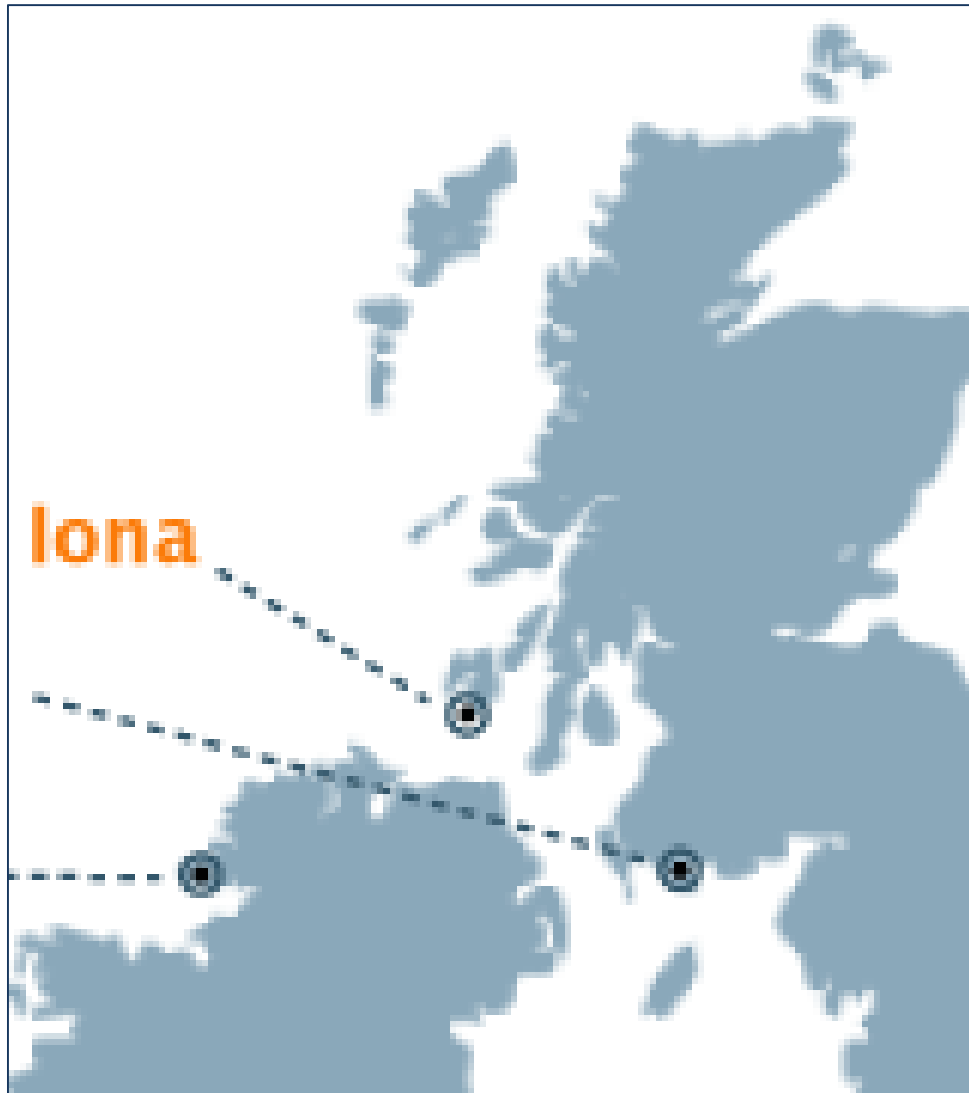


Where Did  
That Come  
From?





I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>4</sup> He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 NLT

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# The Book Is Better...

■ As part of a larger demographic analysis of book of current American reading habits, Barna got stats on who's reading—and finishing—the Bible. Here's a quick breakdown:

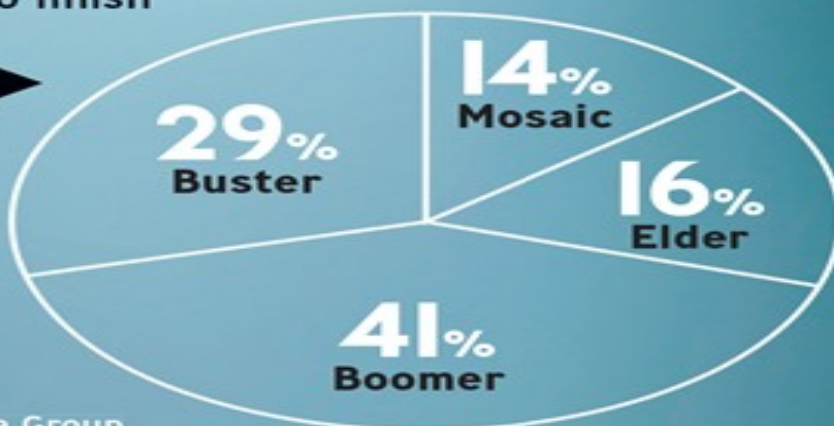
**20%**  
of all adults  
have read the  
Bible from  
start to finish

**61%**  
of practicing  
Christians have  
read the Bible from  
start to finish

**18%**  
of people who claim  
a faith other than  
Christianity have  
read the Bible from  
start to finish

**9%**  
of those with no  
faith have read  
the Bible from  
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— From Barna Group



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### 1. Godliness (1 Tim. 4:7)

Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly.

<sup>8</sup> "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."

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### 2. Renewing of our minds. Rom. 12:2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

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### 3. Conviction & Judging our lives. Heb. 4:12

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

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4. Spiritual Life and sustenance. Matthew 4:2-4; 1 Pet. 2: 2.

But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment

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### 5. Spiritual Warfare. Eph. 6:12.

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places



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6. Correction, teaching, rebuking, and training in righteousness. 2 Tim. 3:16

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

<sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

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### 7. Blessing and Success. Rev.1: 3; Joshua 1:8.

God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.

Study this Book of Instruction continually.

Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

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8. It defines every human characteristic 1 Cor 13; Ecc 8:11

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

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## 9. Points us to Jesus