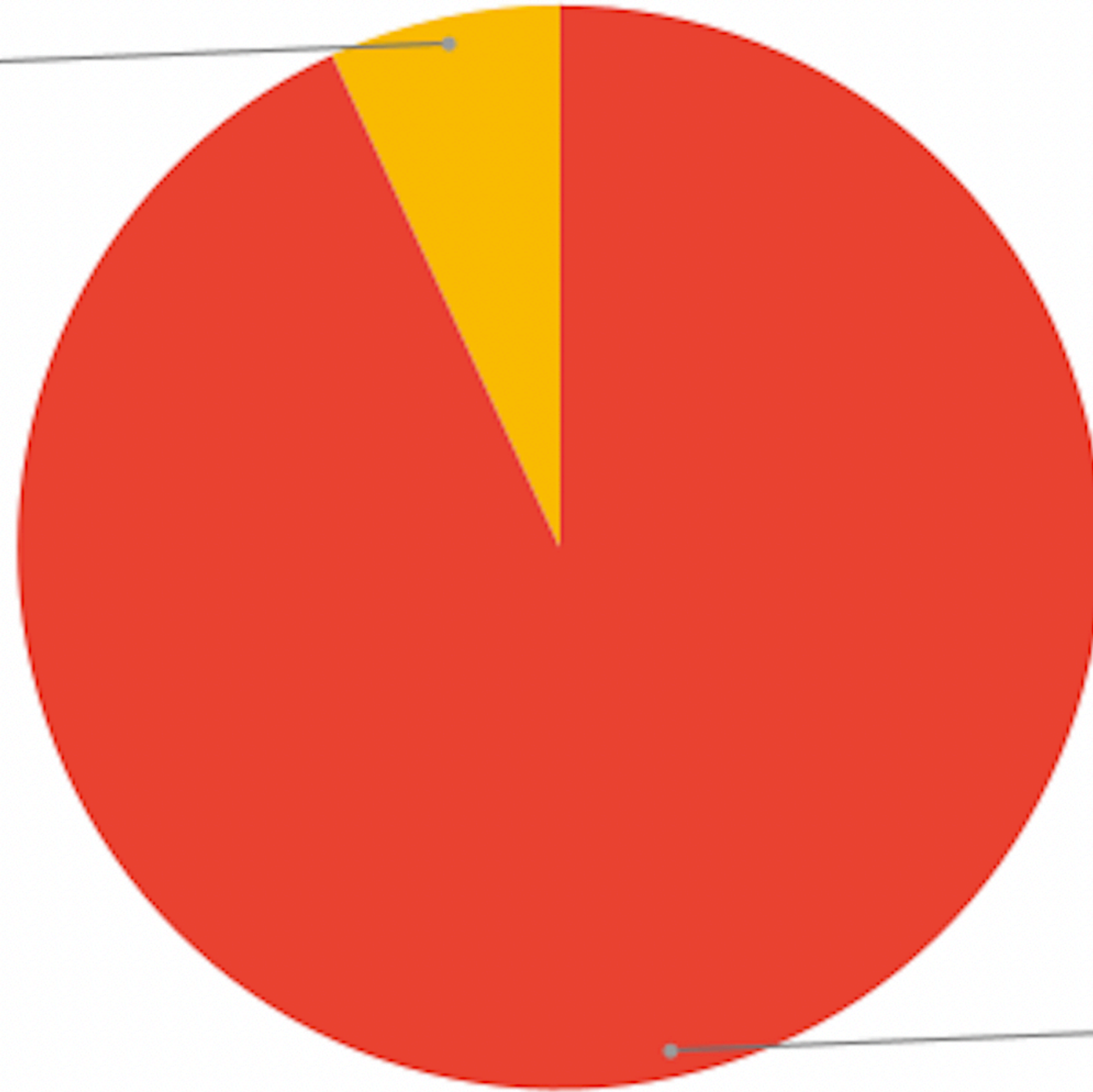
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Orthodoxy in Dialogue (Giacomo Sanfilippo and friends)

Partially Recommend
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Not Recommended
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ORTHODOXY IN DIALOGUE

WE STAND WITH UKRAINE



Russian Faith (Fr. Joseph Gleason and friends)

Full Recommendation

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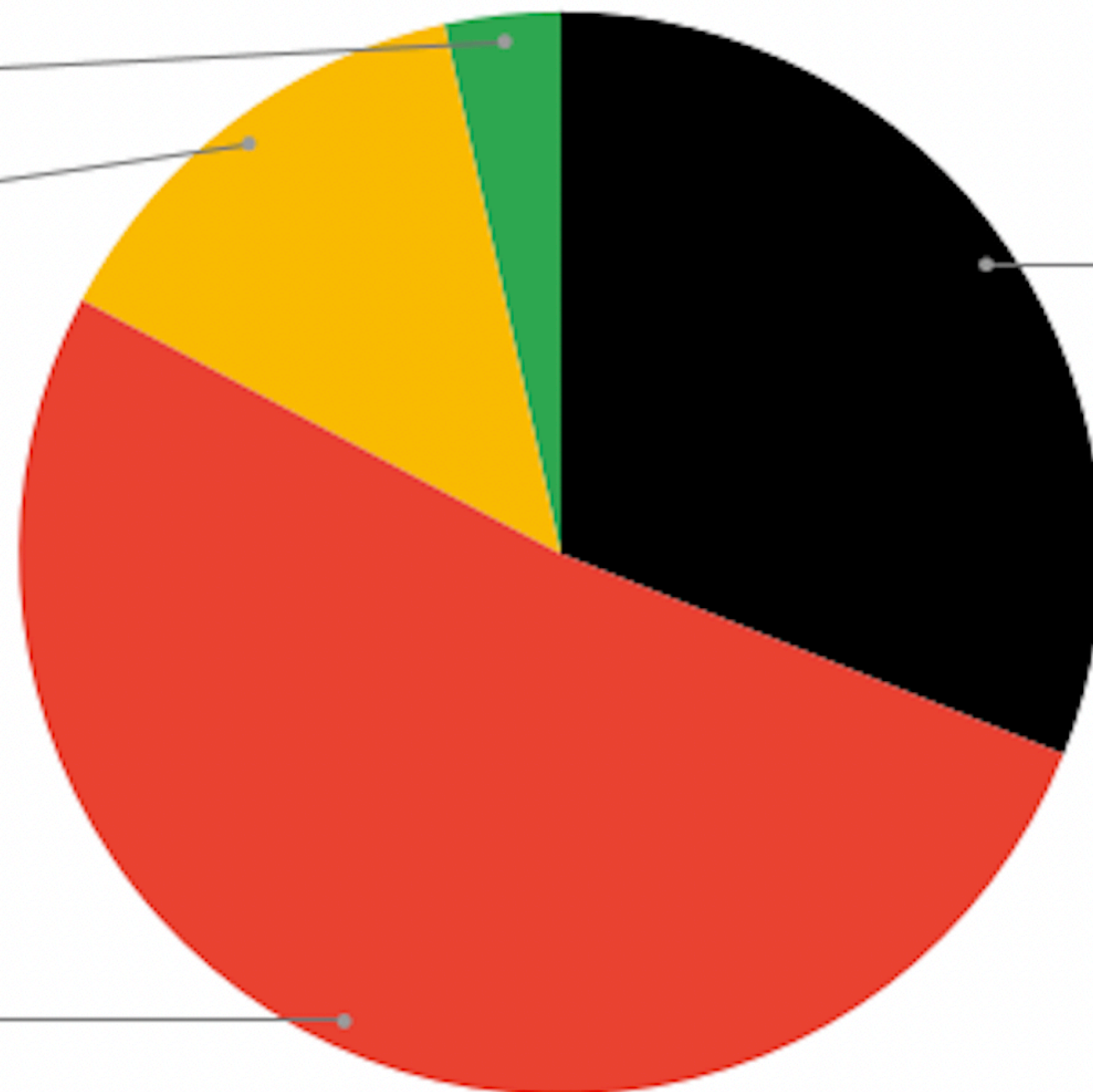
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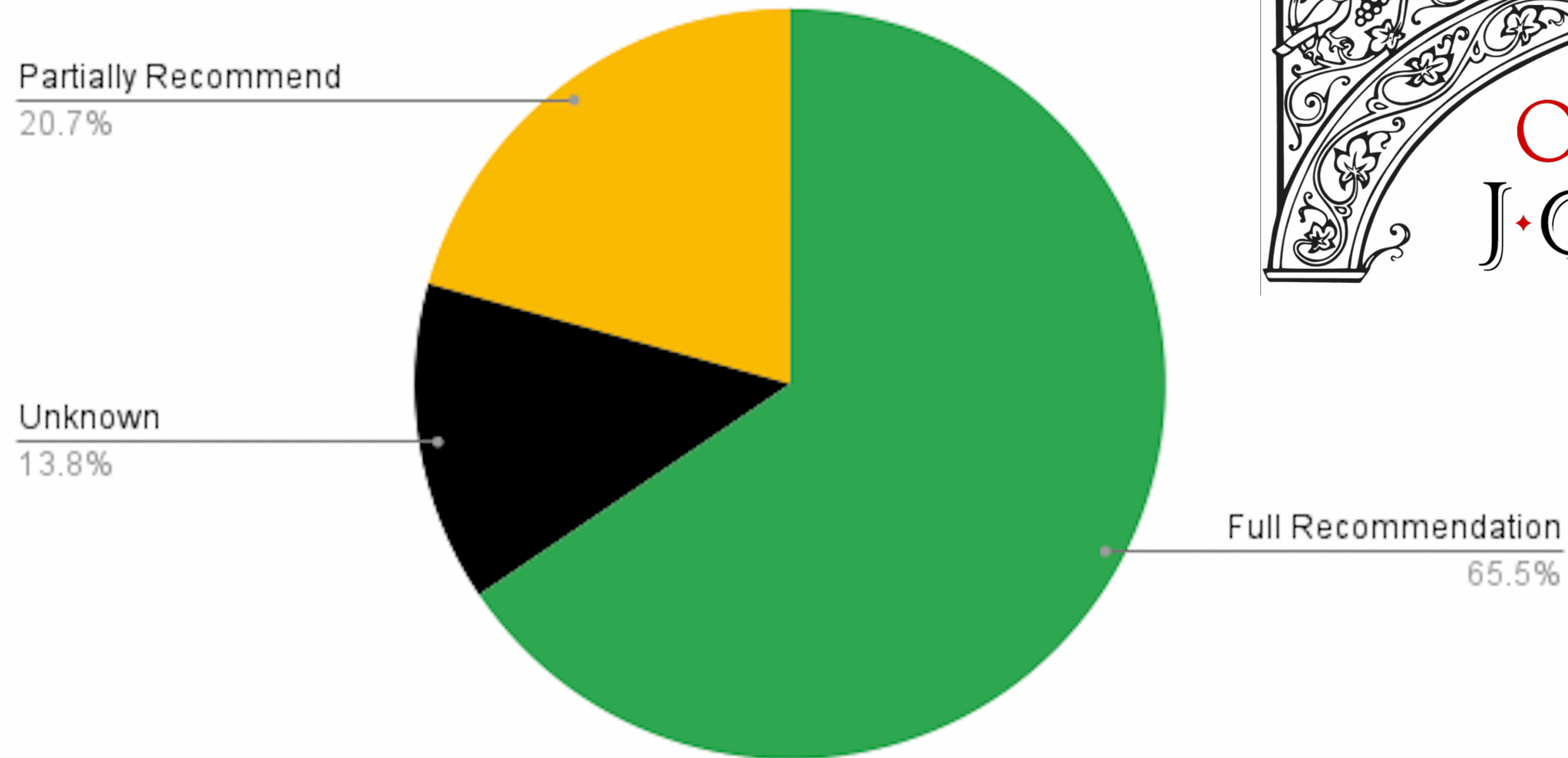
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RUSSIAN FAITH
Christian renaissance

Orthodox Arts Journal (Jonathan Pageau, Andrew Gould, and friends)



Another City (Fr. Hans Jacobse and friends)

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Full Recommendation

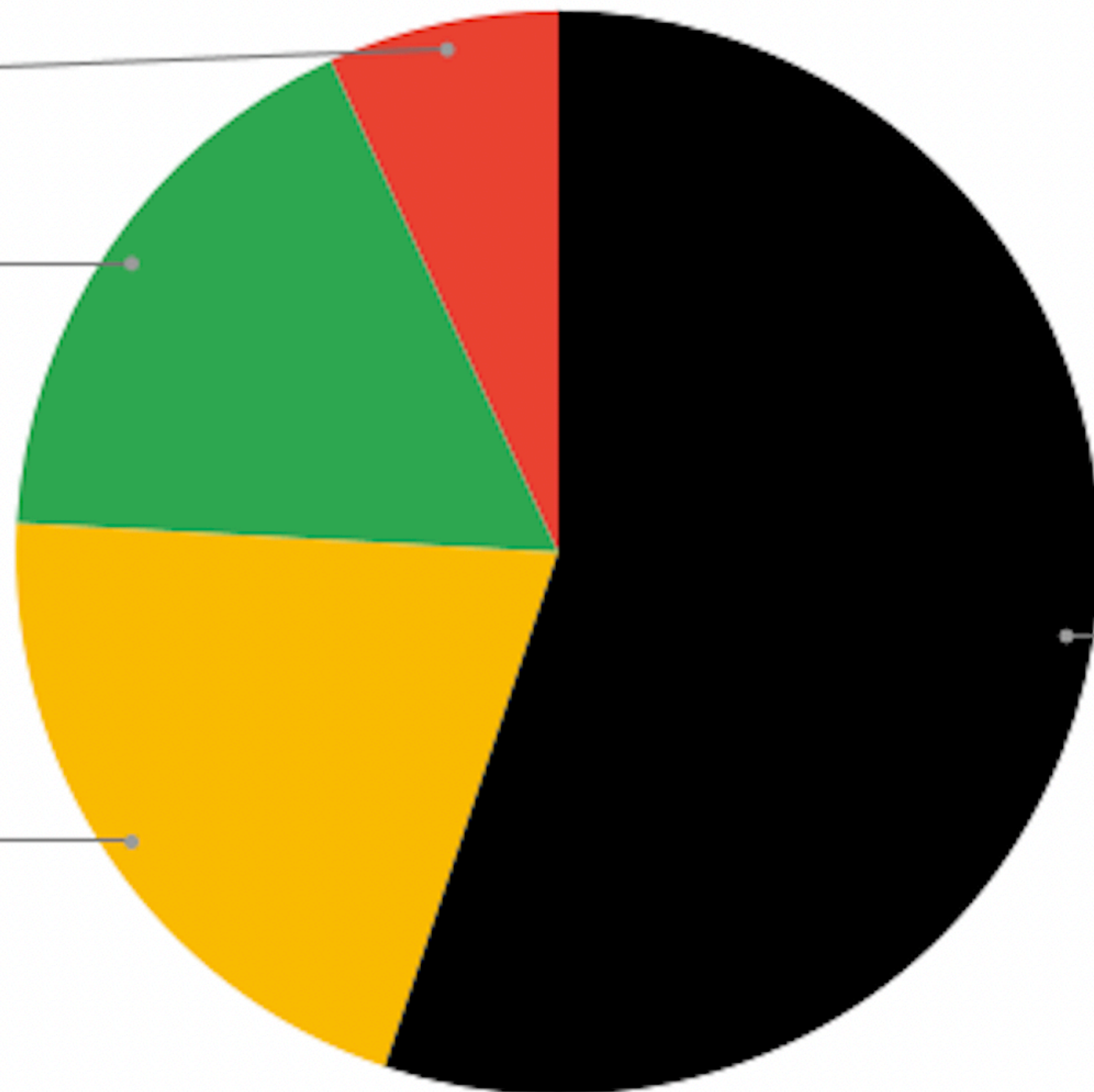
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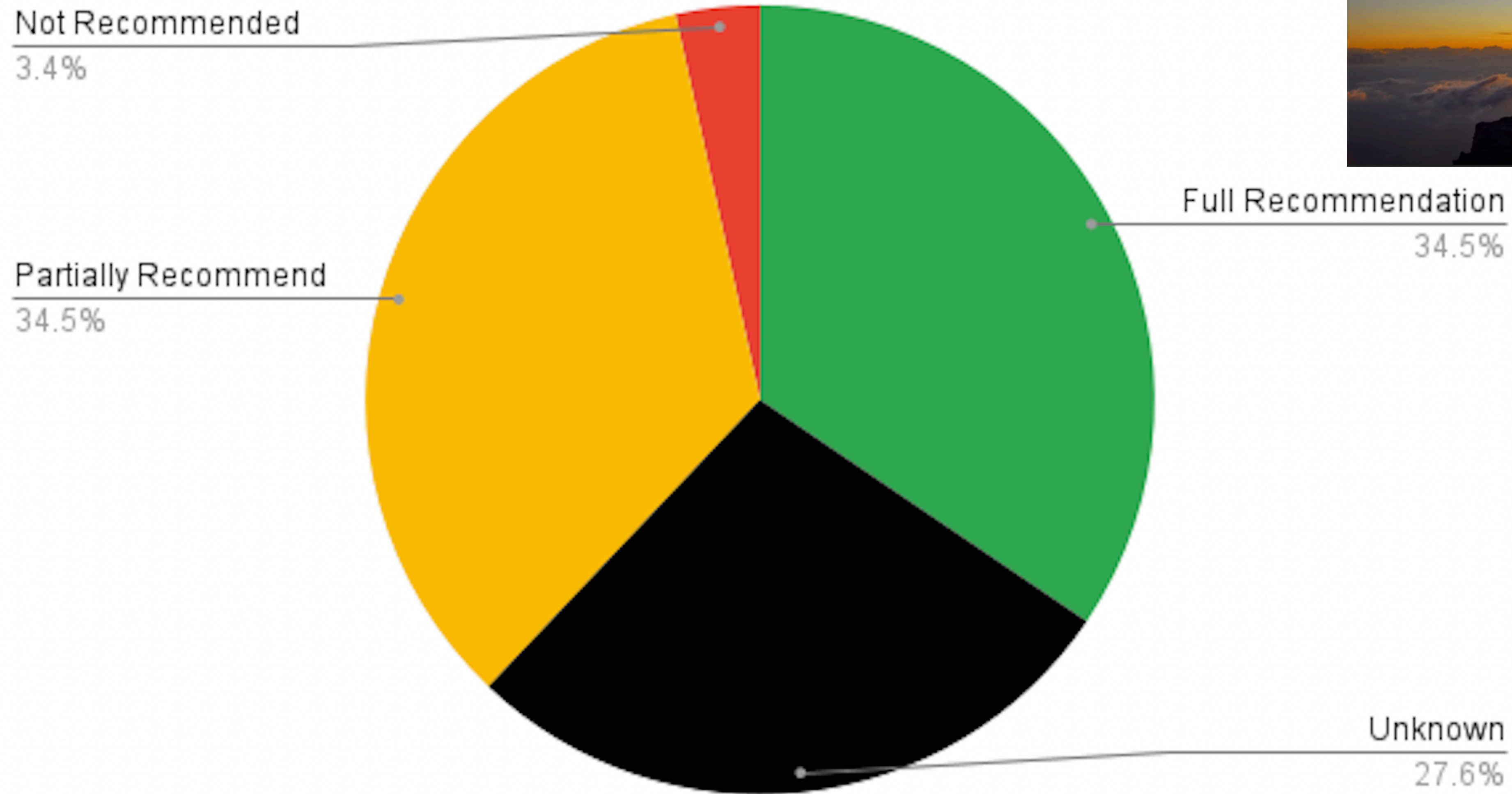
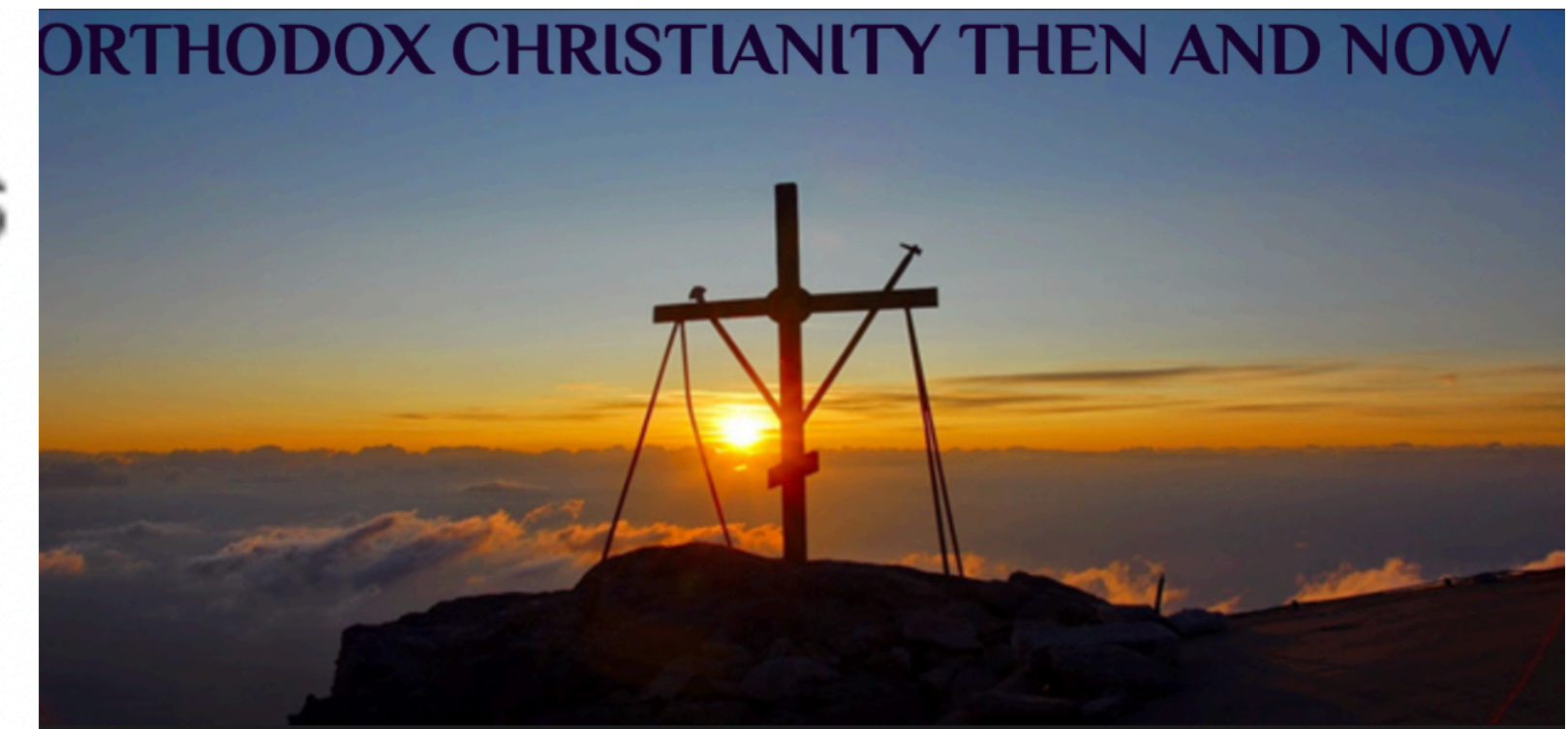




