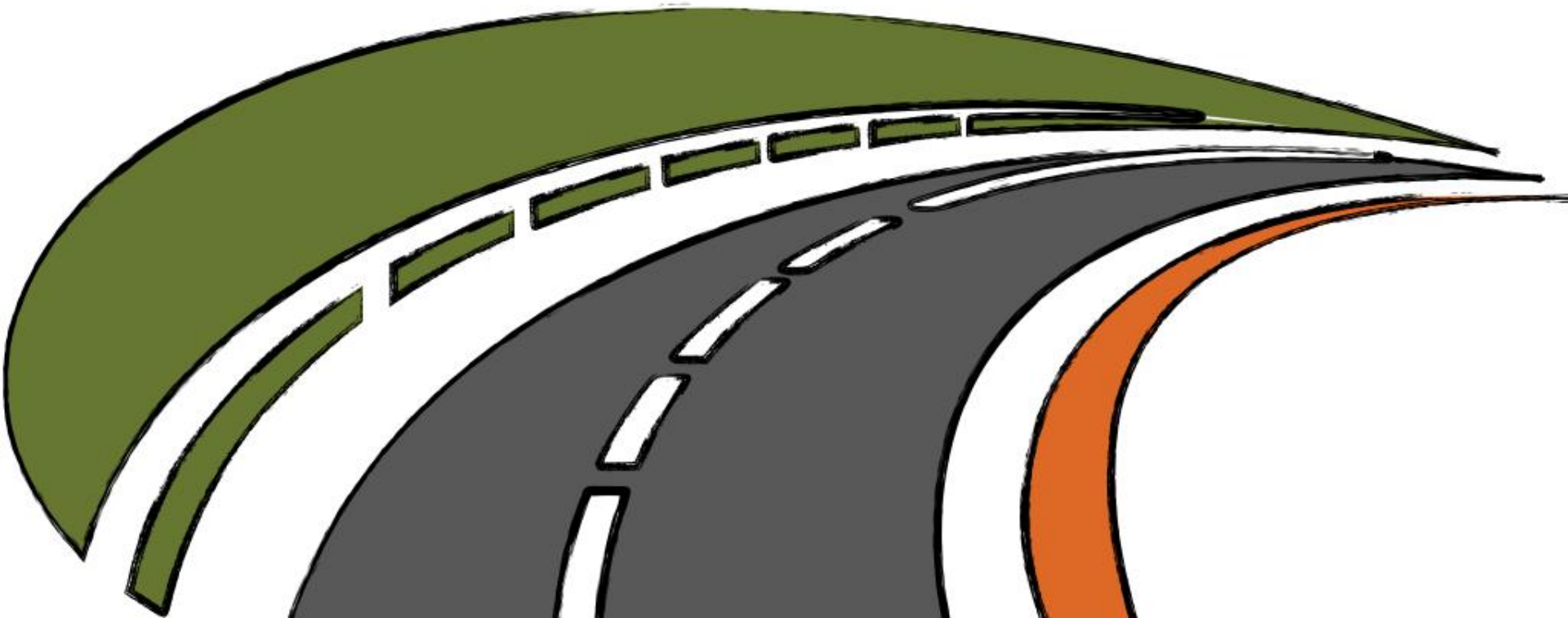


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Absolute Truth Exists





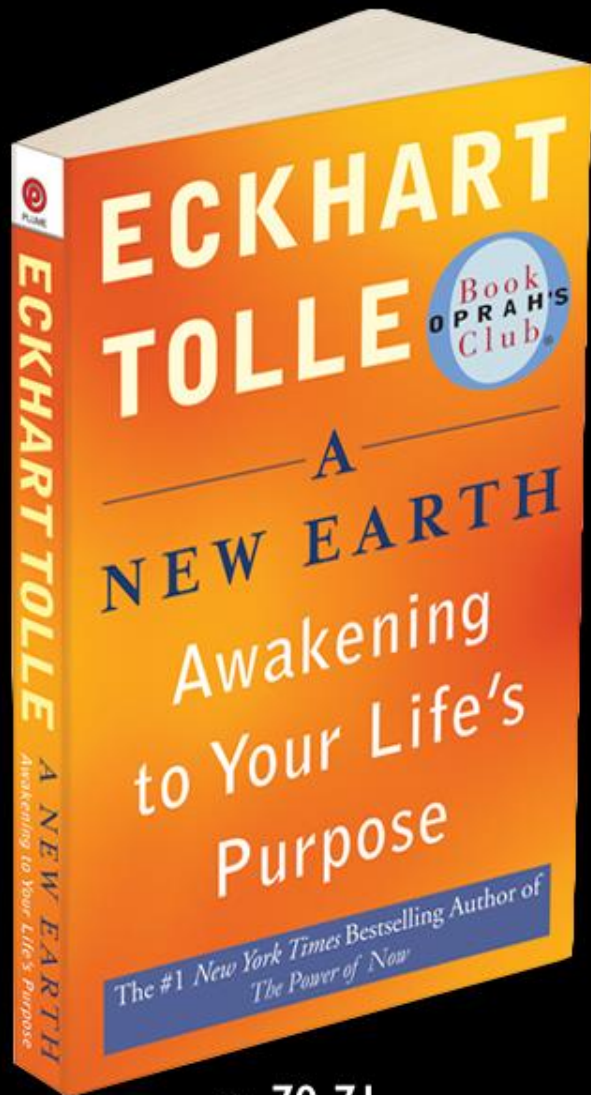
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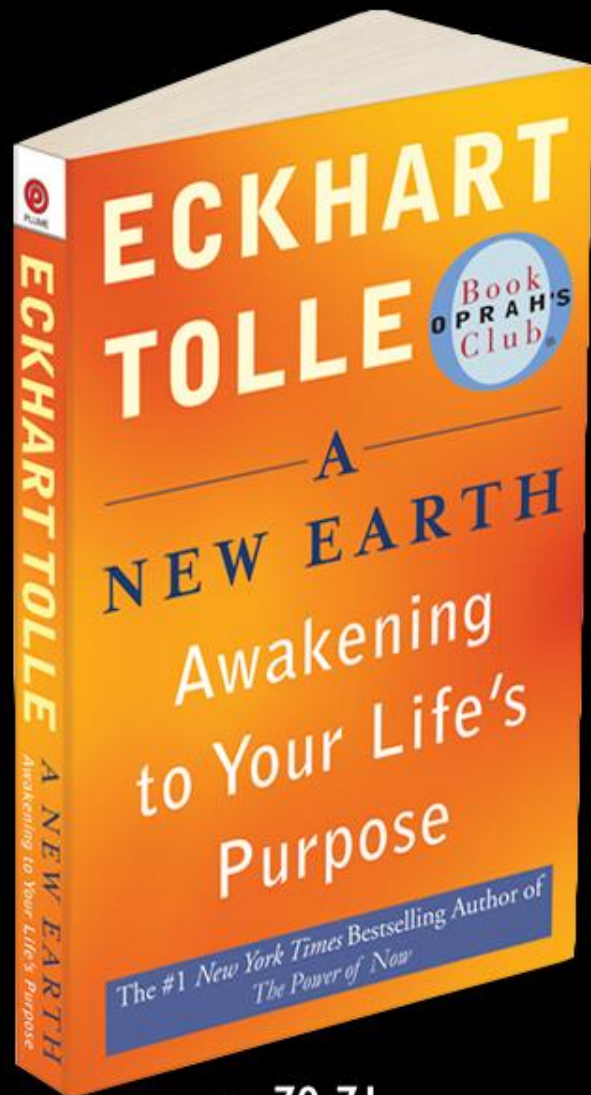
By a three to one margin (71% to 26%) adults noted that they are personally more likely to develop their own set of religious beliefs than to accept a comprehensive set of beliefs taught by a particular church.

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Oprah: One of the mistakes that human beings make is believing that there is only one way to live - and that we don't accept that there are diverse ways of being in the world, that there are millions of ways to be a human being.

Audience Member: Then how do you please God?



Oprah: And many ways, many paths to what you call God. And her path might be something else. And when she gets there she might call it the light, but her loving, and her kindness, and her generosity, if it brings her to the same point that it brings you it doesn't matter if she called it God along the way or not. There couldn't possibly be just one way.

