

# Olympiad of RE in Estonia

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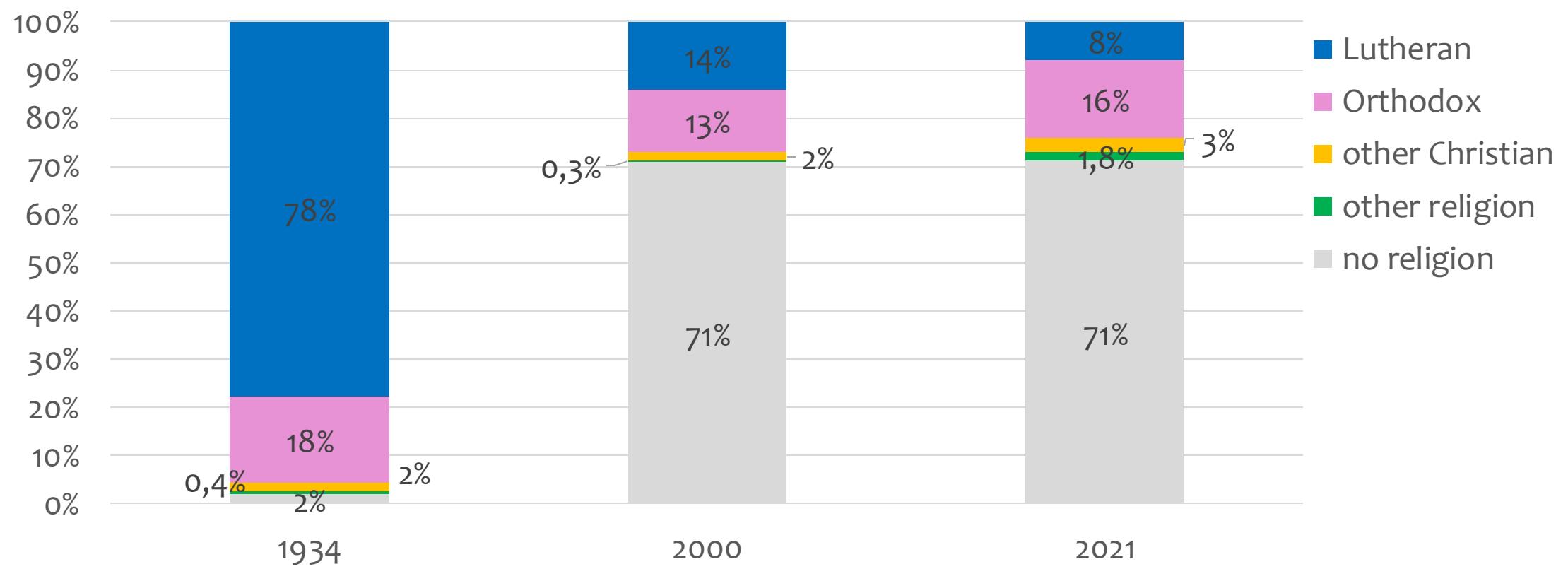
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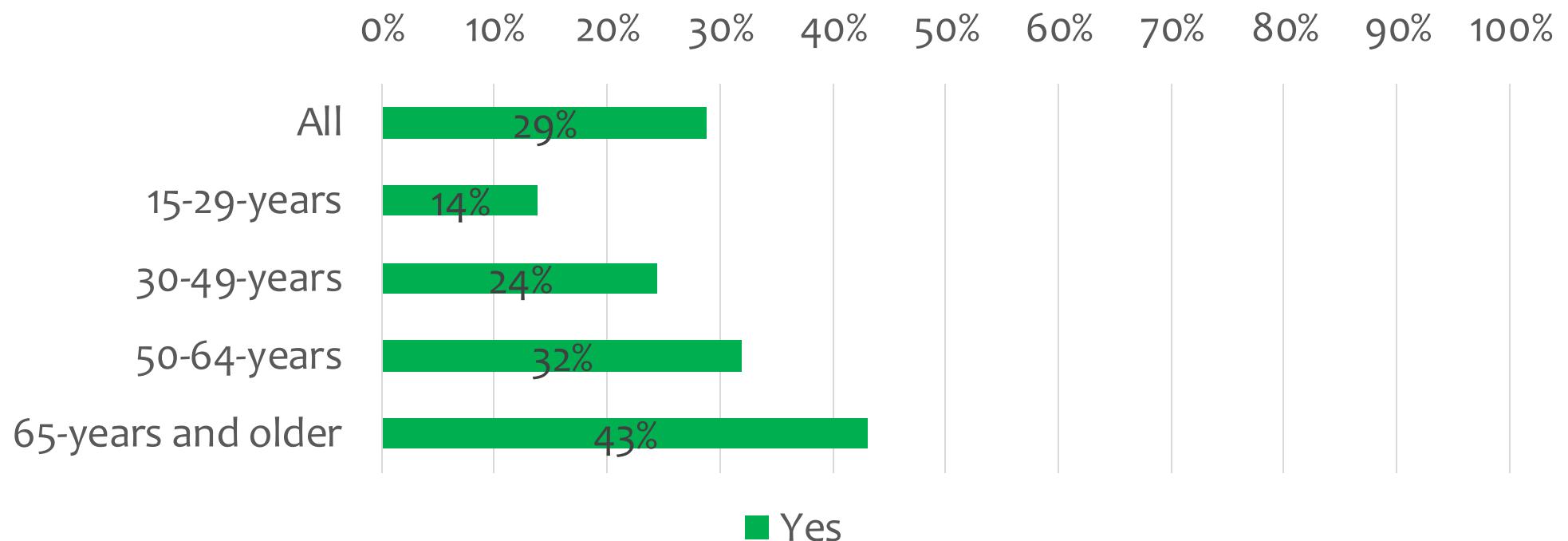
Religious composition