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SINGLE AUTHOR BLOGS

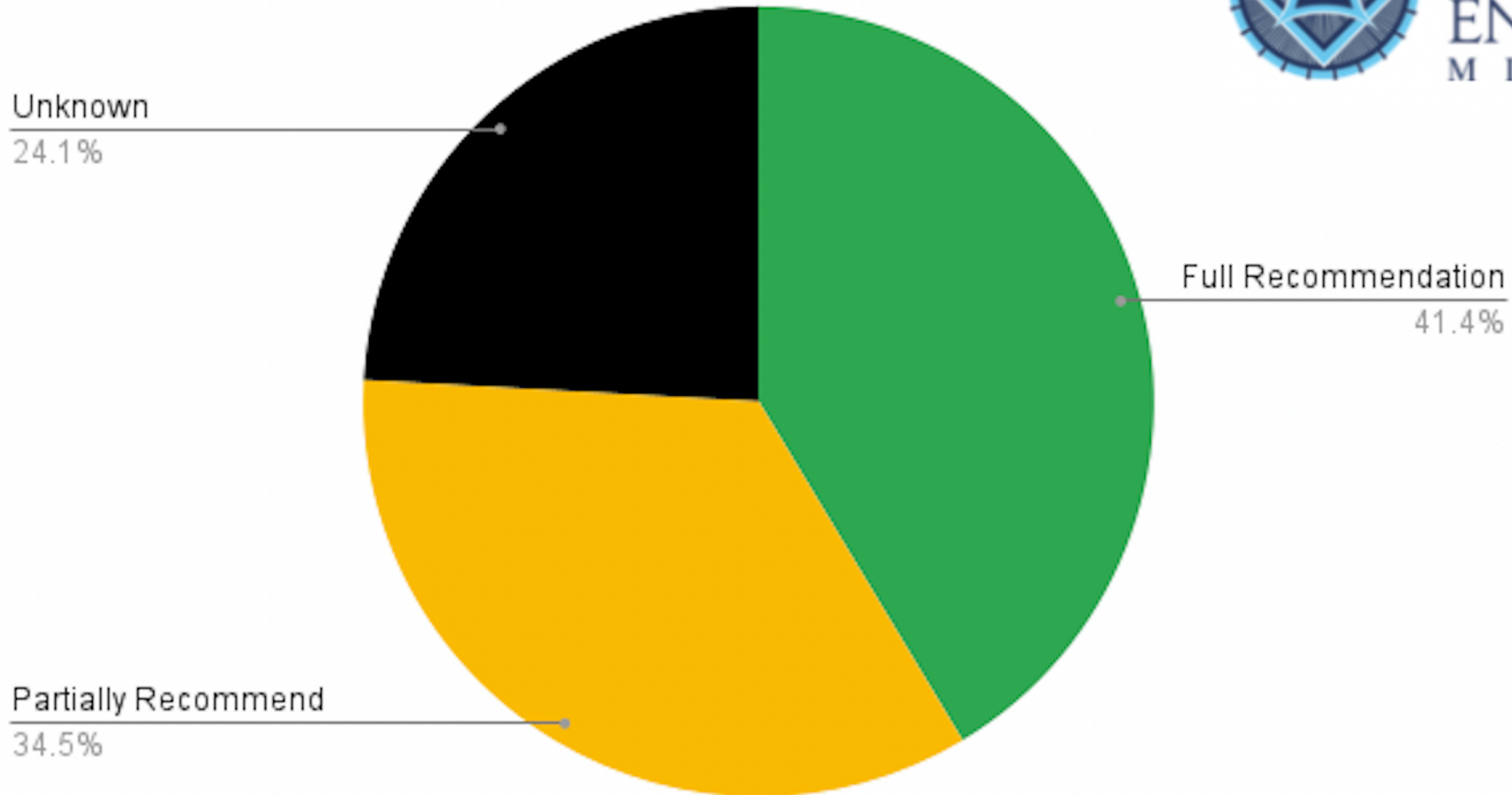
Orthodox Christianity Then and Now - John Sanidopoulos



Faith Encouraged - Fr. Barnabas Powell



FAITH
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MINISTRIES



Frederica - Frederica Mathewes-Greene

Not Recommended

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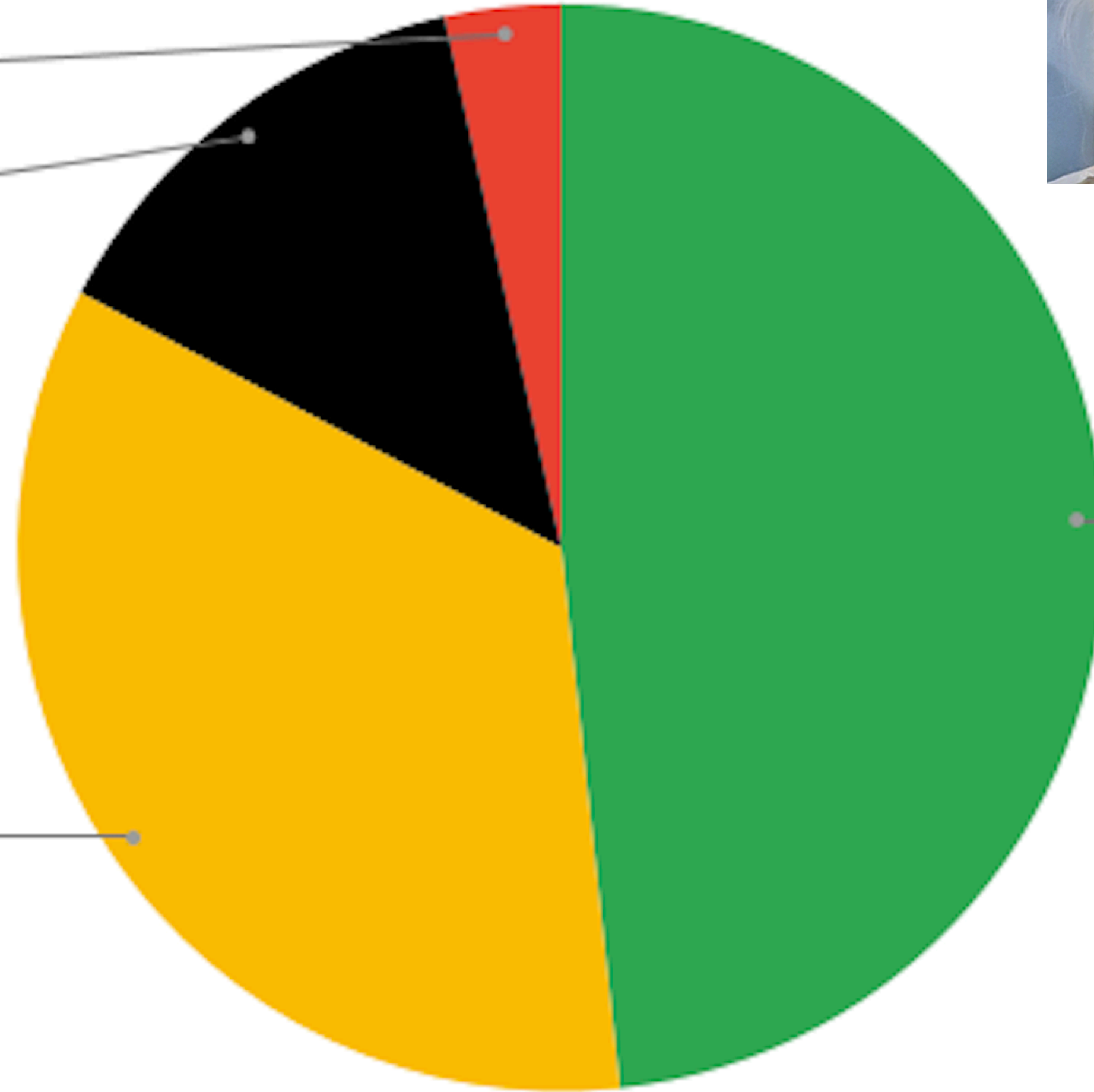
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Partially Recommend

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Full Recommendation

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SINGLE AUTHOR BLOGS - 4

Substack (I used this rather than *The American Conservative* since that is not an Orthodox site and most of Dreher's explicitly Orthodox content is now posted on the Substack, but your vote counts for both)

Rod Dreher's Diary - Substack

Full Recommendation

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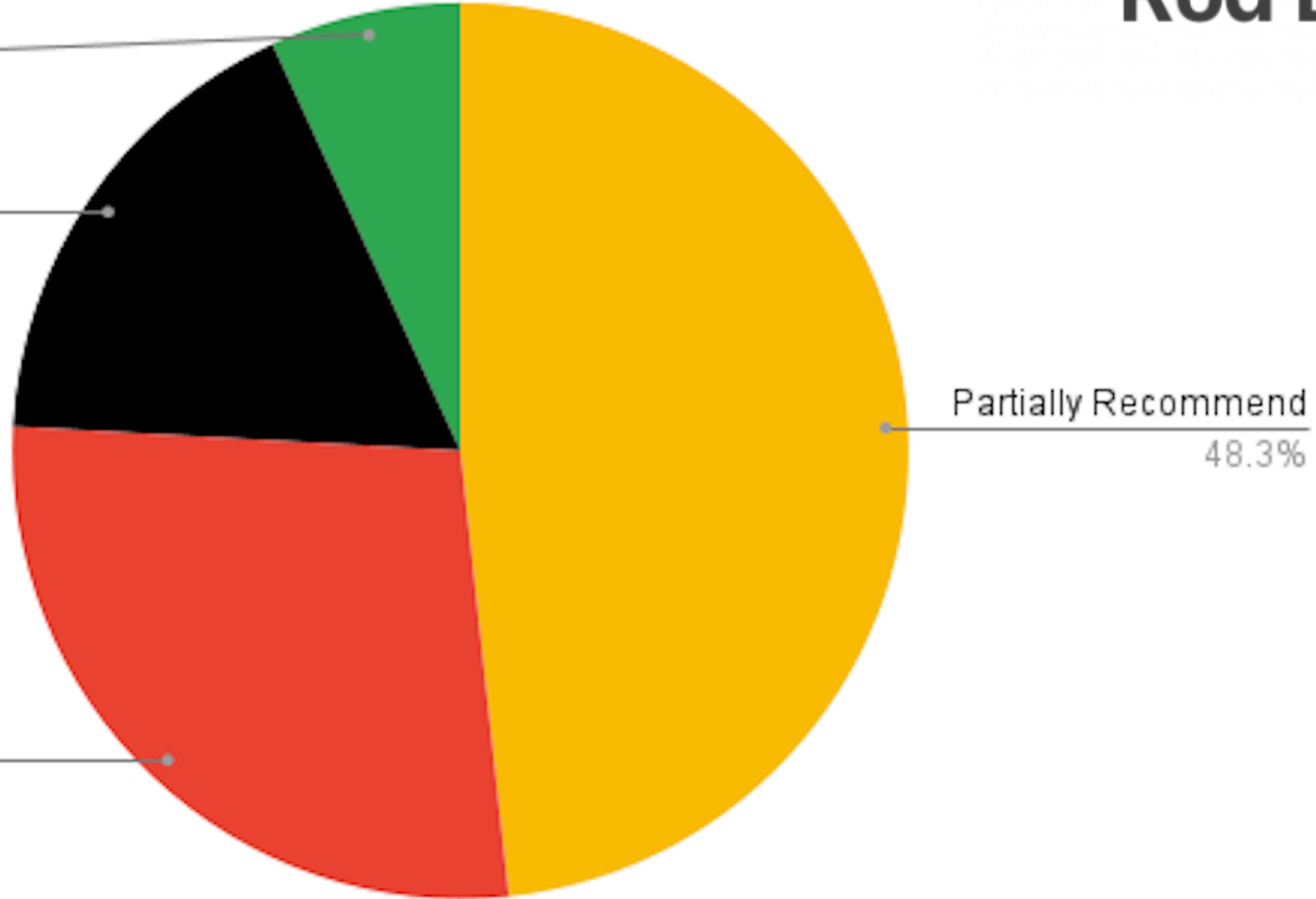
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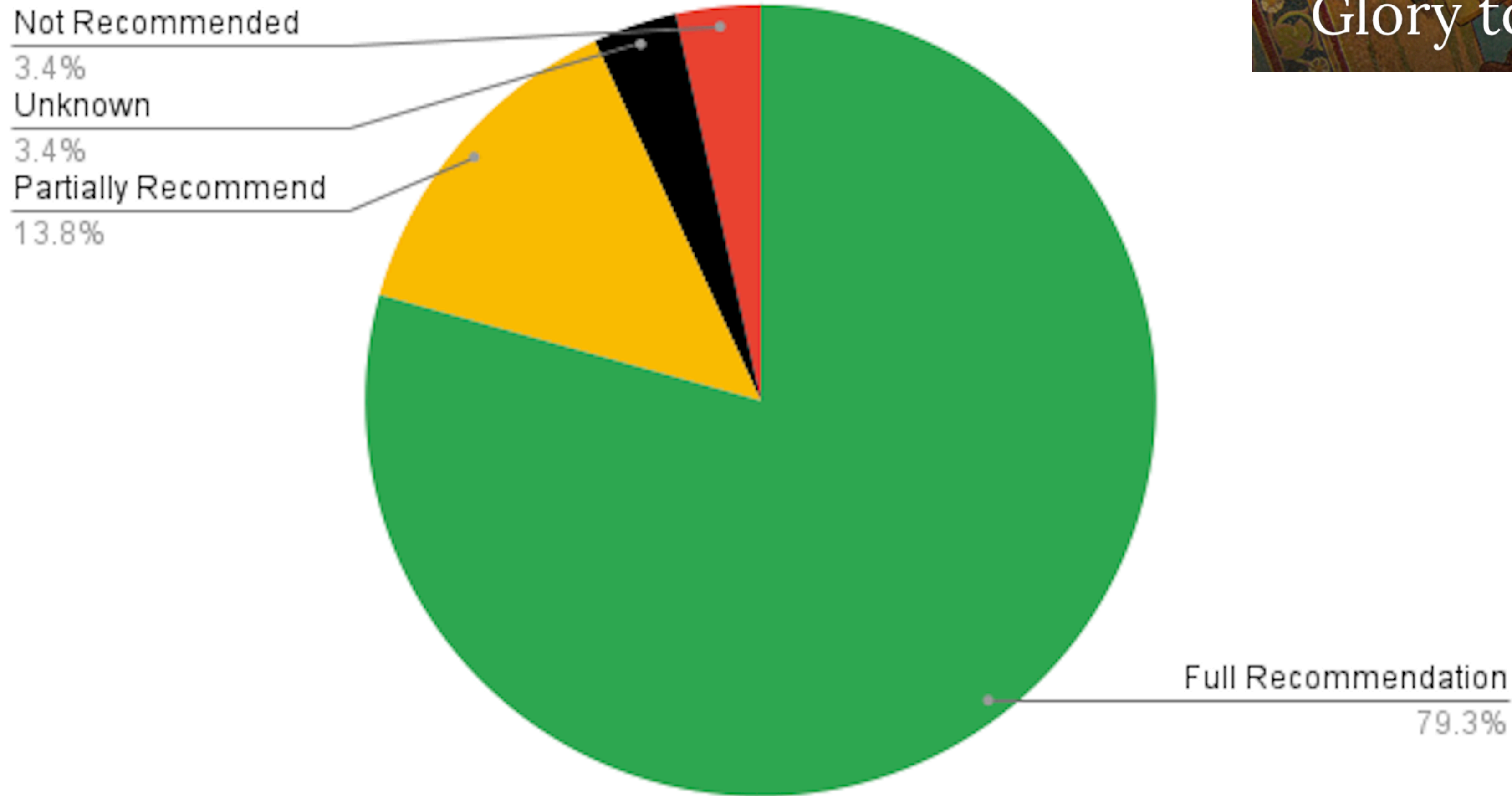
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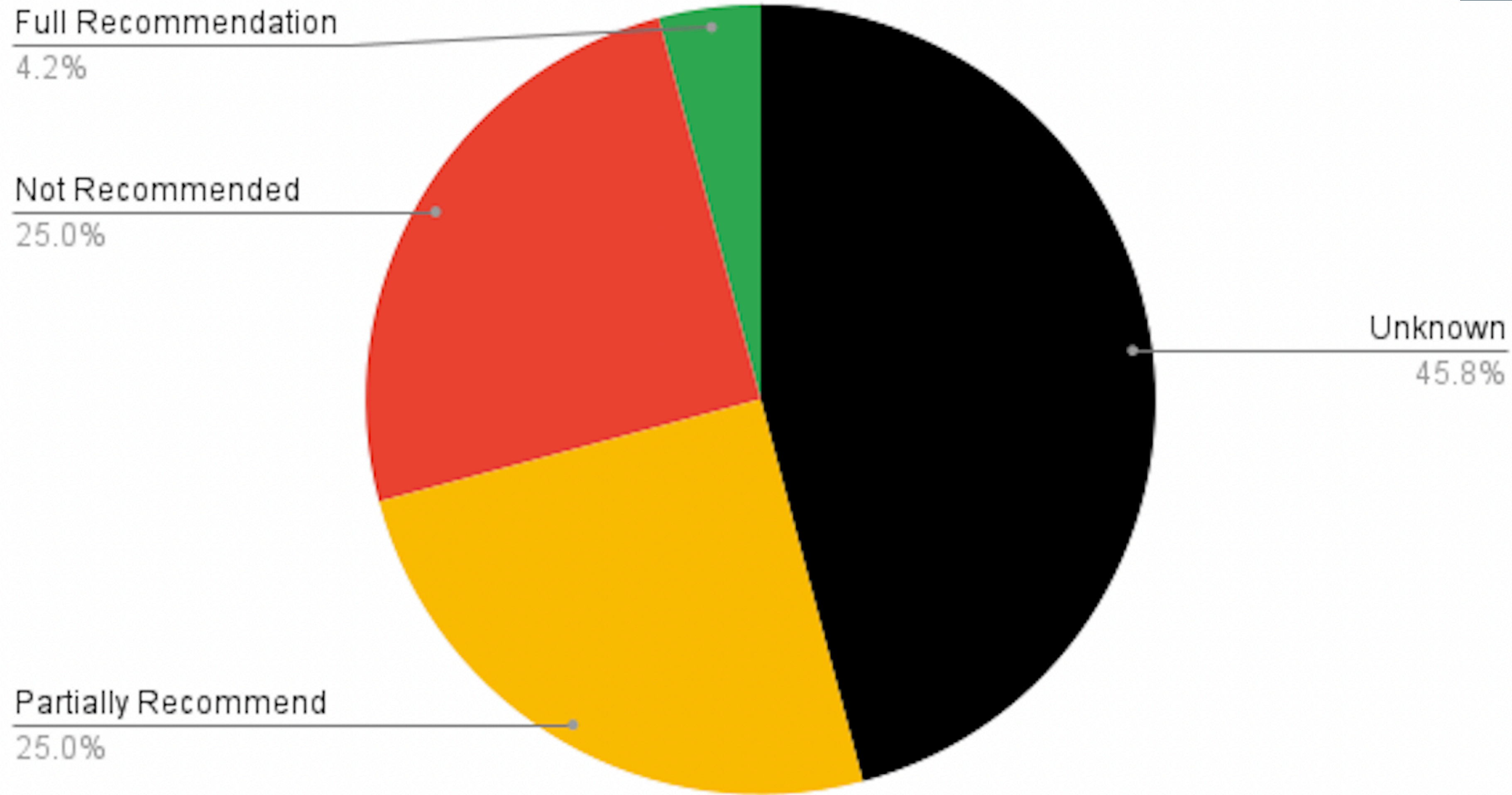