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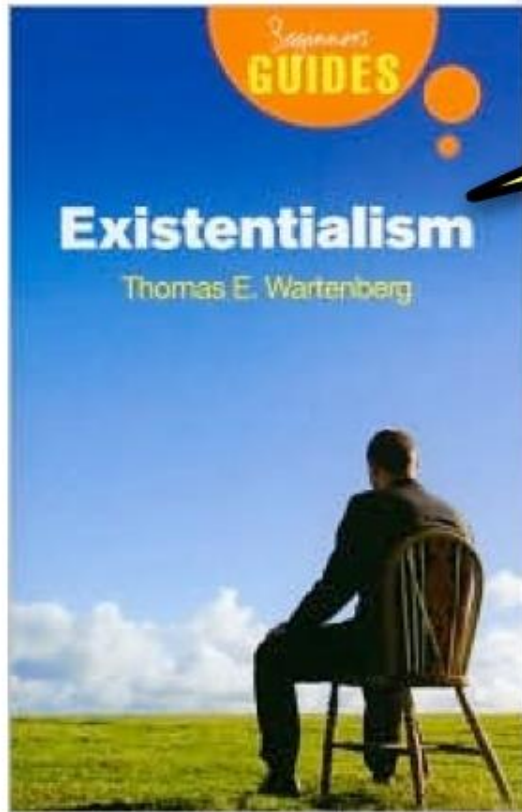
Audience Member: You bring Him up in this whole discussion and you say there isn't only one way. There is one way and only one way and that is through Jesus.



Oprah: There couldn't possibly be only one way for the millions of people in the world.



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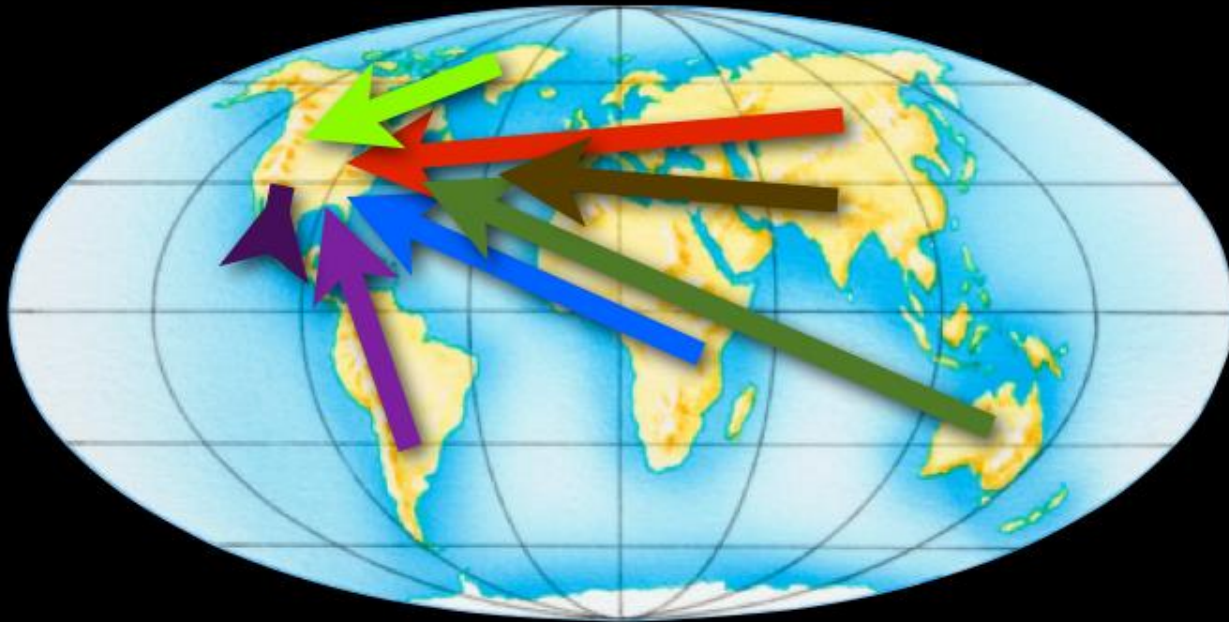


MULTICULTURALISM

“multiculturalism advocates a society that extends equitable status to distinct cultural and religious groups, with no one culture predominating”