RE in Estonia

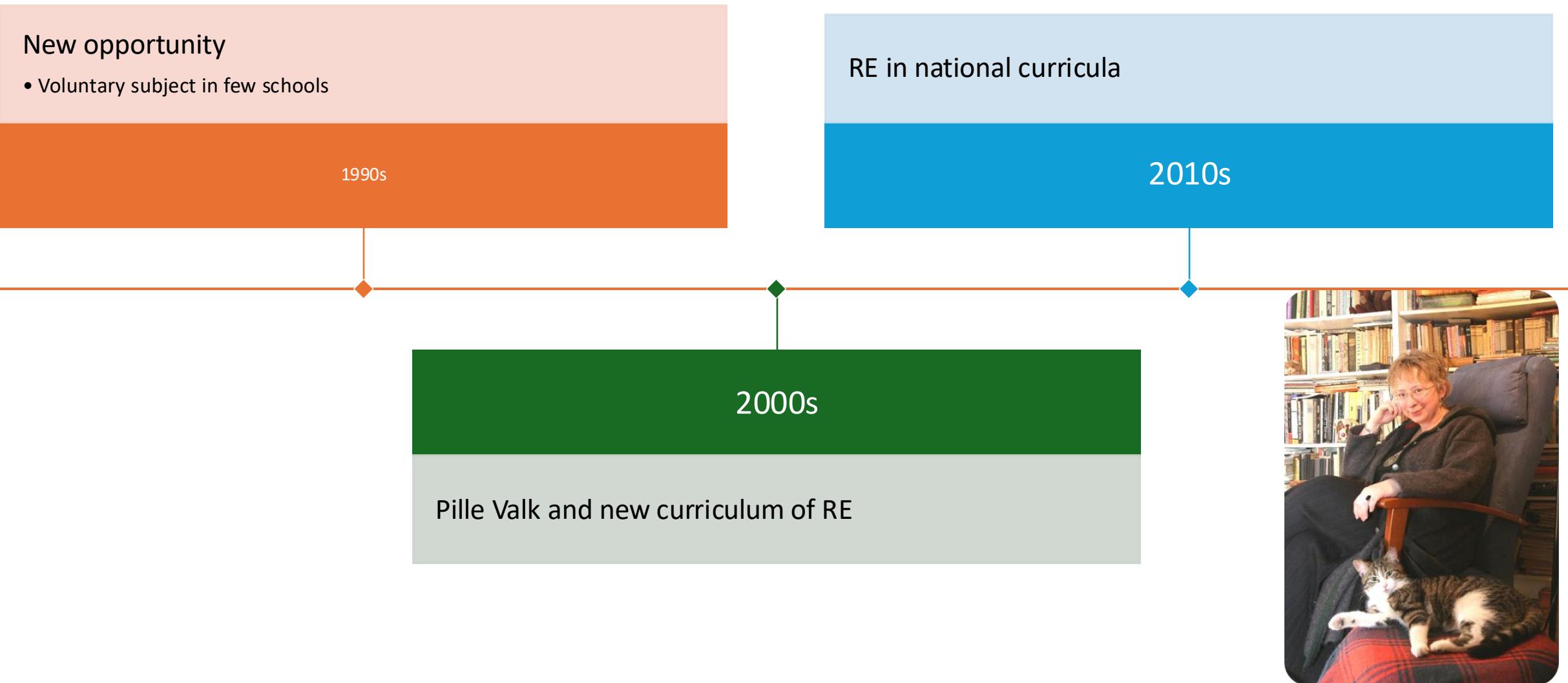
Olympiad(s)