Glory to God for All Things - Fr. Stephen Freeman

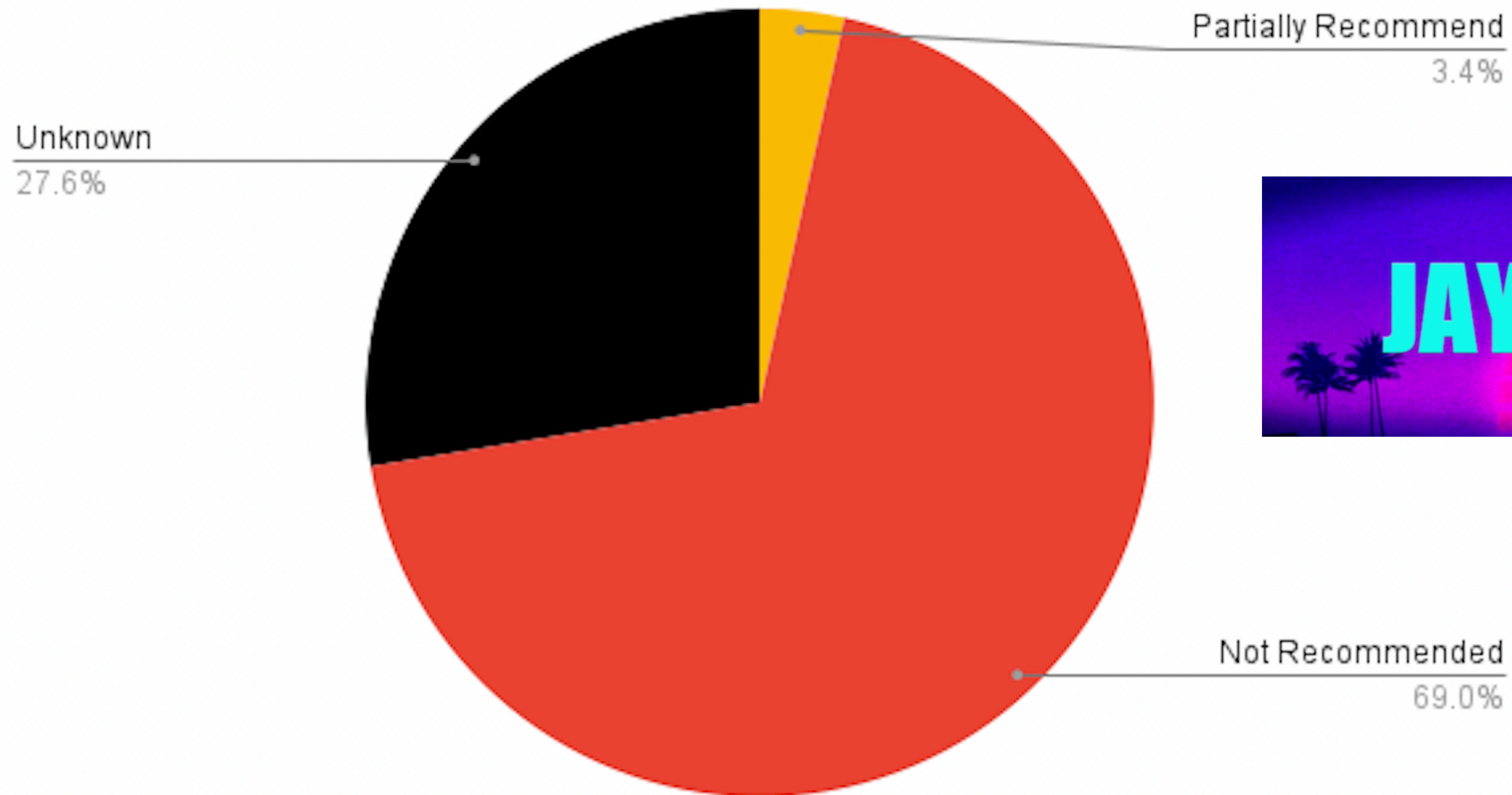


FR. JOHN PECK

The Orthodox Church of Tomorrow - Fr. John Peck



Jay's Analysis - Jay Dyer



Dissident Mama

Partially Recommend

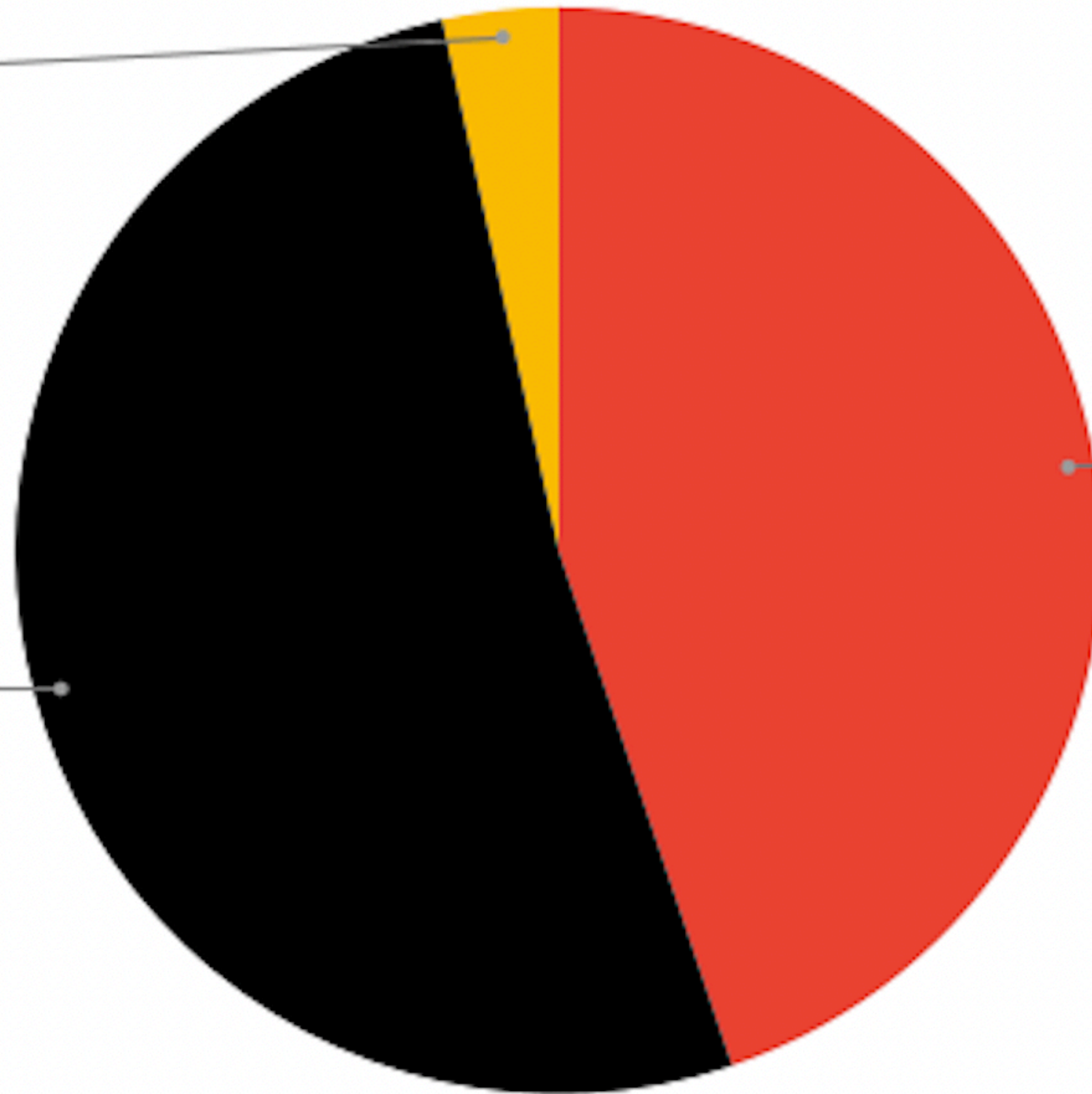
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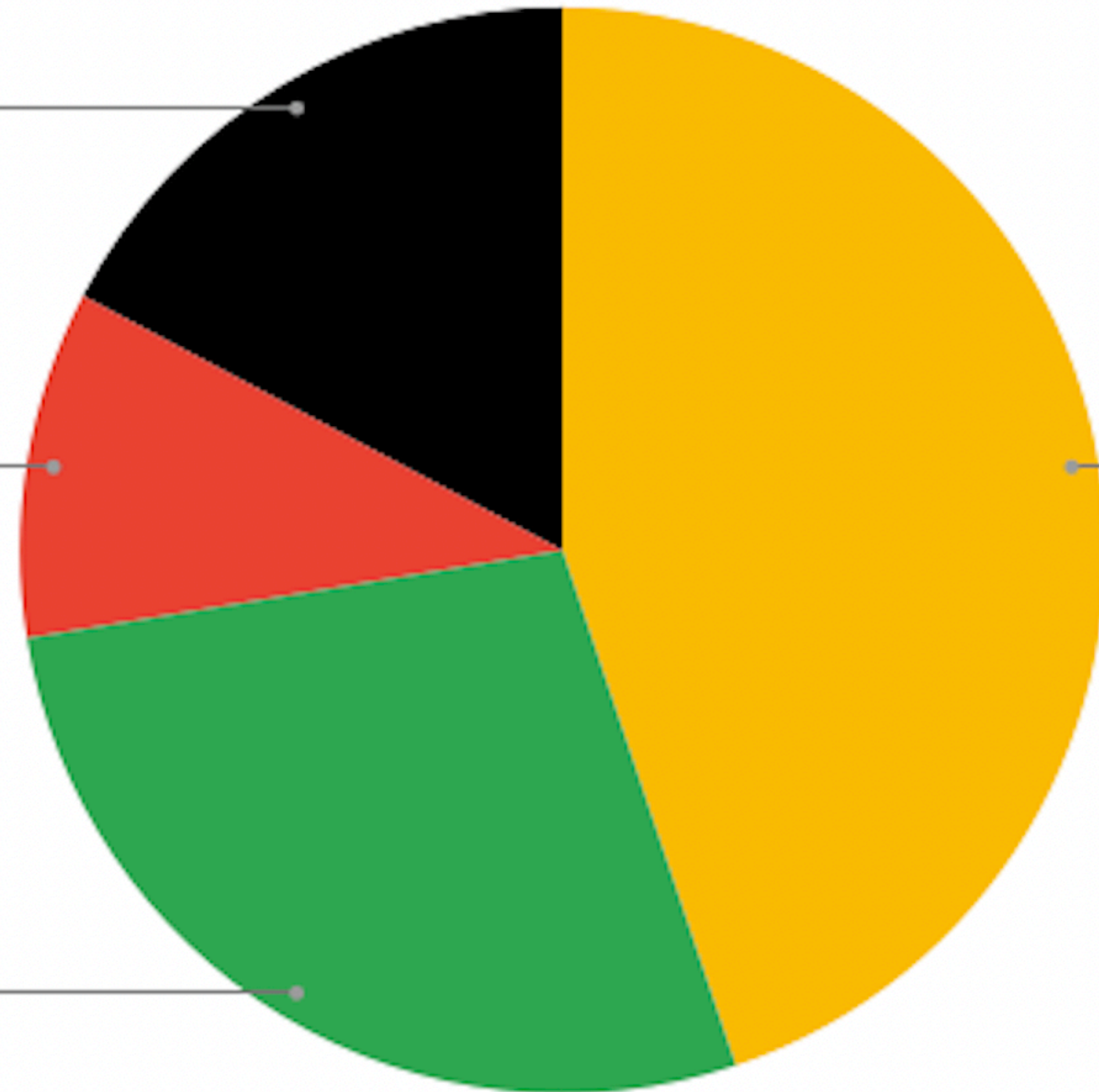
The Morning Offering - Abbot Tryphon

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The Abbey of Misrule - Paul Kingsnorth

The Abbey of Misrule

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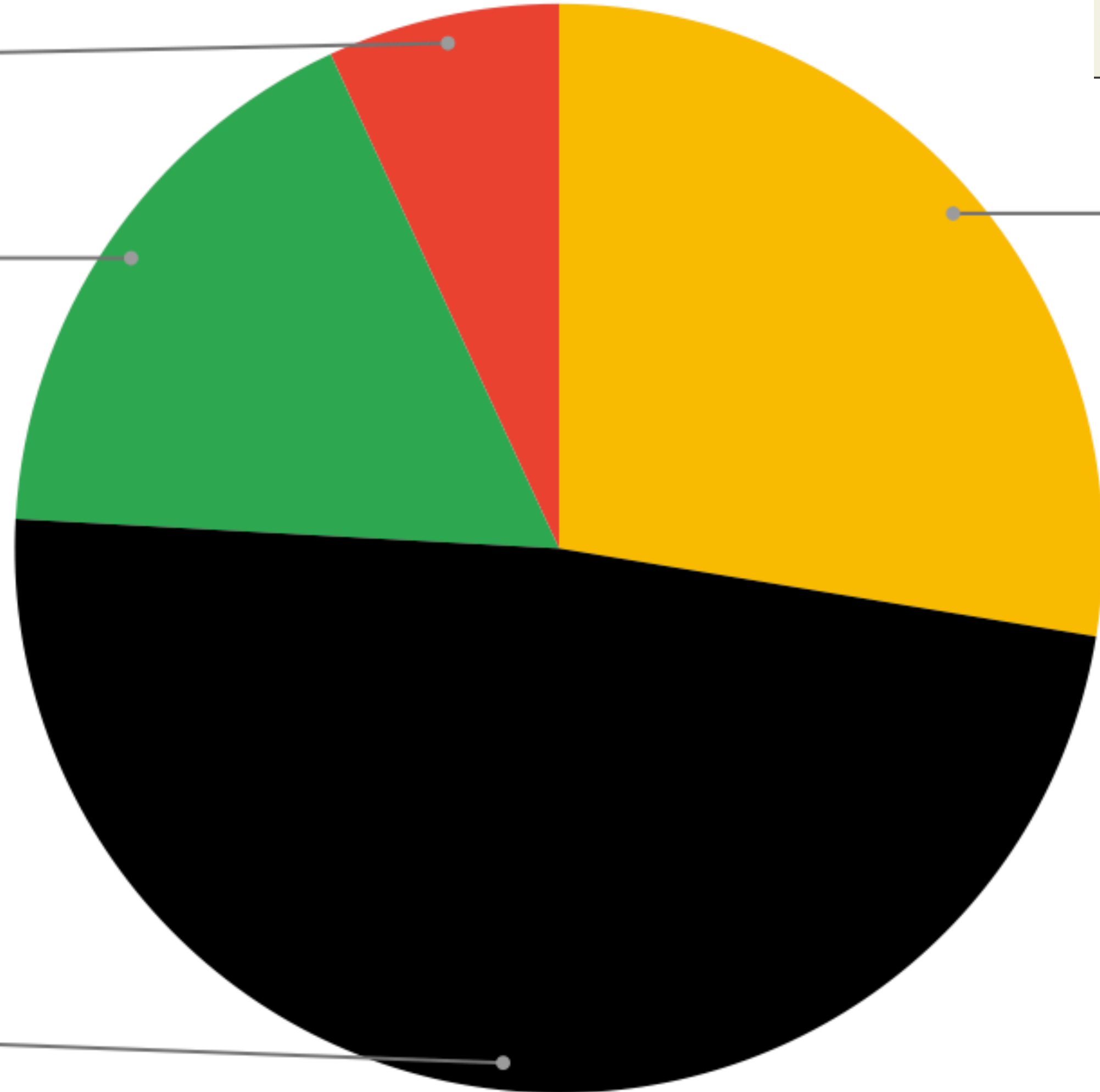
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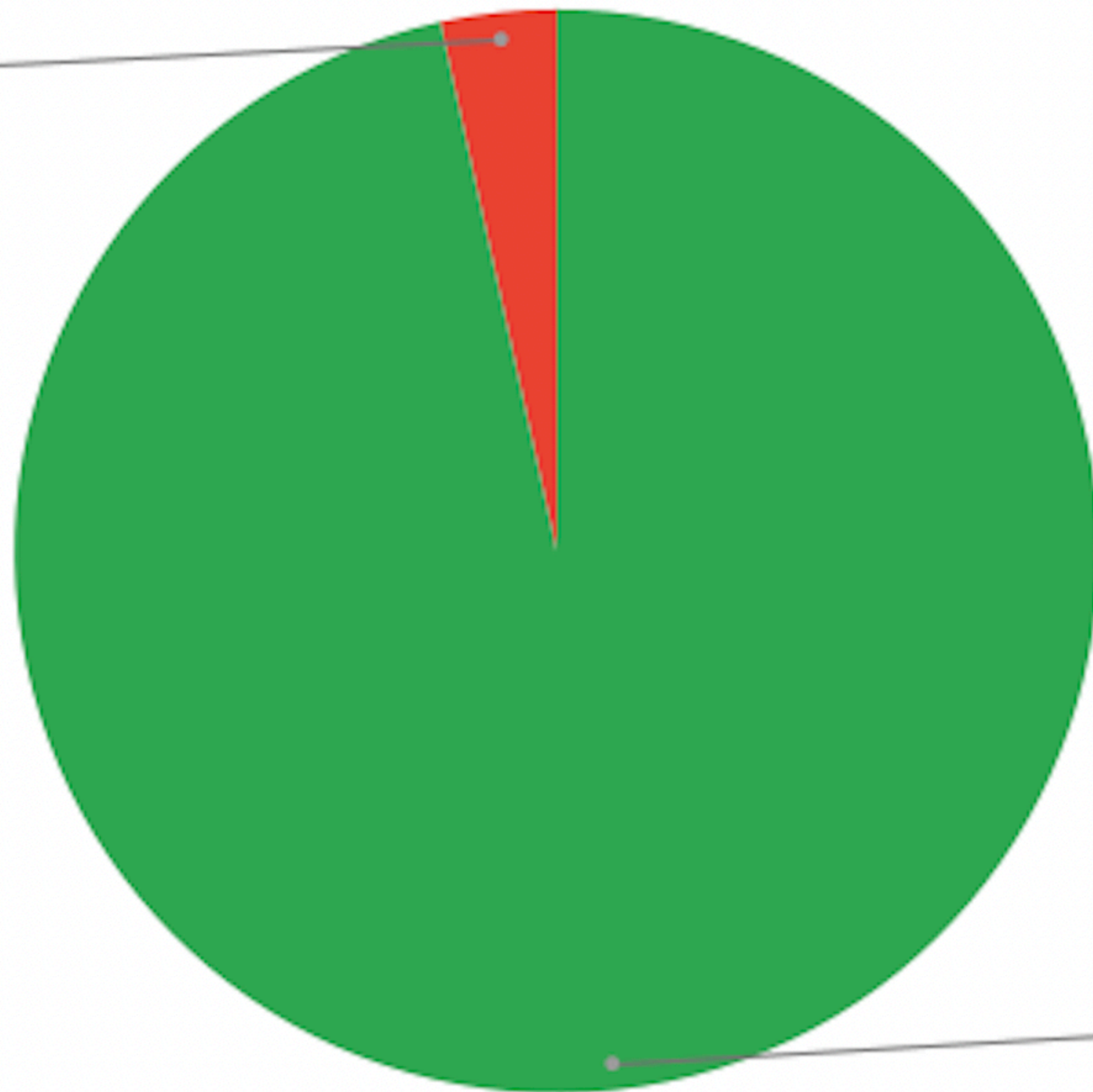
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PODCASTS