PLURALISM



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**“In those days there was no king
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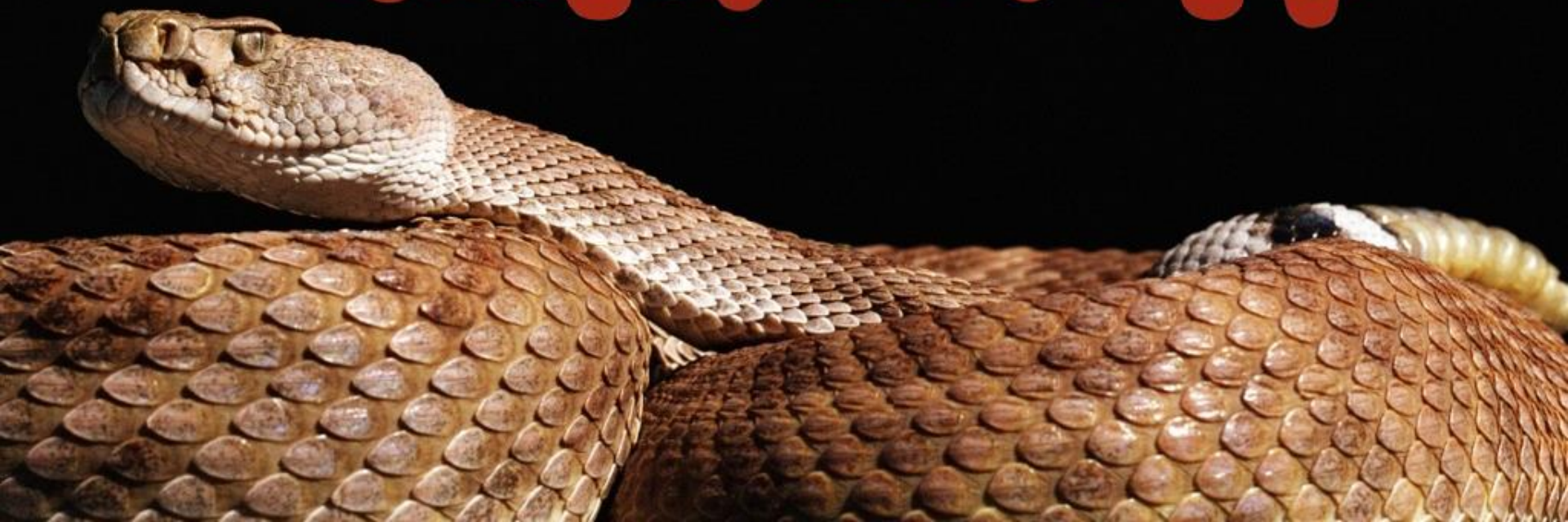
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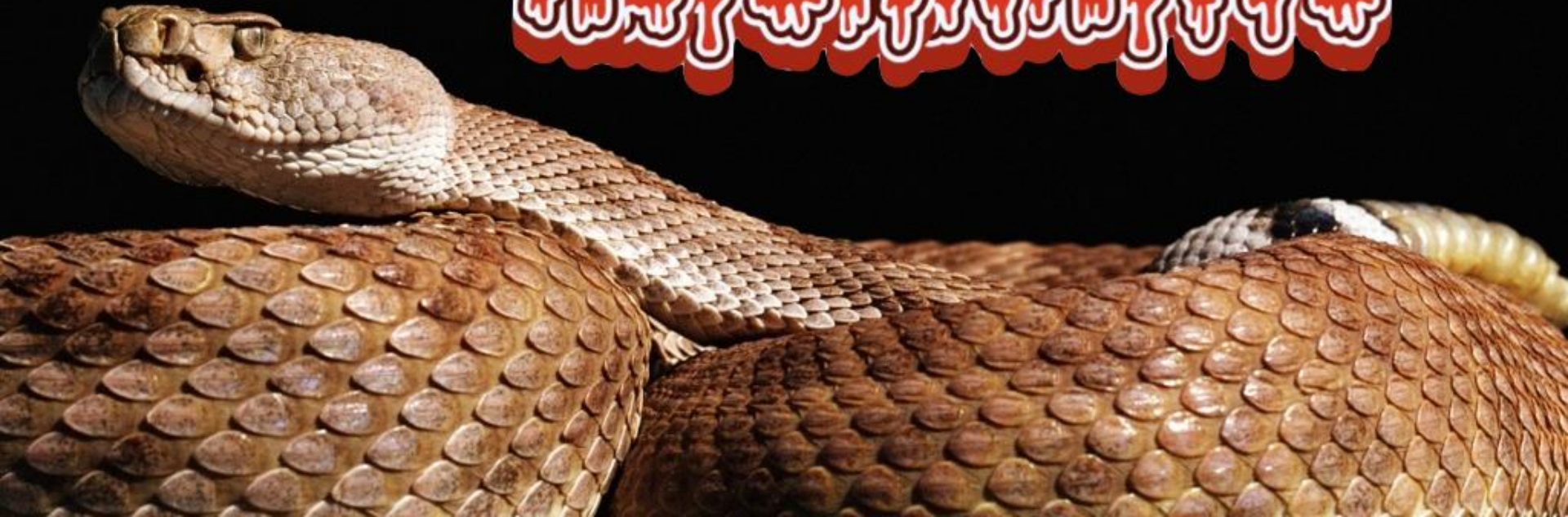
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