## Do you have a religious affiliation?



# Recent history of RE



# RE Curriculum: aims

provide knowledge about religions;

support moral development;

develop an open identity and readiness for dialogue across different religious and non religious beliefs;

support development of critical thinking

# Curriculum of RE: contents for basic school

**Customs, stories and values (age 7-10 years)**

- Festivities and traditions
- Selected stories from different religious traditions
- Values education



**Values and choices (age 10-13 years)**

- Ethics (in religions and own life)
- Values, me and other people



**One world, different religions (age 13-16 years)**

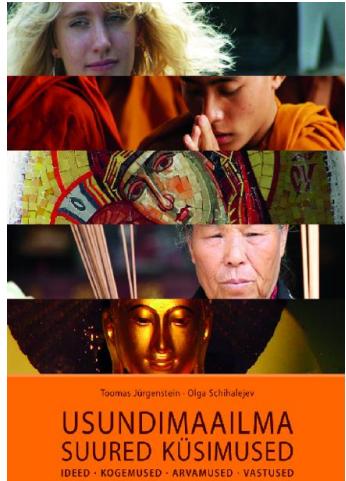
- Symbols
- Founders
- Holy texts and books
- Ethics
- Festivities and rituals
- Holy places



# Curriculum of RE: contents for upper secondary school

## People and Religion

- Concept of religion. Scientific research on religion
- Philosophy of Religion
- Comparative History of Religions
- Psychology of Religion
- Sociology of Religion



## The Religious Landscape of Estonia

- History of religion in Estonia
- Religions, Denominations and Religious Movements