Speaking the Truth in Love (AFM) - Fr. Thomas Hopko

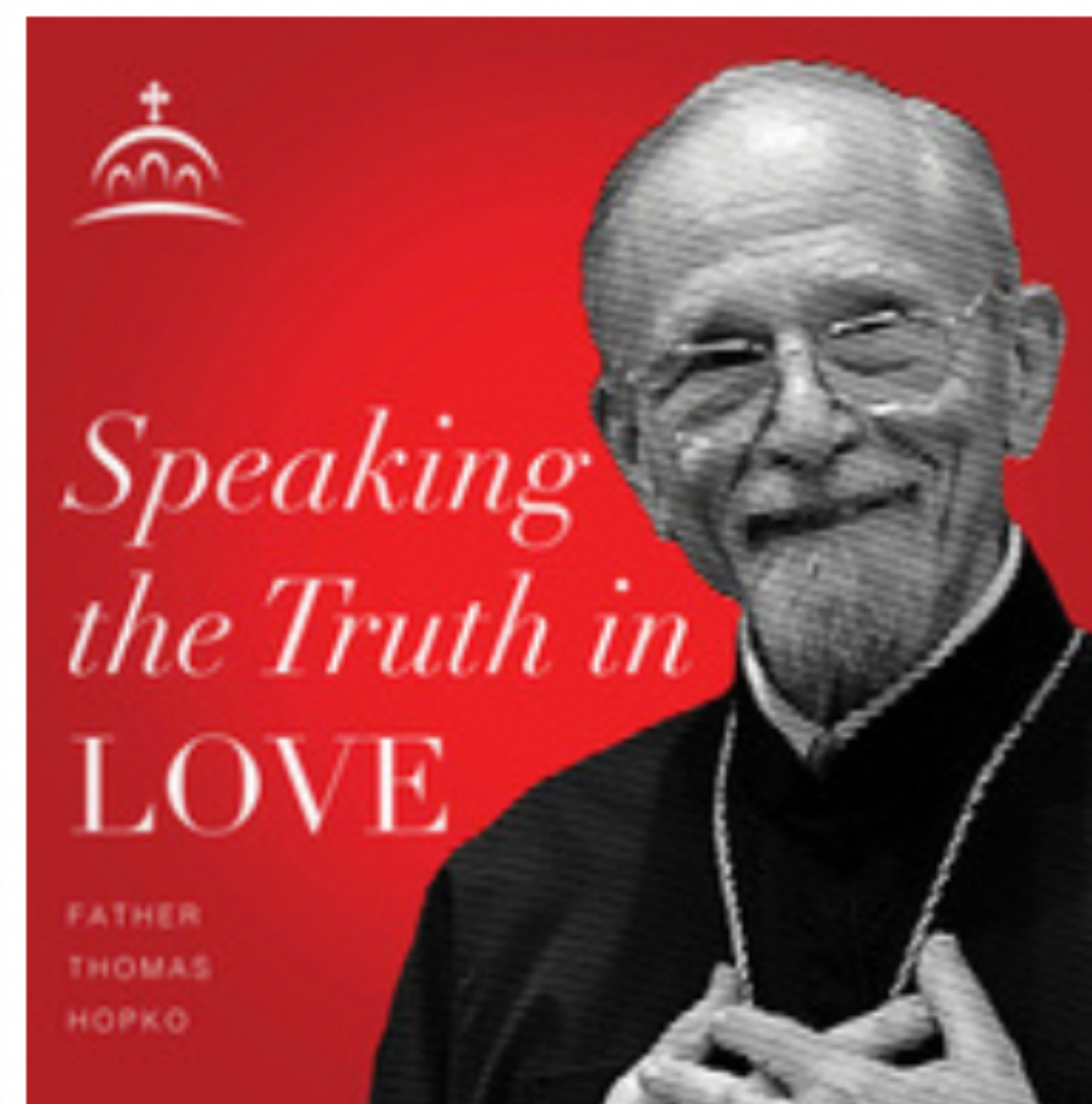
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Full Recommendation

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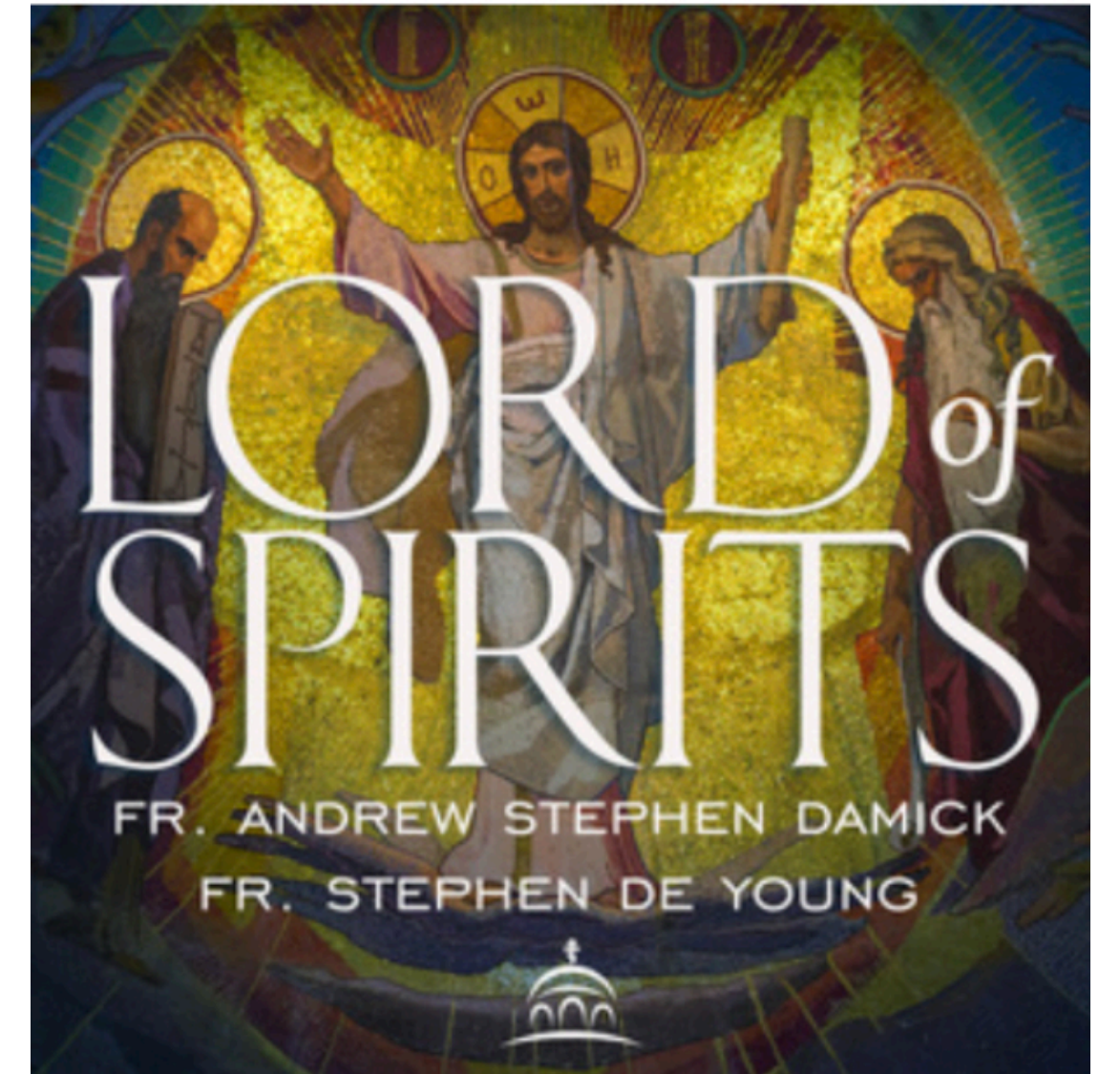
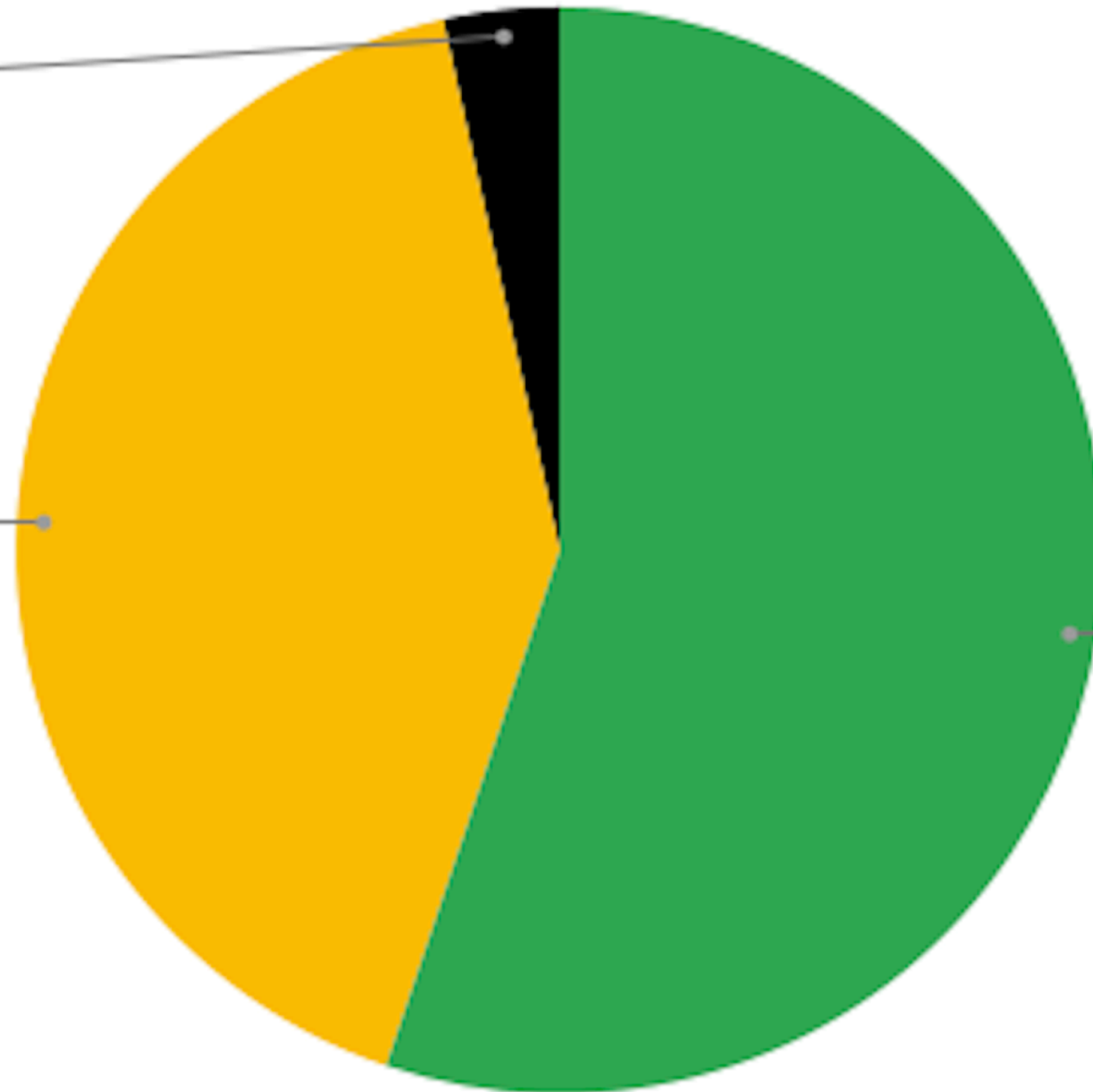


The Lord of Spirits (AFM) - Fr. Andrew Damick and Fr. Stephen de Young

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Partial Recommendation
41.4%

Full Recommendation
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OrthoAnalytika - Fr. Anthony Perkins



Full Recommendation

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Not Recommended

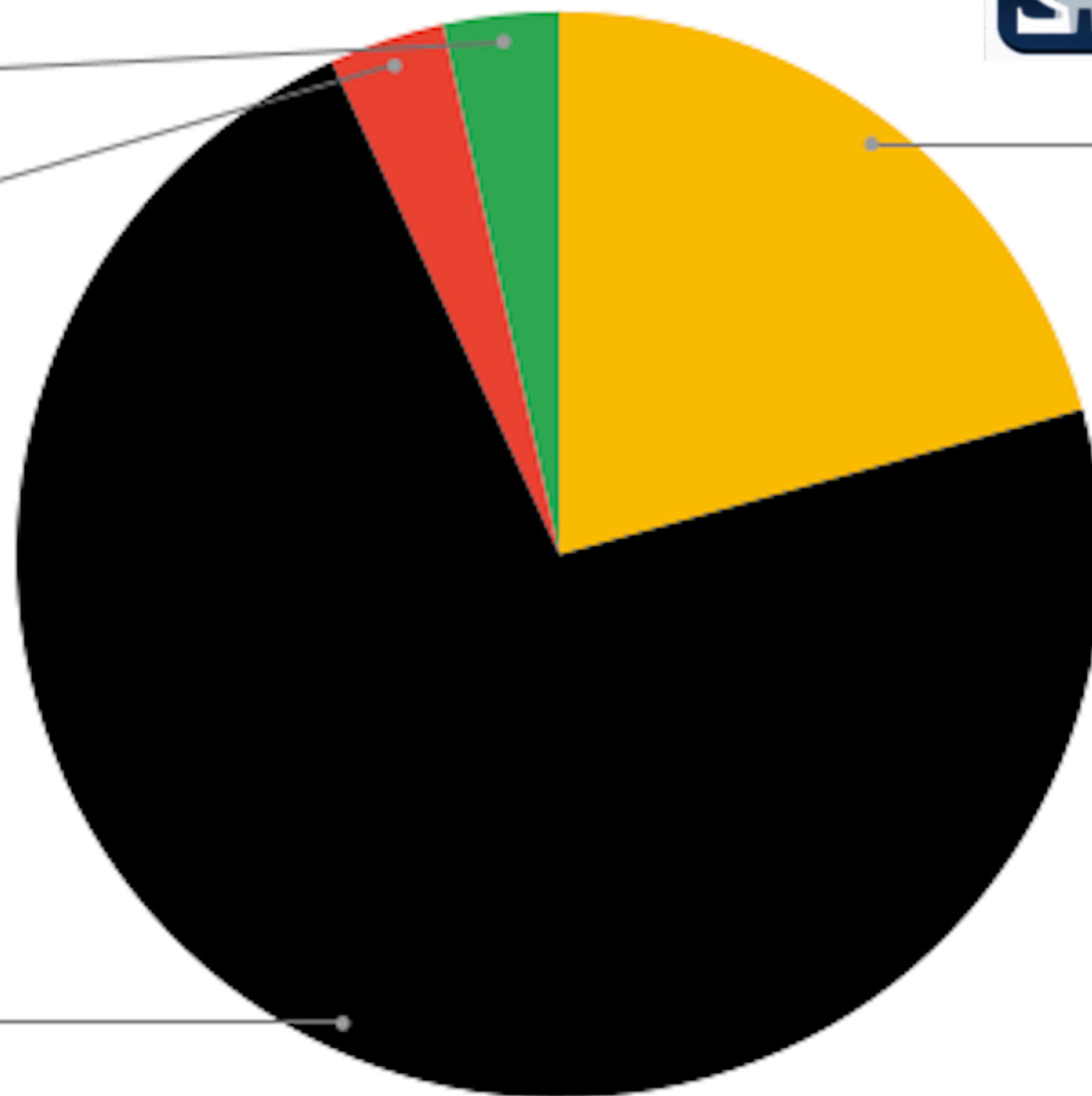
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Every Thought Captive (AFM) Fr. Daniel Greeson

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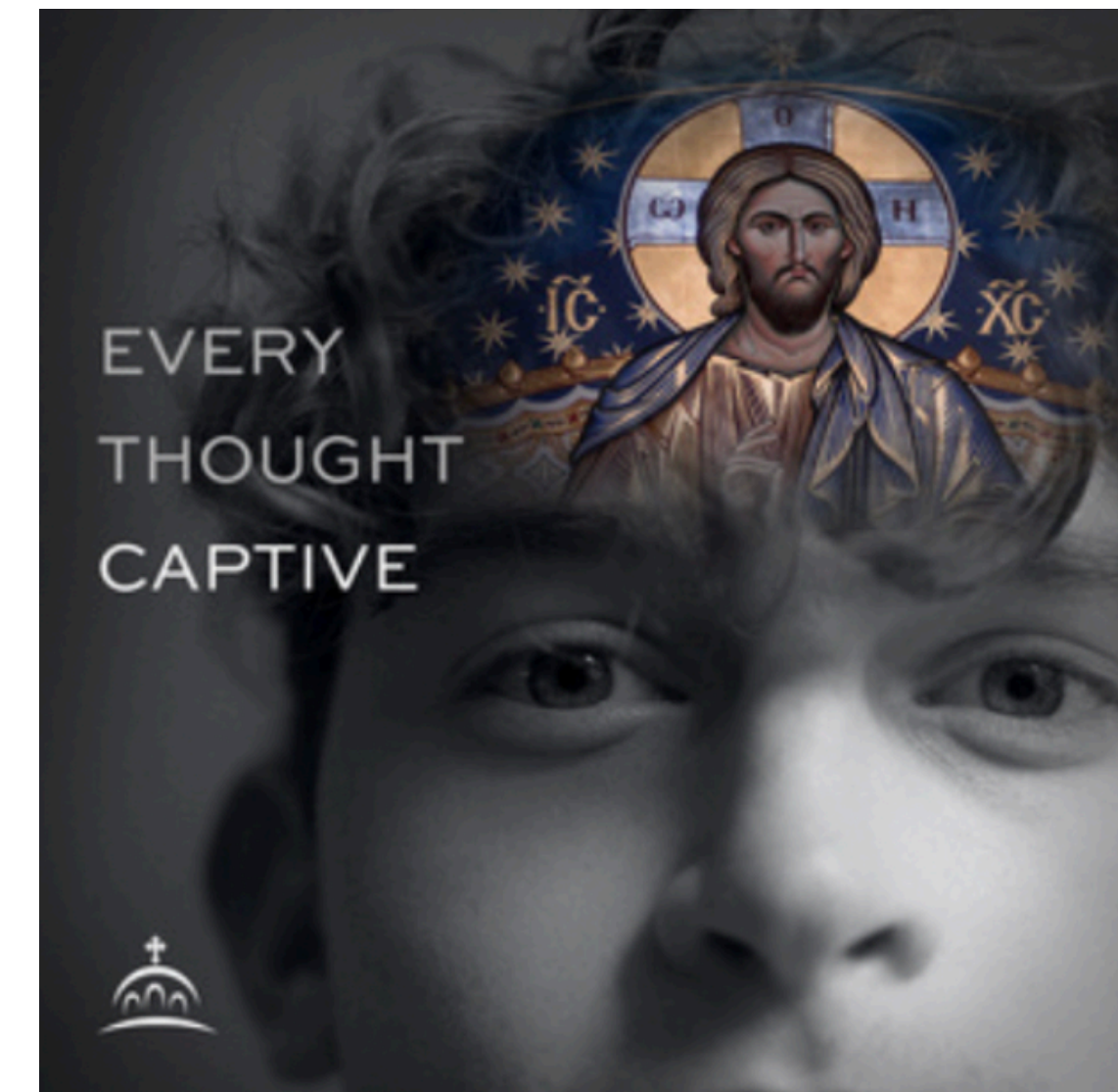
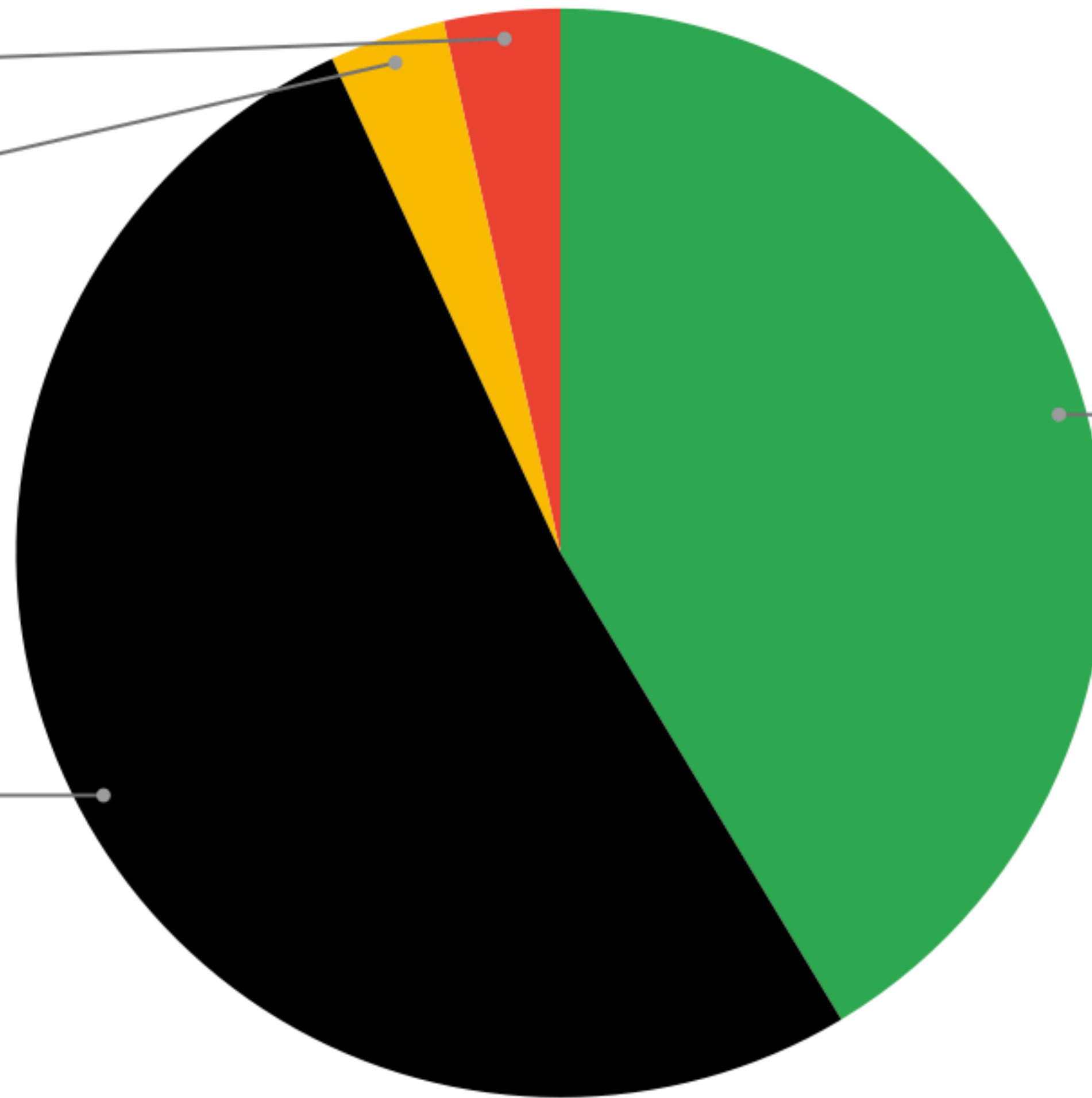
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The Arena (Patristic Nectar) Fr. Josiah Trenham

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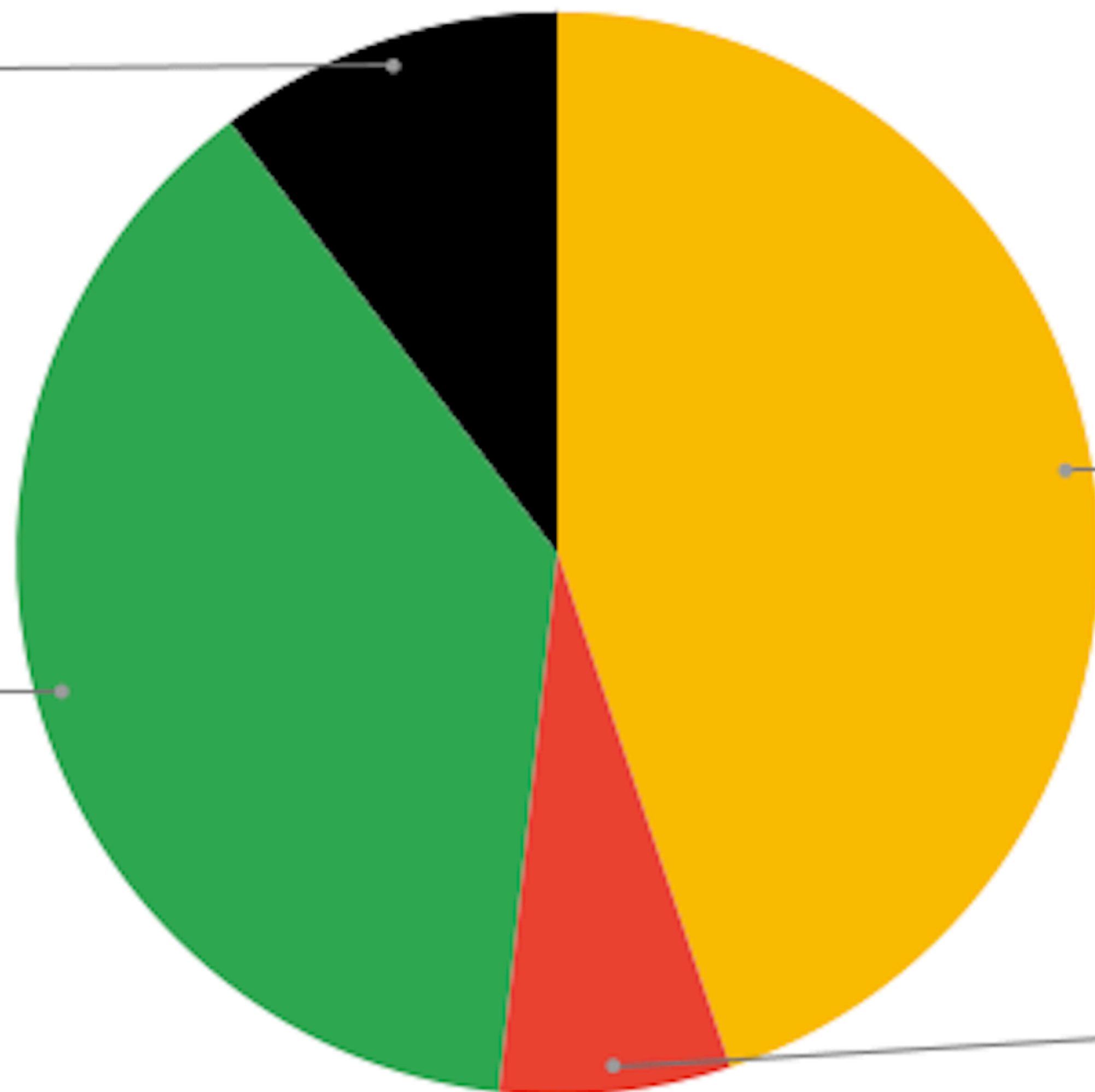
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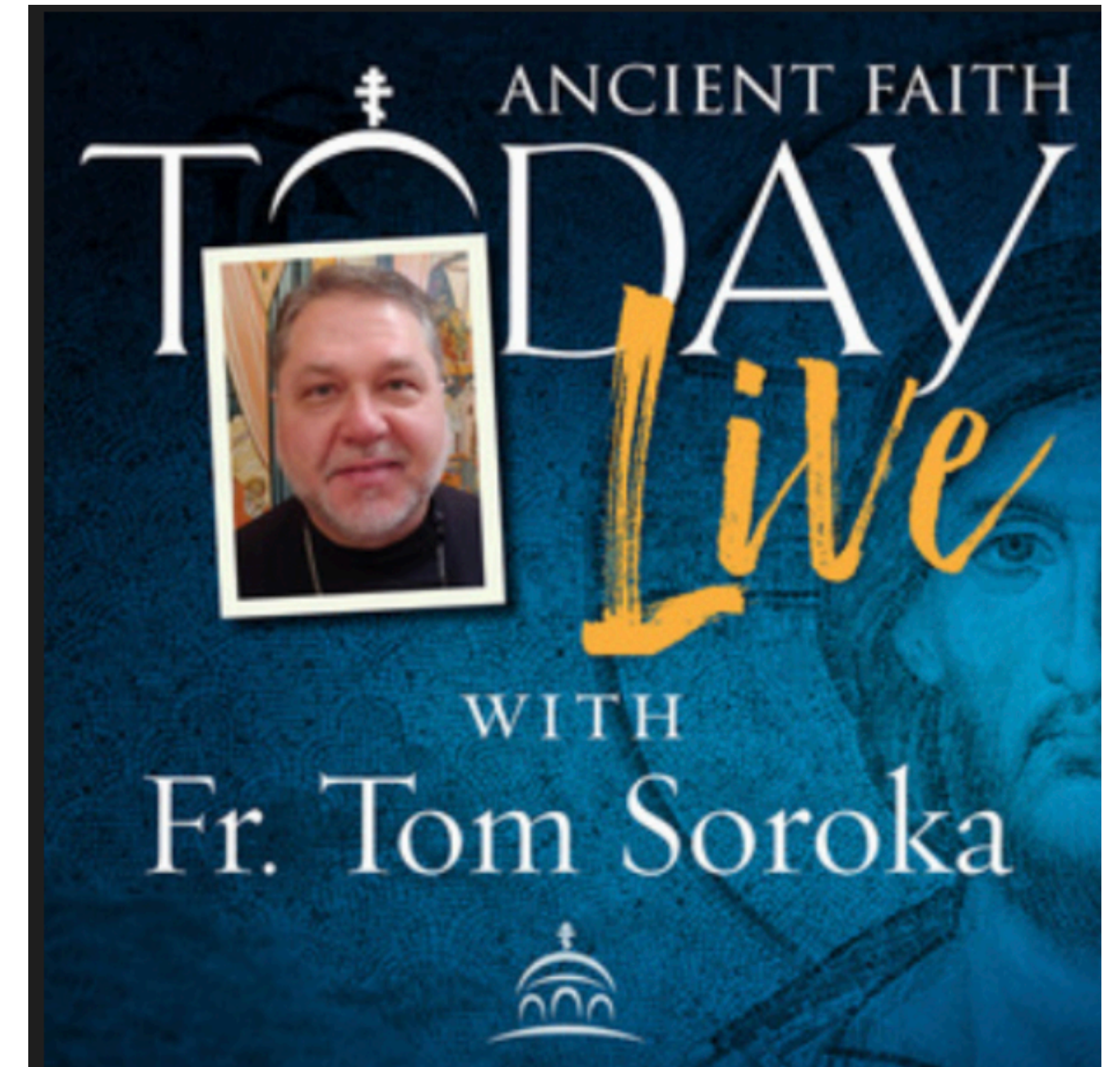
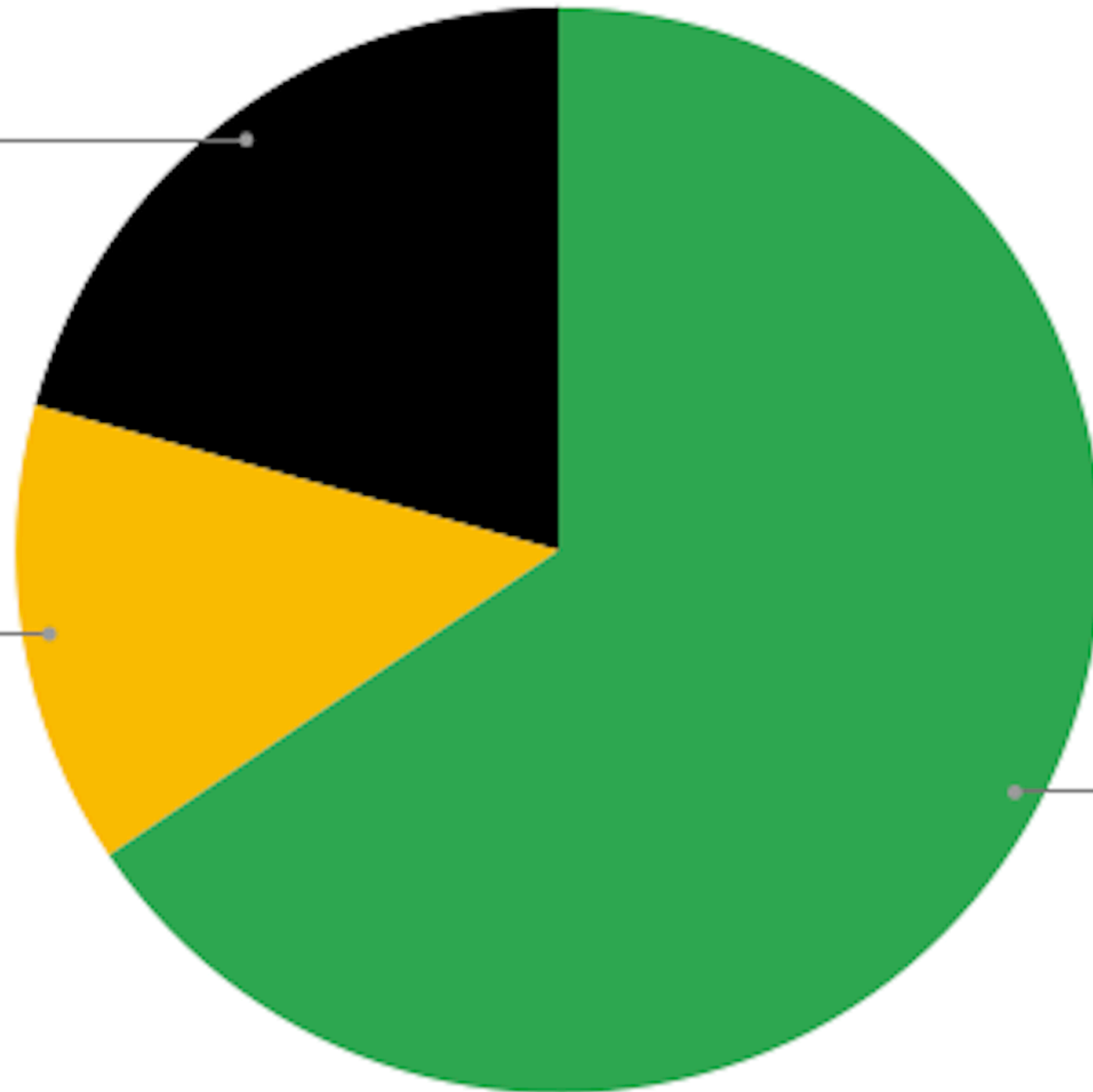


Ancient Faith Today Live (AFM) Fr. Tom Soroka

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Full Recommendation
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Our Life in Christ - Steve Robinson & Bill Gould

Not Recommended

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Partially Recommend

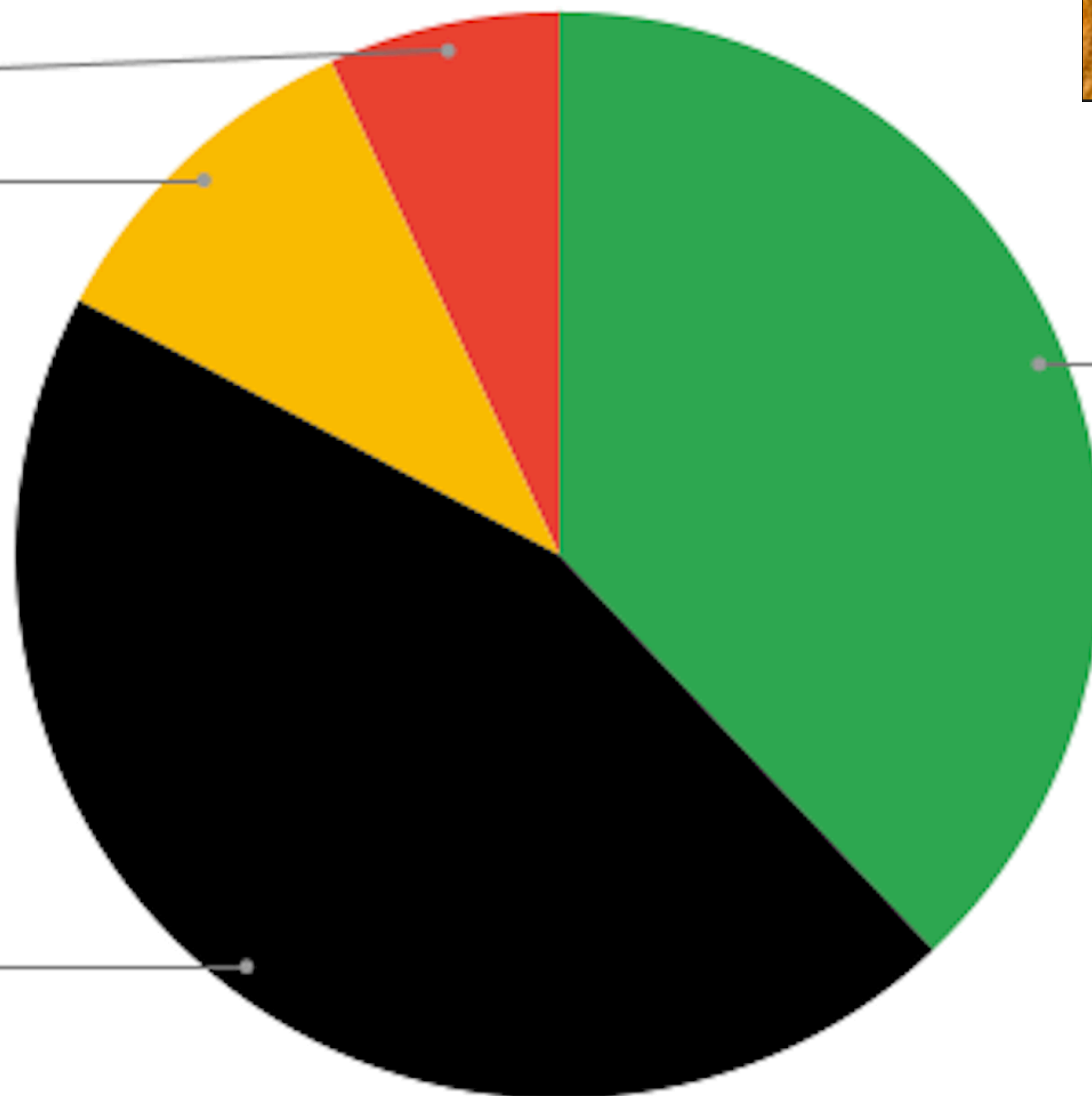
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Why are we Talking about Rabbits? (John Heers)

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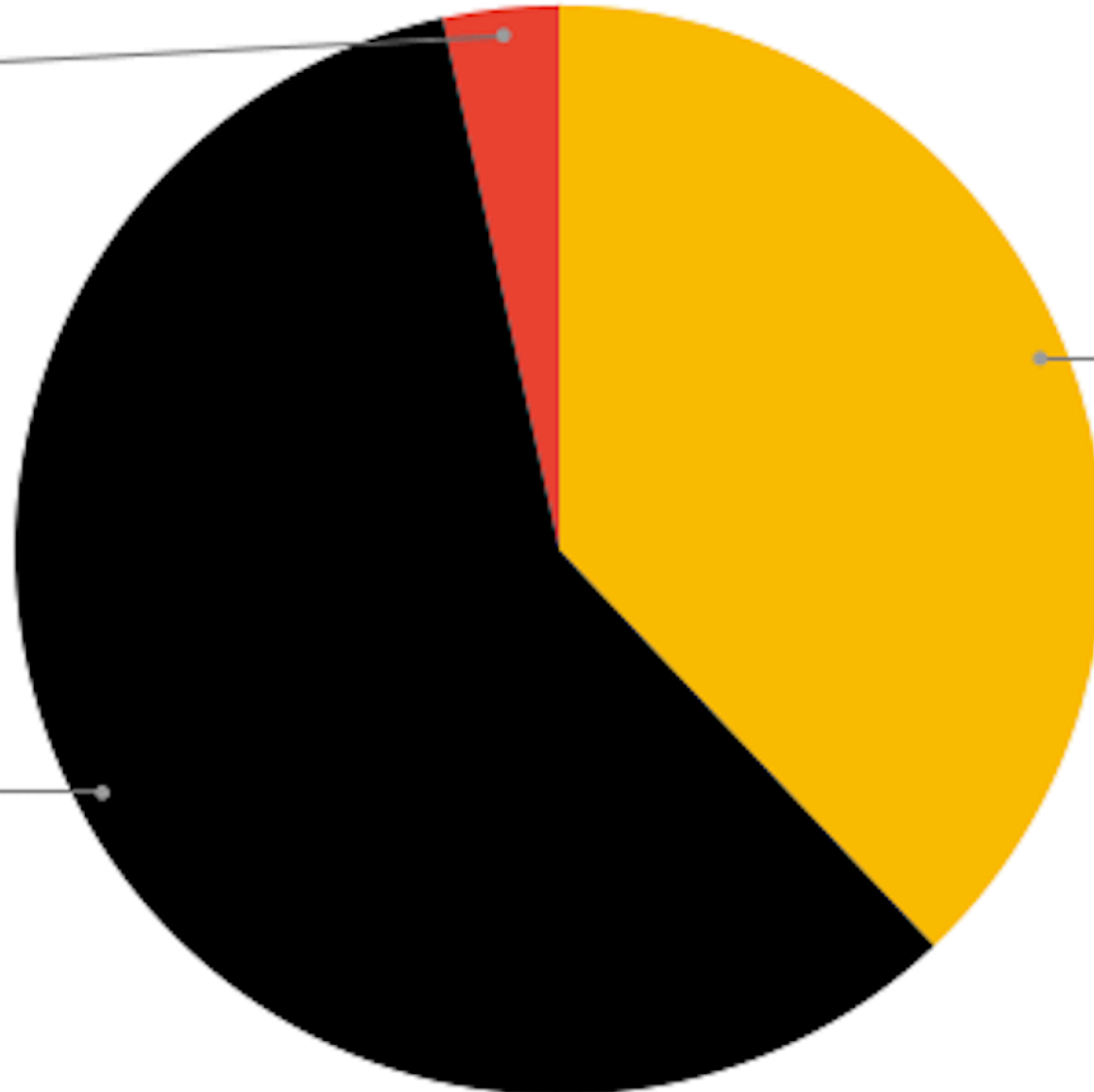
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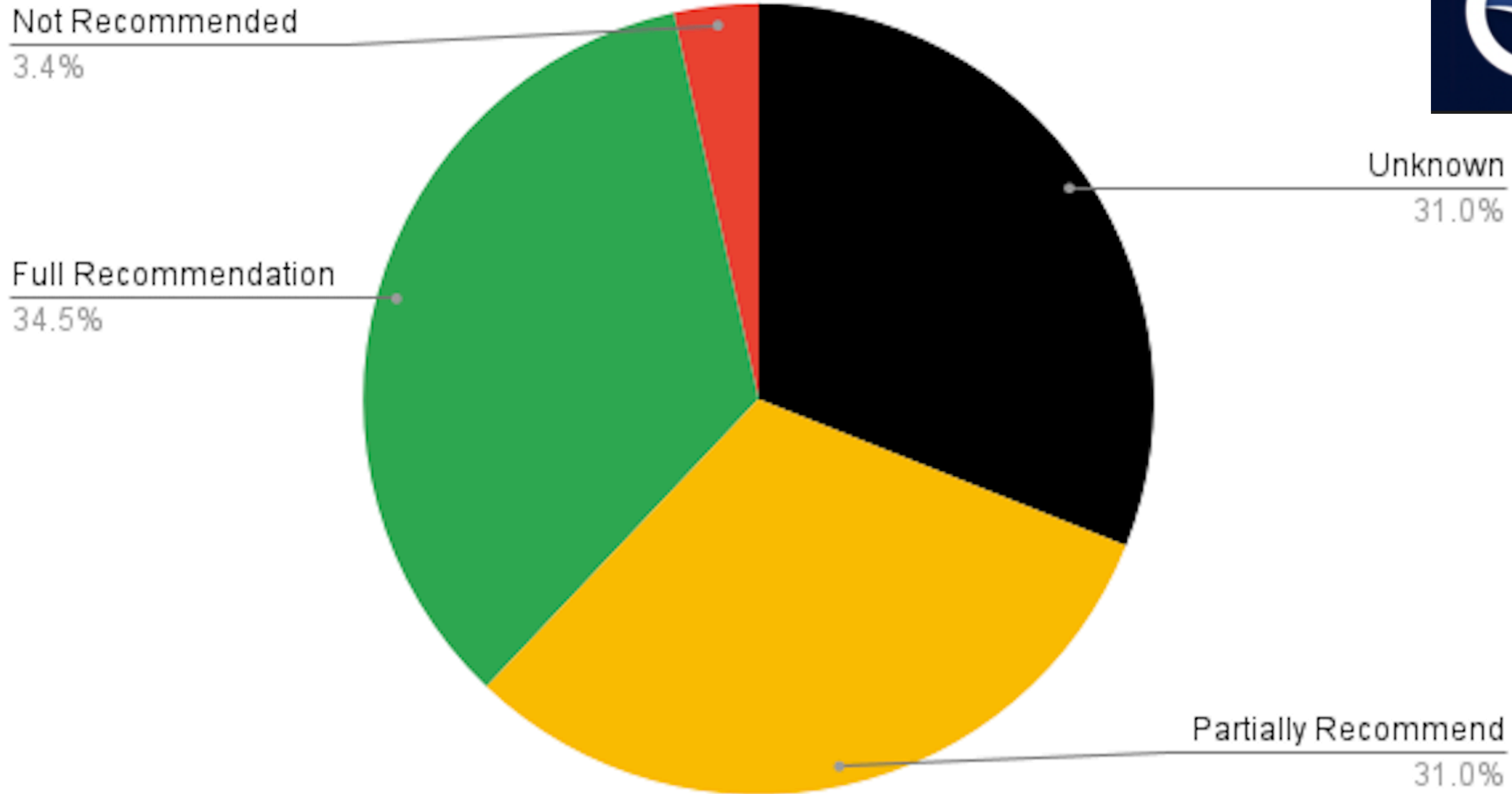
WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT RABBITS?



SECTION 5:

VIDEO CHANNELS

Orthodox Christian Network Video Programs (myOCN.net)



Coffee with Sr. Vassa (Sr. Vassa Larin)

Full Recommendation

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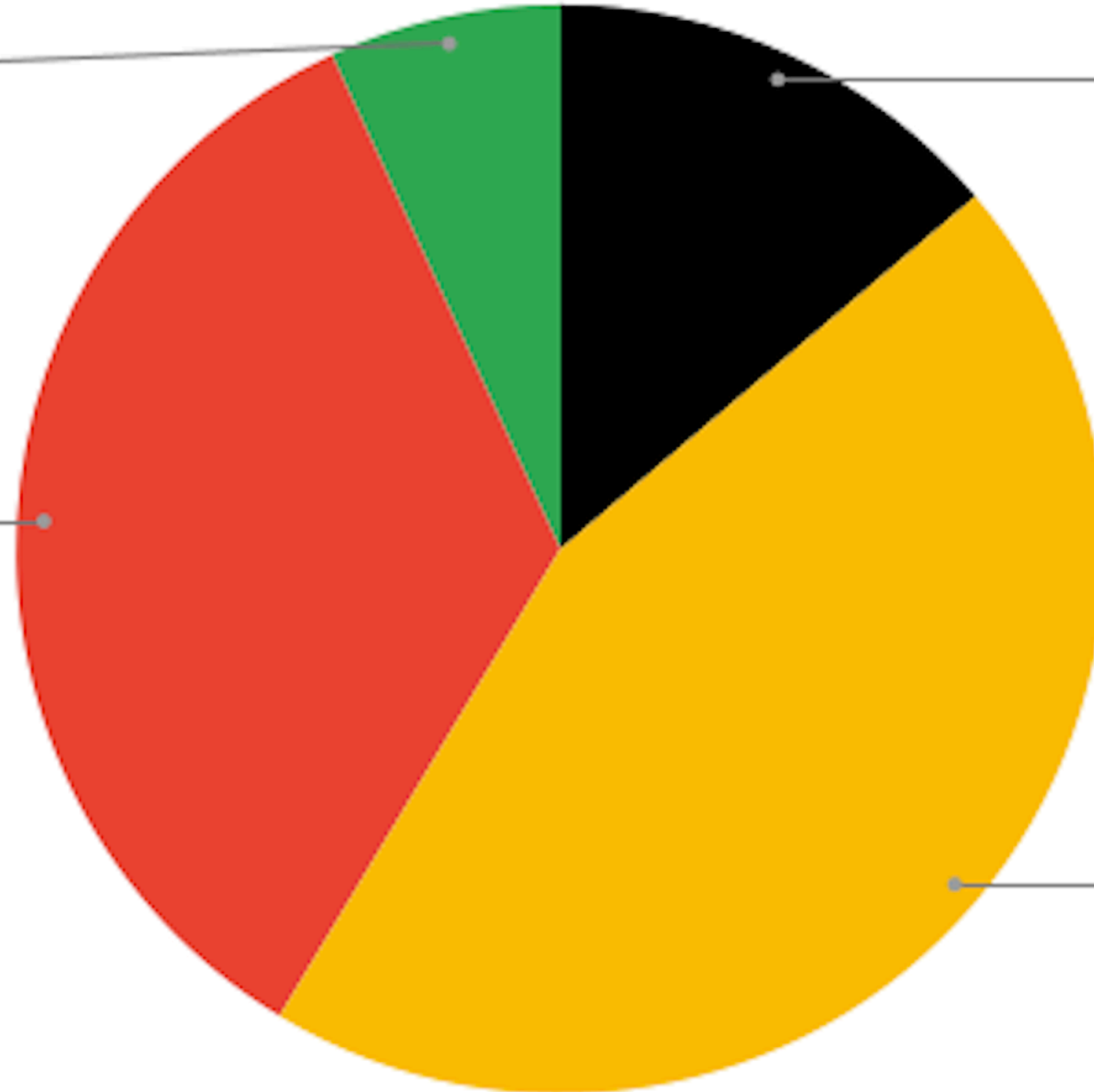
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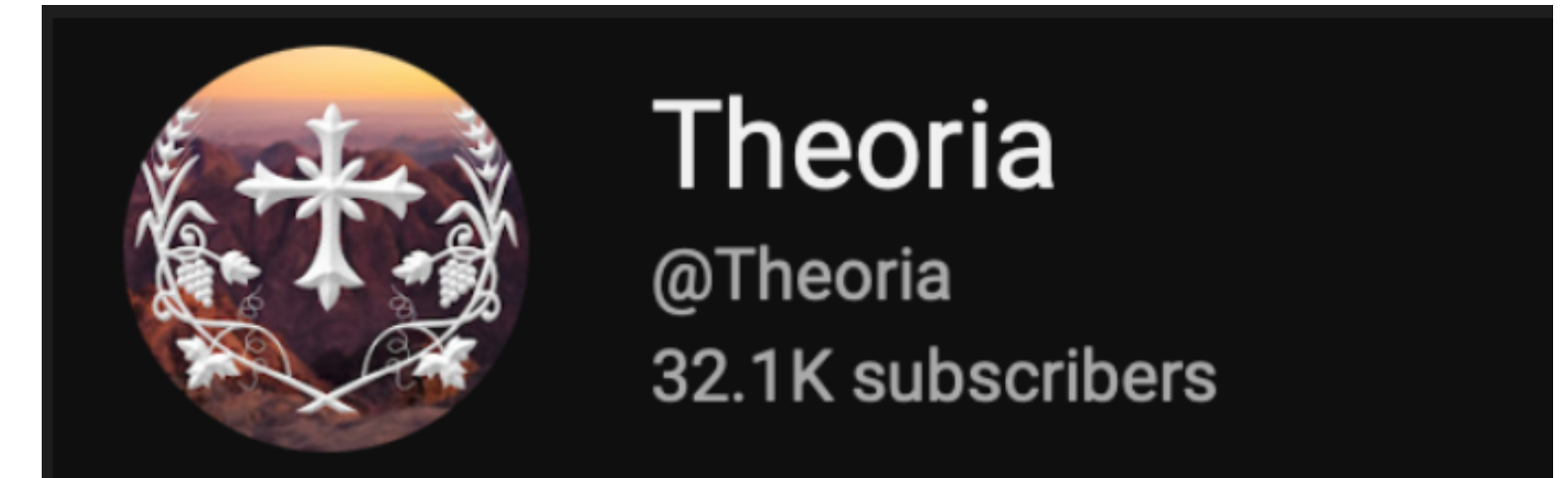
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TheoriaTV: Orthodox Christian Faith and Culture (Benjamin Cabe)



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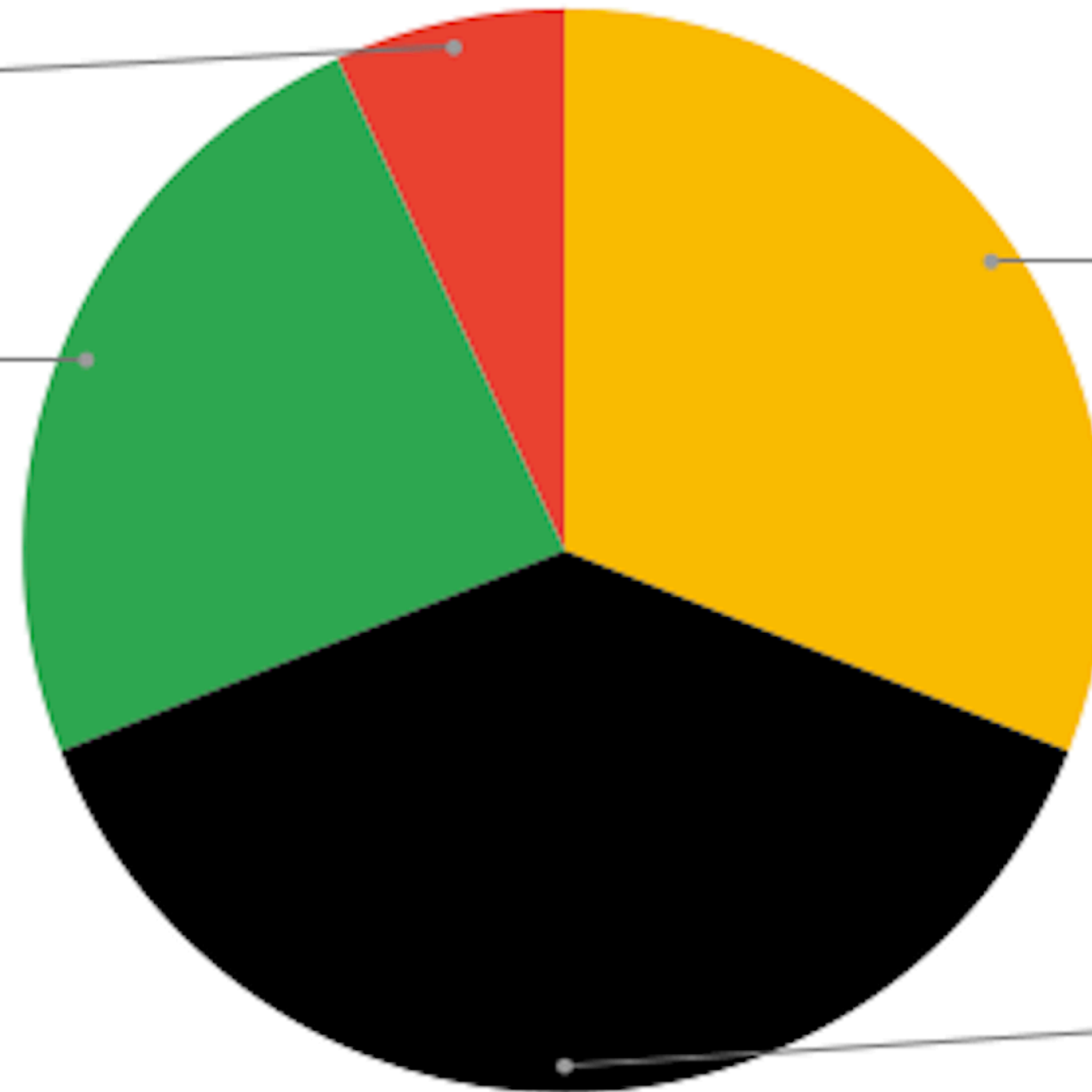
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Protecting Veil (Dr. Herman Middleton)

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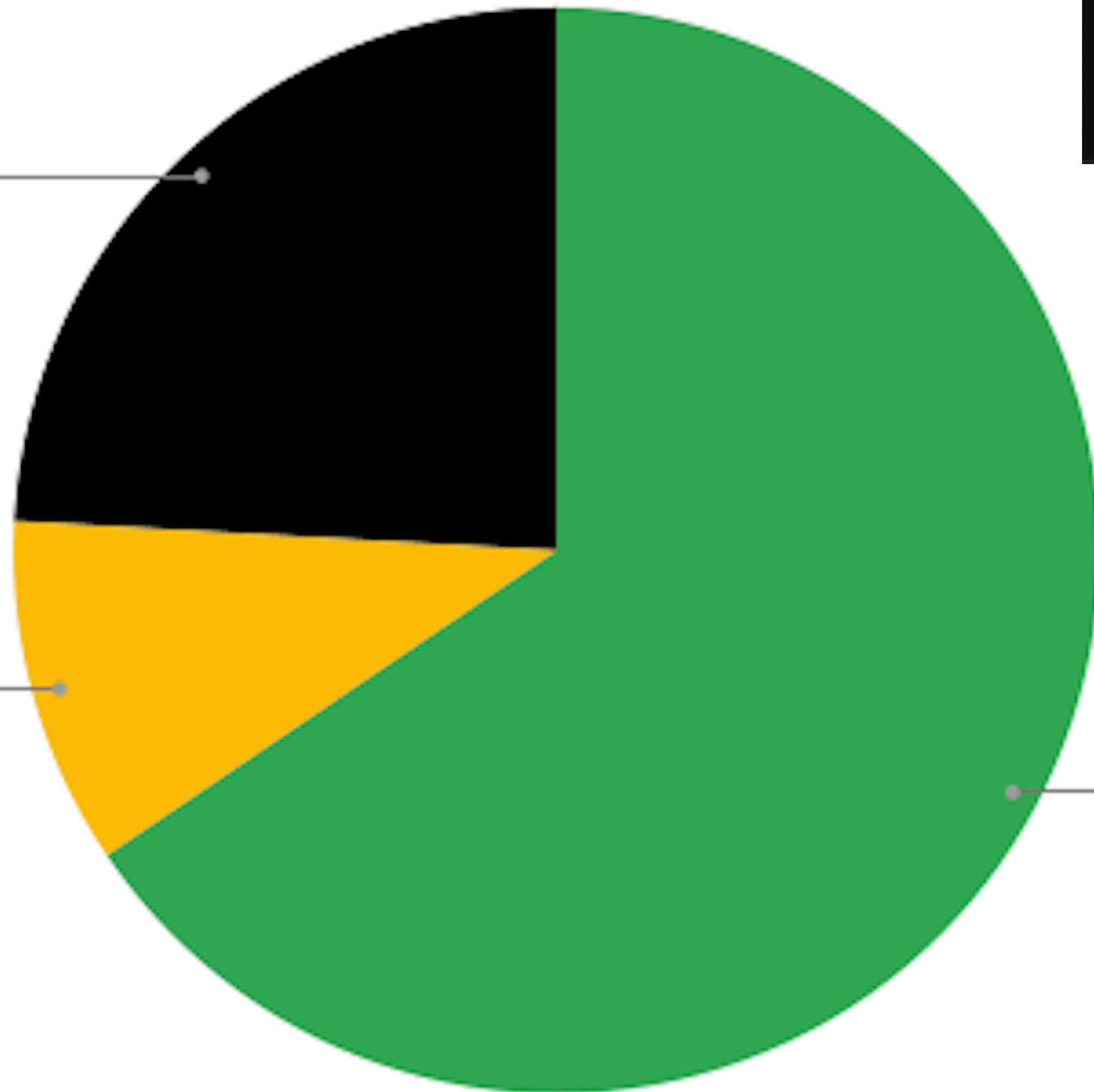


Protecting Veil


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23.3K subscribers

Full Recommendation
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Mull Monastery (Fr. Seraphim Aldea)



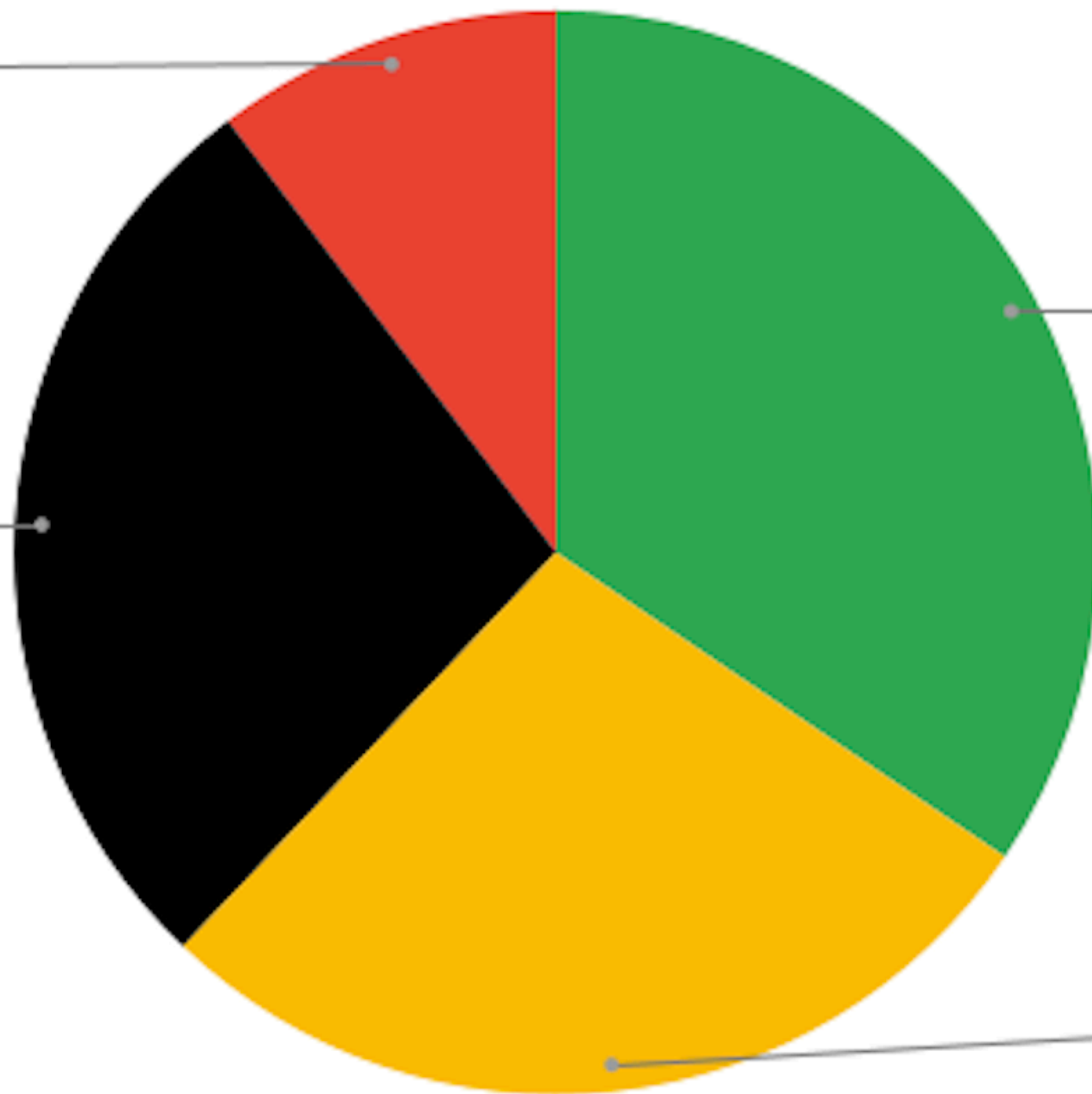
Mull Monastery
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31.6K subscribers

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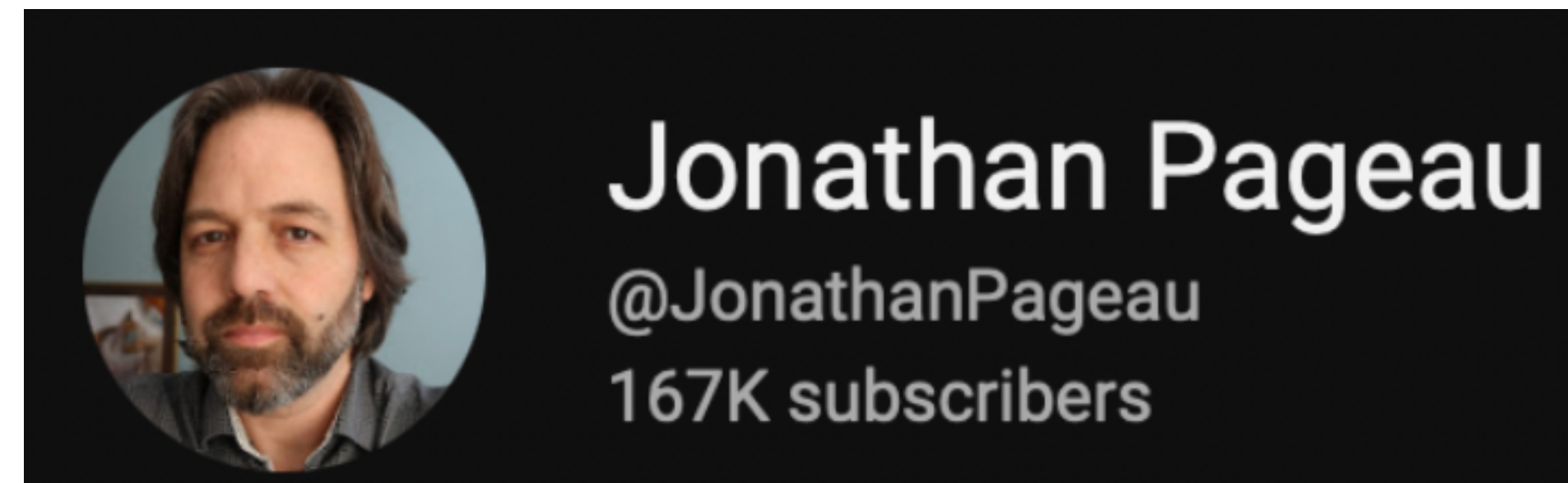
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Jonathan Pageau



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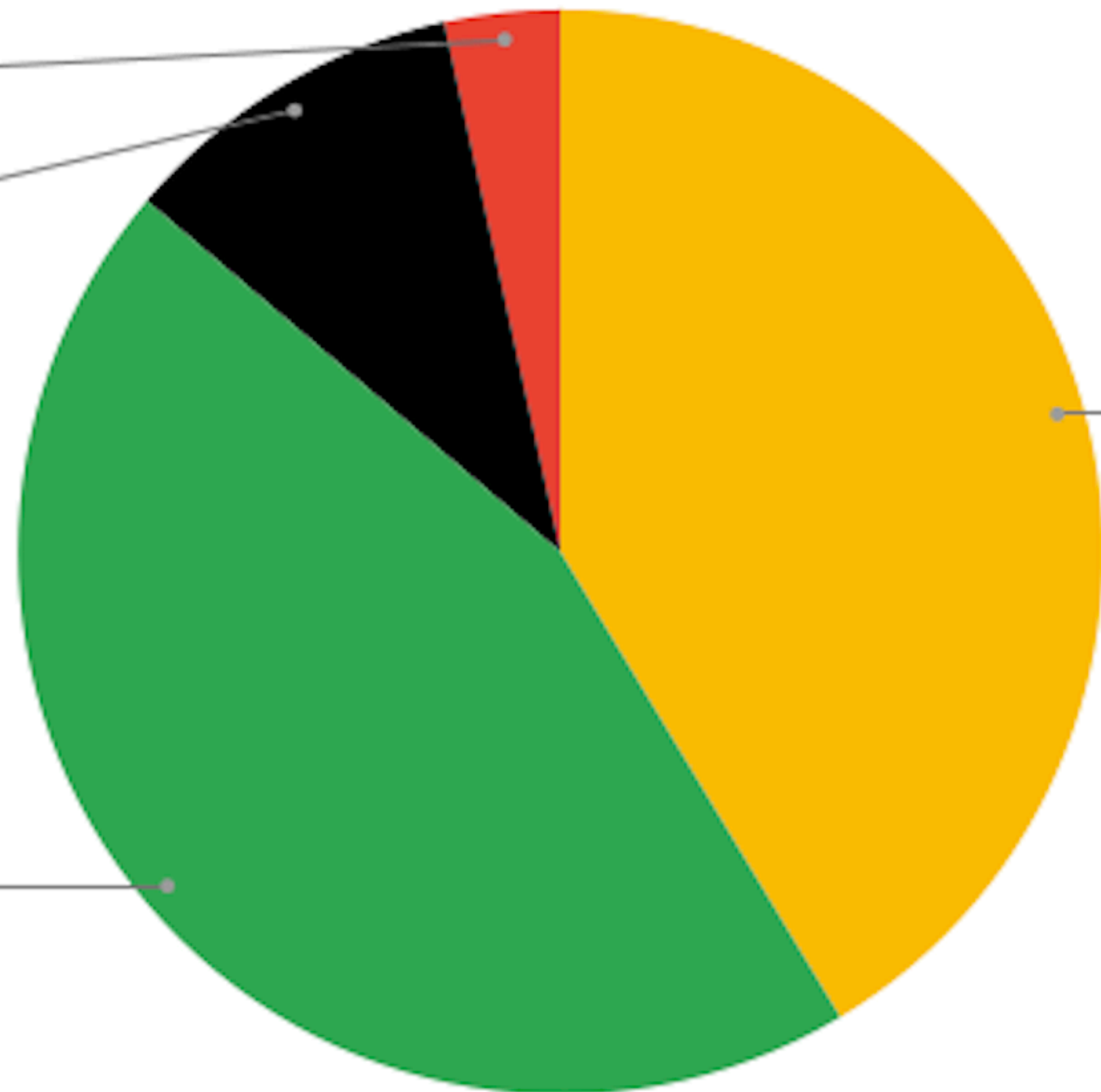
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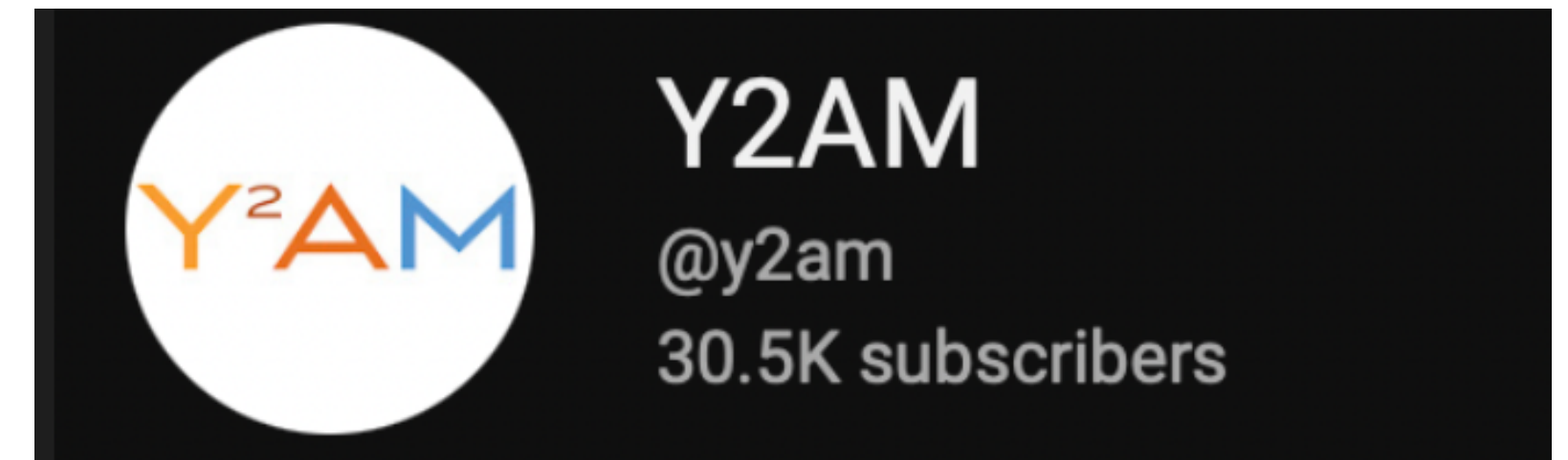
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Y2AM/Be the Bee (Steven Christoforou)



Y2AM
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30.5K subscribers

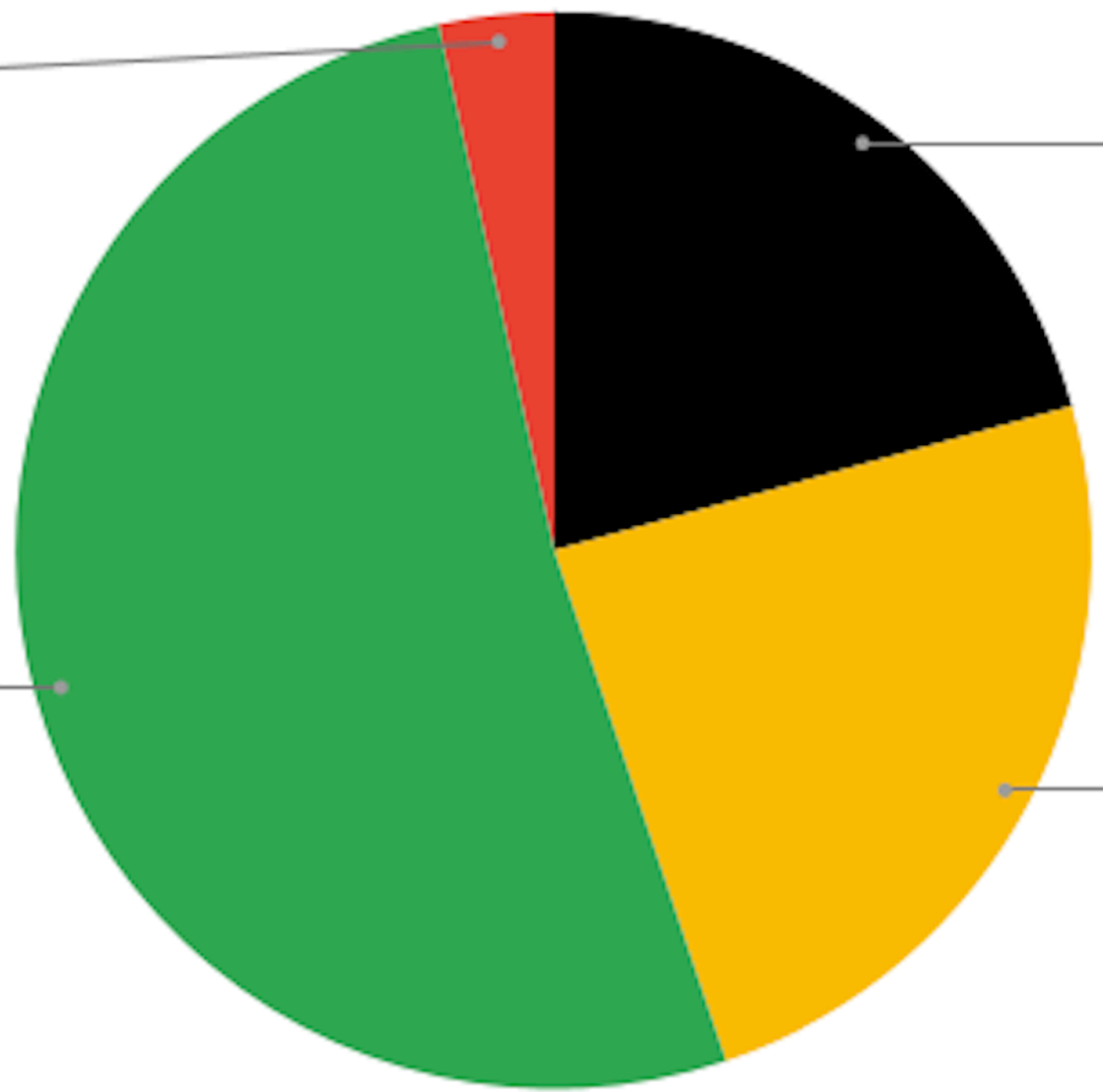
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Not Recommended
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Full Recommendation
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Partially Recommend
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Bible Illustated (Bojan Teodosijevic)

Not Recommended

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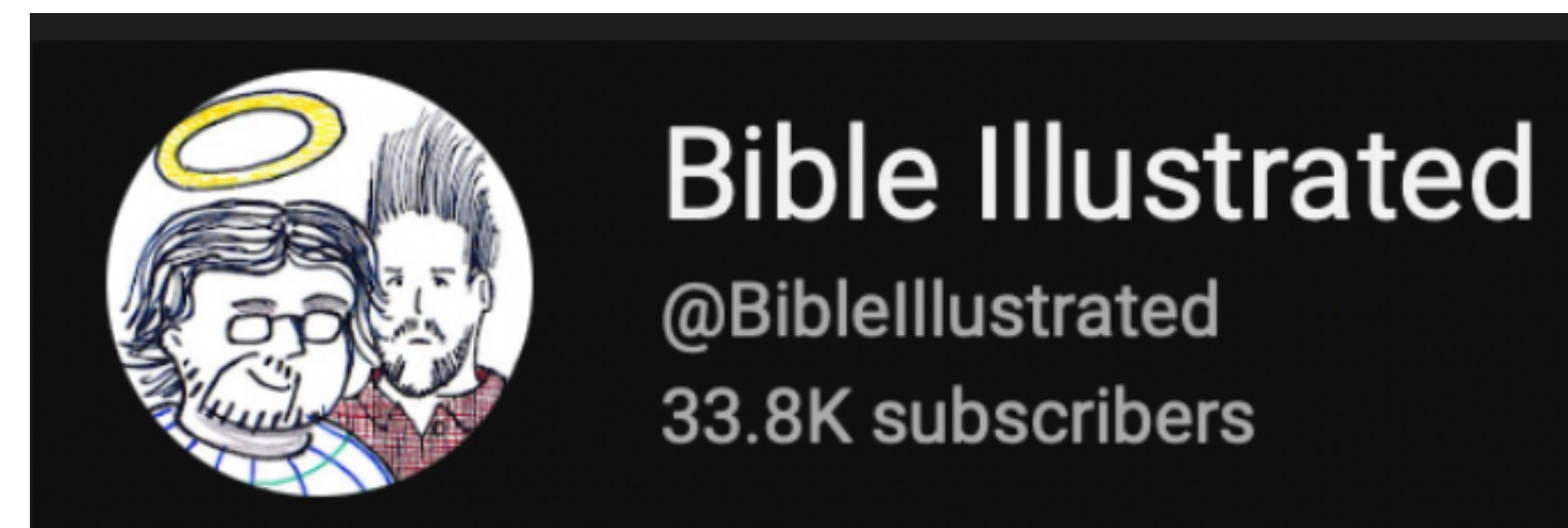
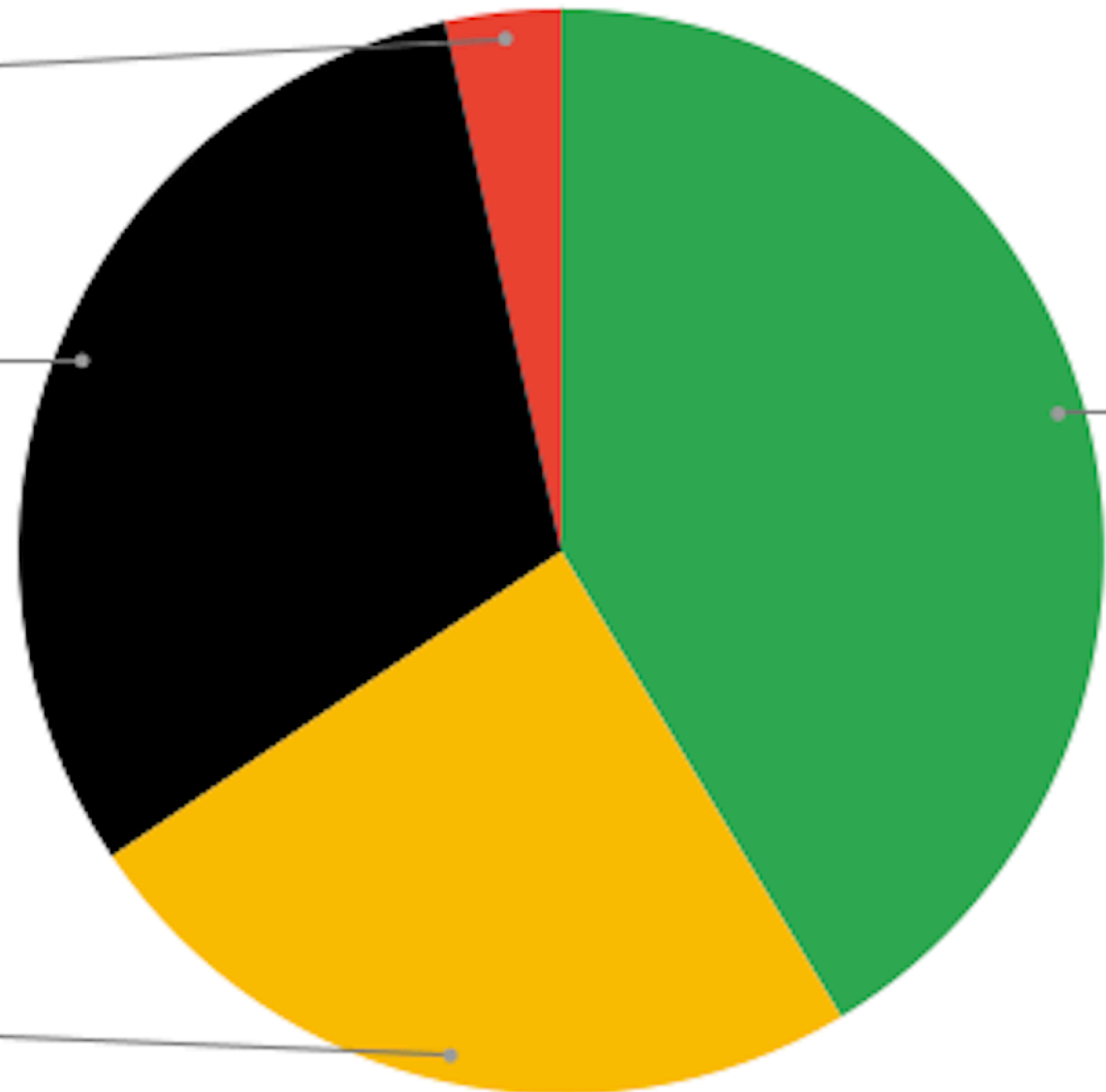
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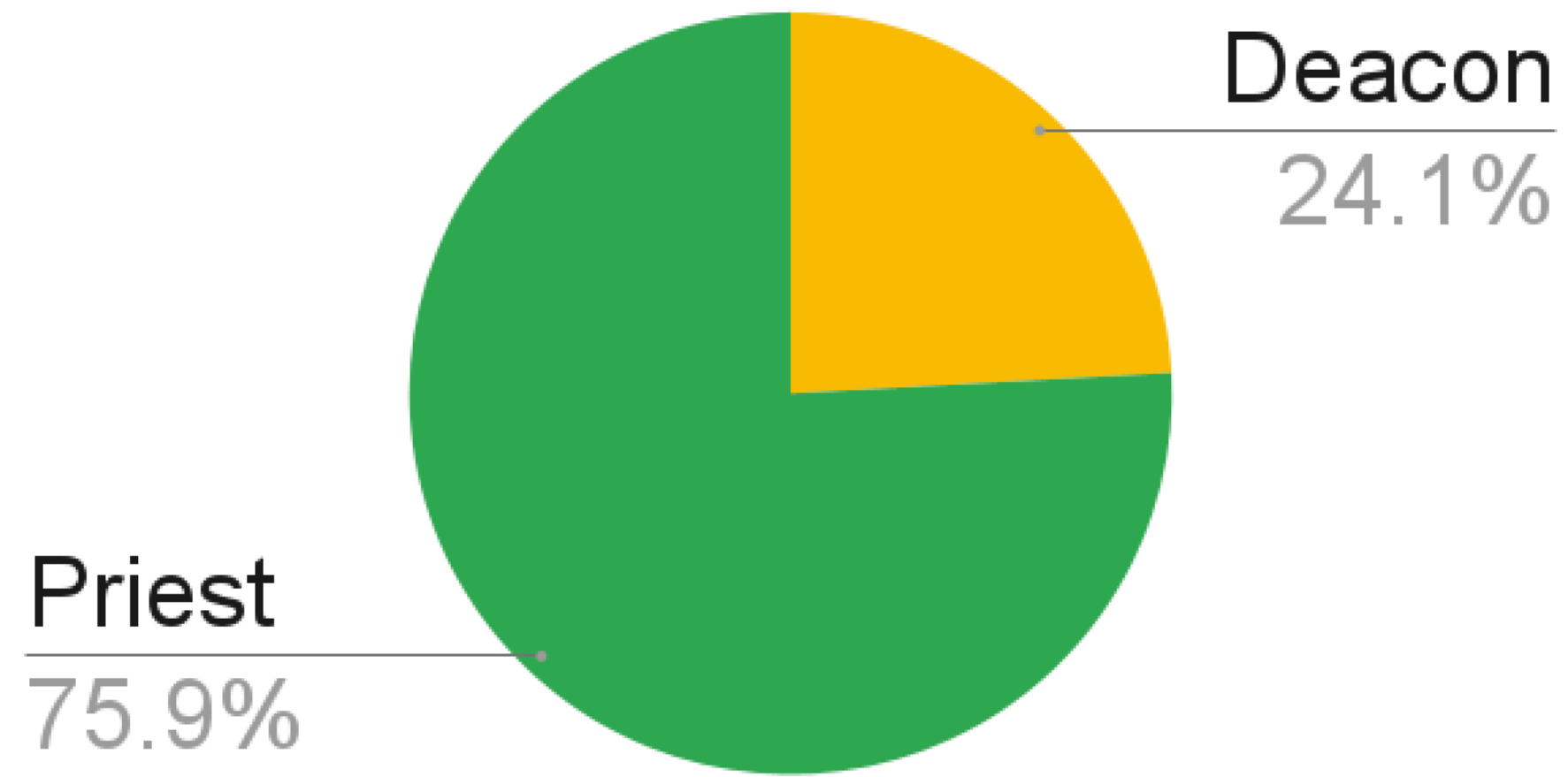




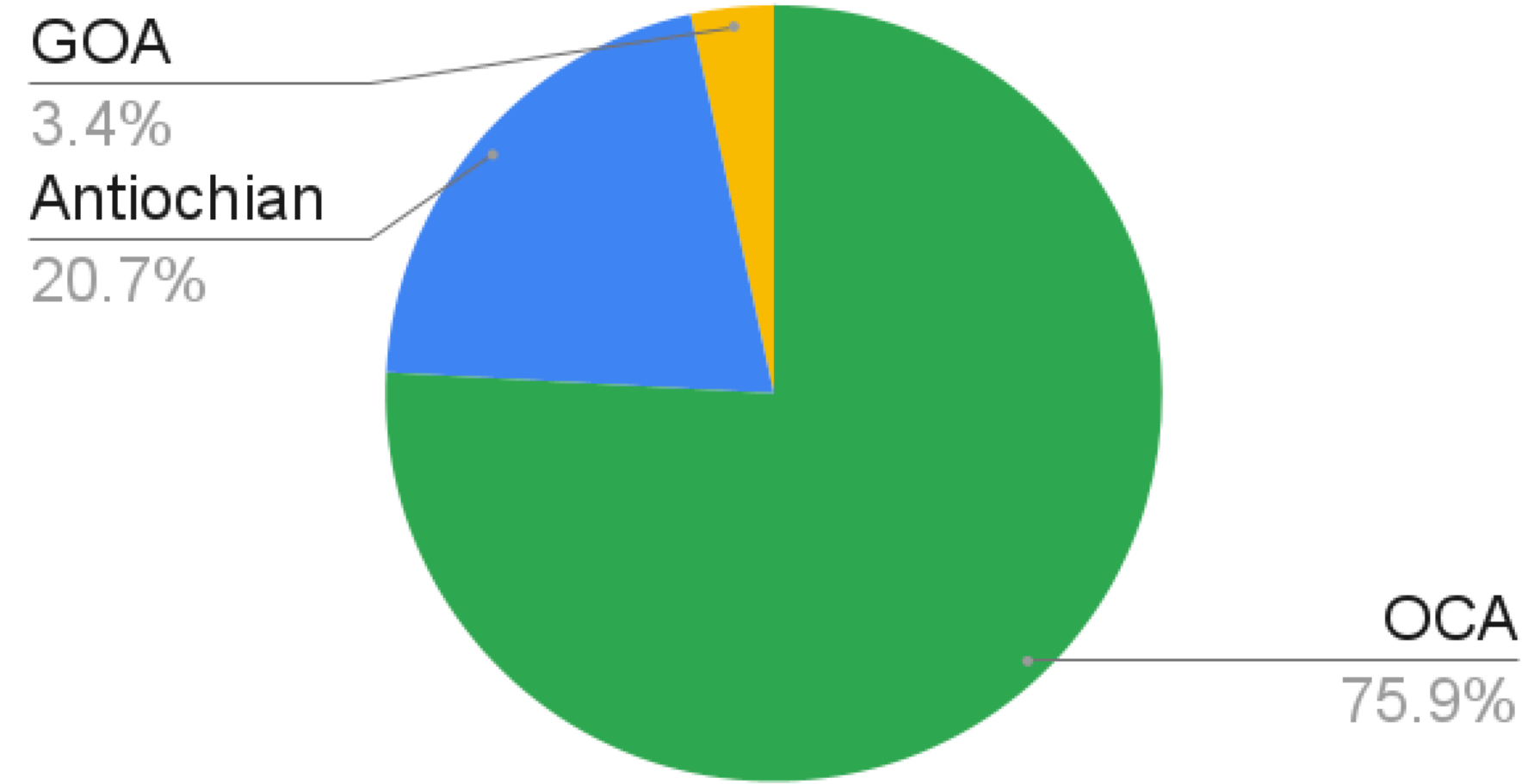
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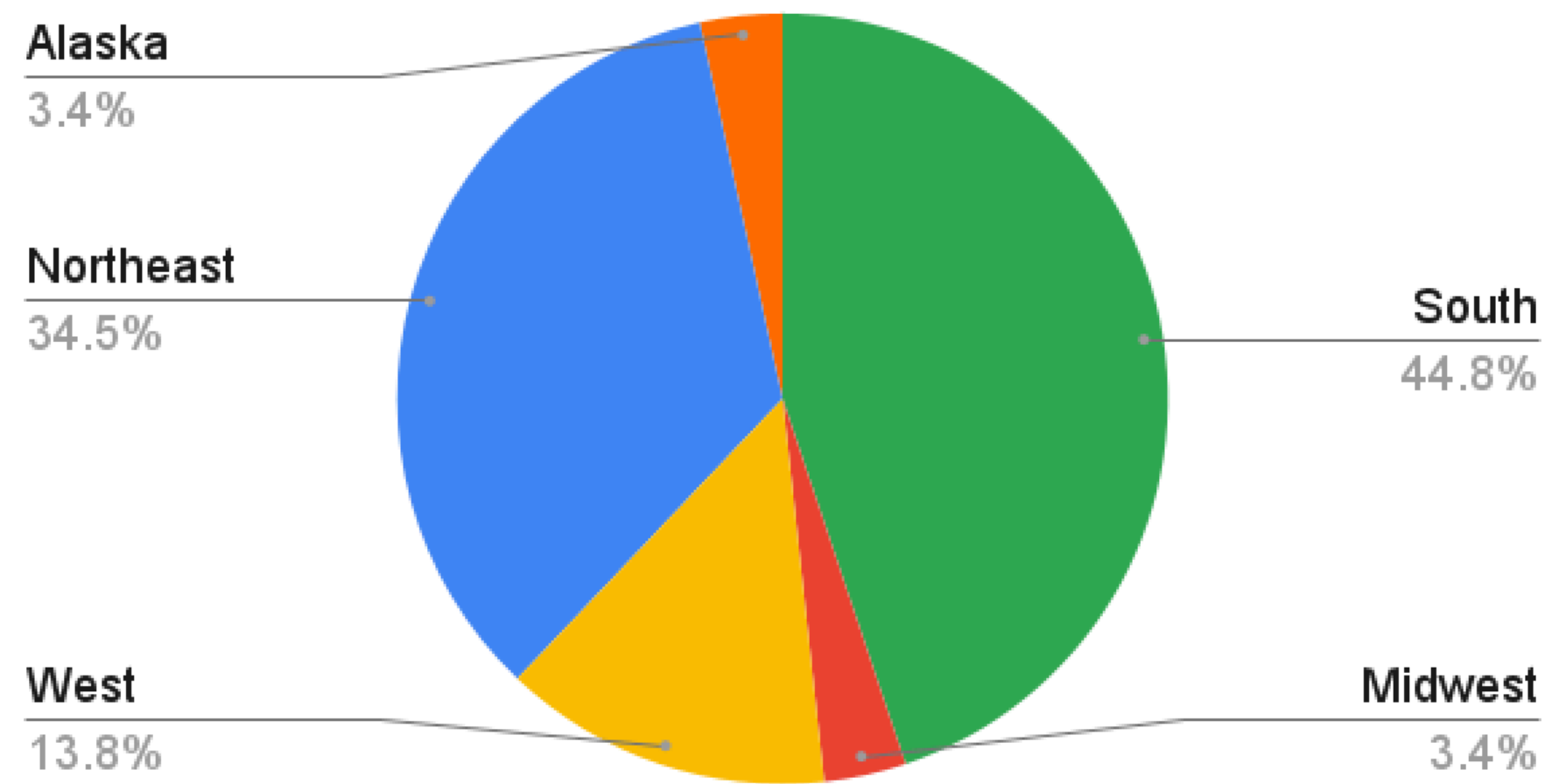
What is your clerical rank?



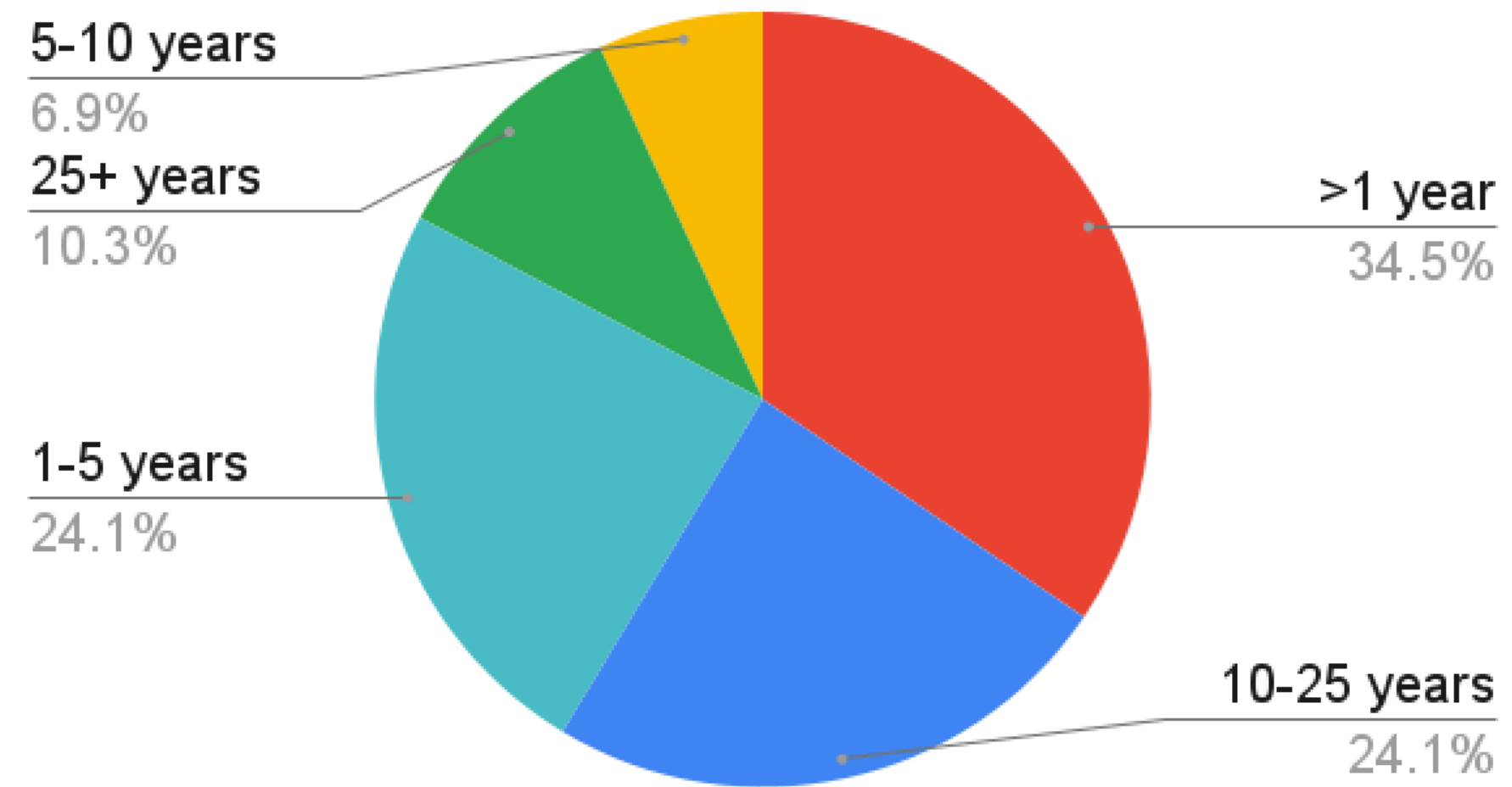
What is your Jurisdictional Affiliation?



What is your region?



How long as ordained Orthodox clergy?





SECTION 7:

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS



Question 1/3:

**WHAT IS THE BEST
ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY
INTERNET RESOURCE YOU
LIKE TO RECOMMEND TO
PARISHIONERS/
INQUIRERS ABOVE ALL
OTHERS?**

WHAT IS THE BEST ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY INTERNET RESOURCE YOU LIKE TO RECOMMEND TO PARISHIONERS/INQUIRERS ABOVE ALL OTHERS?

- ▶ Ancient Faith Ministries (7 votes)
- ▶ Fr. Thomas Hopko Podcasts (4 votes)
- ▶ Patristic Nectar (3 votes)
- ▶ Lord of Spirits podcast (2 votes)



Question 2/3:

**WHAT ORTHODOX
CHRISTIANITY INTERNET
RESOURCE WOULD YOU
REMOVE FROM THE
INTERNET IF YOU HAD THE
ABILITY?**

WHAT ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY INTERNET RESOURCE WOULD YOU REMOVE FROM THE INTERNET IF YOU HAD THE ABILITY?

- ▶ Orthodox Ethos (7 votes)
- ▶ Orthodoxy in Dialogue (7 votes)
- ▶ Public Orthodoxy (7 votes)
- ▶ Jay Dyer's Analysis (4 votes)
- ▶ The Wheel (4 votes)



Question 3/3:

**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST
CHALLENGE TO PARISH
MINISTRY RELATED TO
"INTERNET ORTHODOXY"?**

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE TO PARISH MINISTRY RELATED TO "INTERNET ORTHODOXY"? 1/2

- ▶ "Competing with Internet personalities for the mind of my parishioners."
- ▶ "Discernment. Because on the internet all voices are equal."
- ▶ "The extremes (on both sides) that get the most noise."
- ▶ "The destruction of one's interior life."

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE TO PARISH MINISTRY RELATED TO "INTERNET ORTHODOXY"? 2/2

- ▶ "The tendency of people to 'live online' and to forget to read books and to live in reality."
- ▶ "Personalities unhinged from ecclesial life."
- ▶ "Extremism on both sides, disconnected from real parish life."
- ▶ "I don't have time to keep up with it all. I feel like I'm swatting flies to have a response to everything that parishioners bring up to me."

THANK YOU!

- ▶ This survey is connected to my two papers in my PT204 class:
 - The first paper concerns the challenge of Internet Orthodoxy for Catechism in parish ministry and is titled **The Narrow Way between Utopia and Escape: Issues of Orthodox Catechesis in the Digital Age**
 - The second paper contains my suggestions for how to deal with this problem and is titled **Shepherding Onto the Royal Path: Identifying and Contending with the Impact of the Internet on Catechesis and Parish Ministry**
- ▶ I also have a related slide presentation "**Becoming Orthodox in Spite of the Internet**".
- ▶ If you'd like to receive these documents or take part in a future similar clergy survey, please contact me at frdavidgalloway@gmail.com or dgalloway@svots.edu