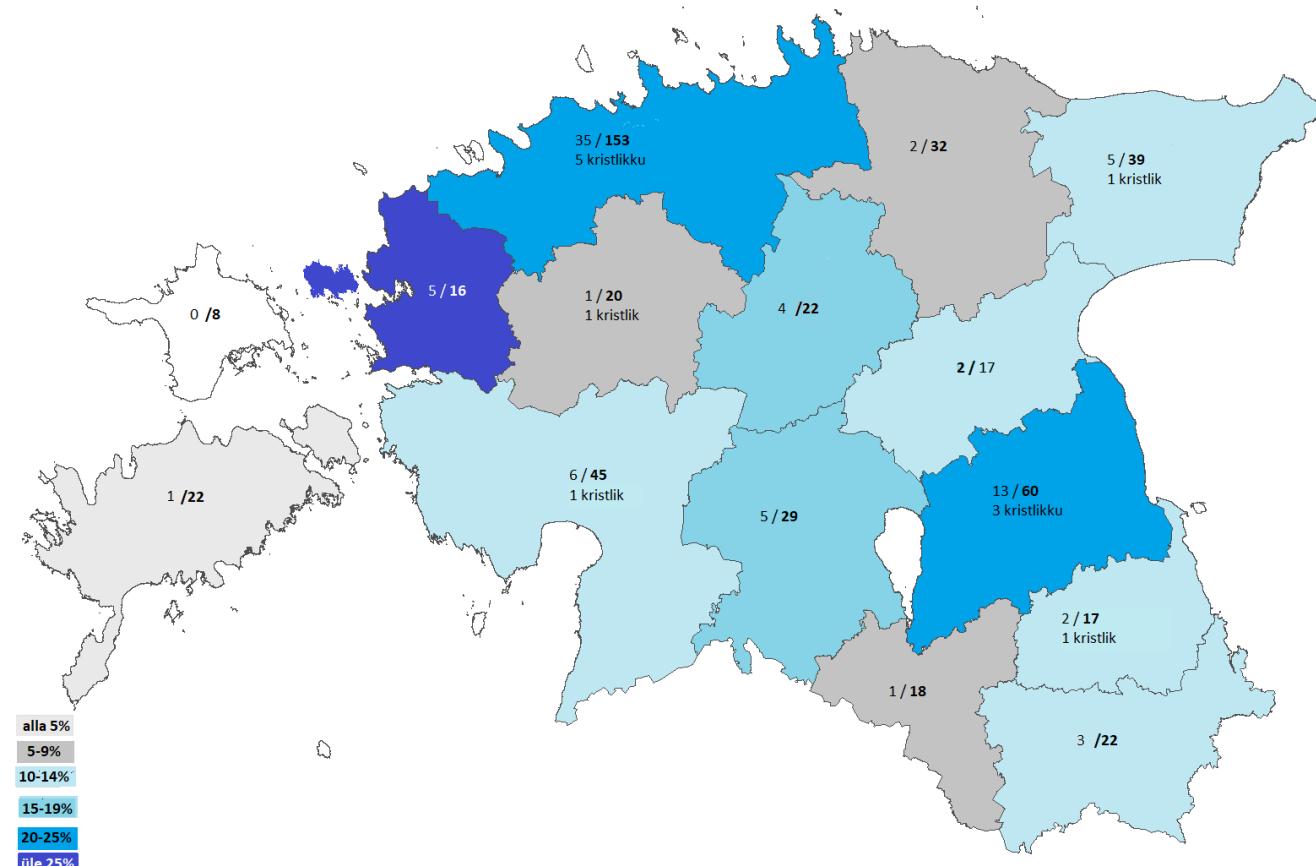


# Religious education in Estonia nowadays

Mostly no RE

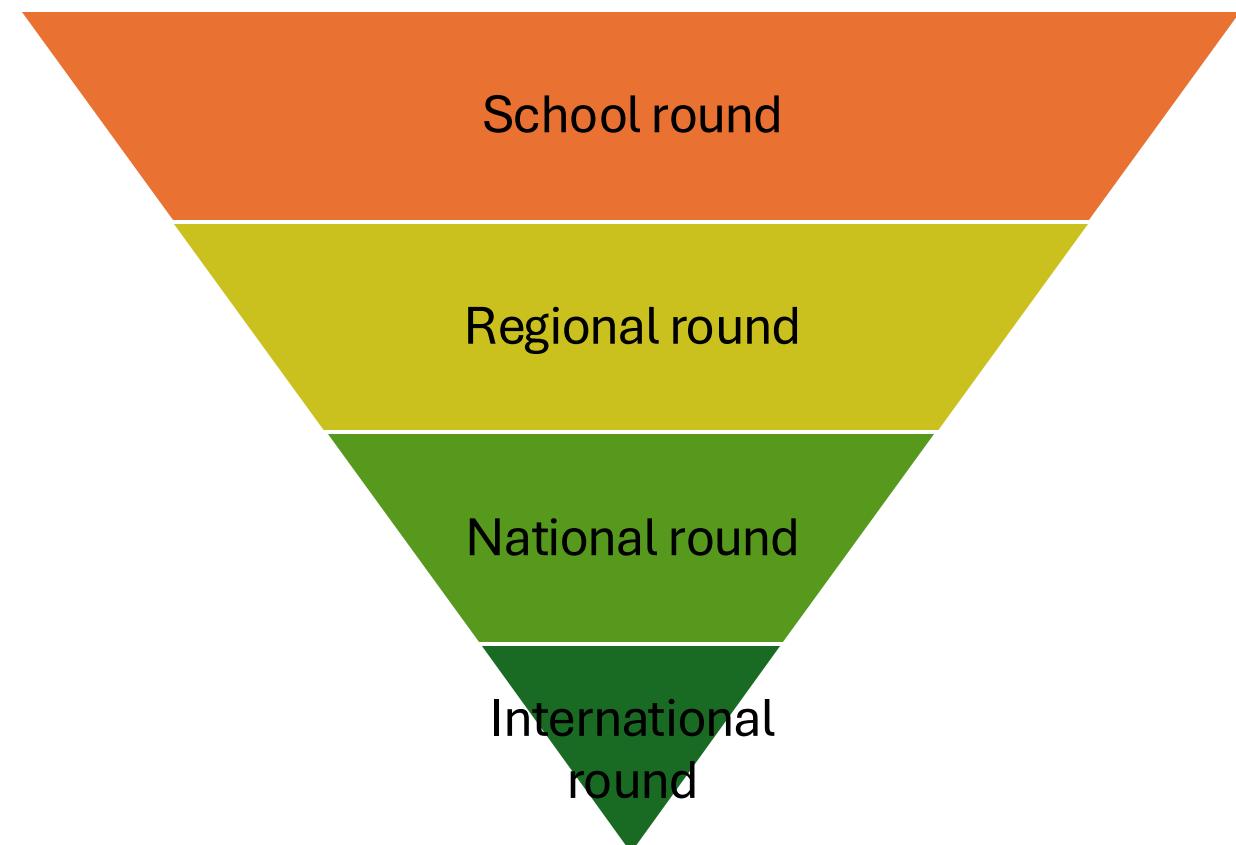
Optional non-confessional RE  
in municipal and state schools

Religious schools with  
confessional RE

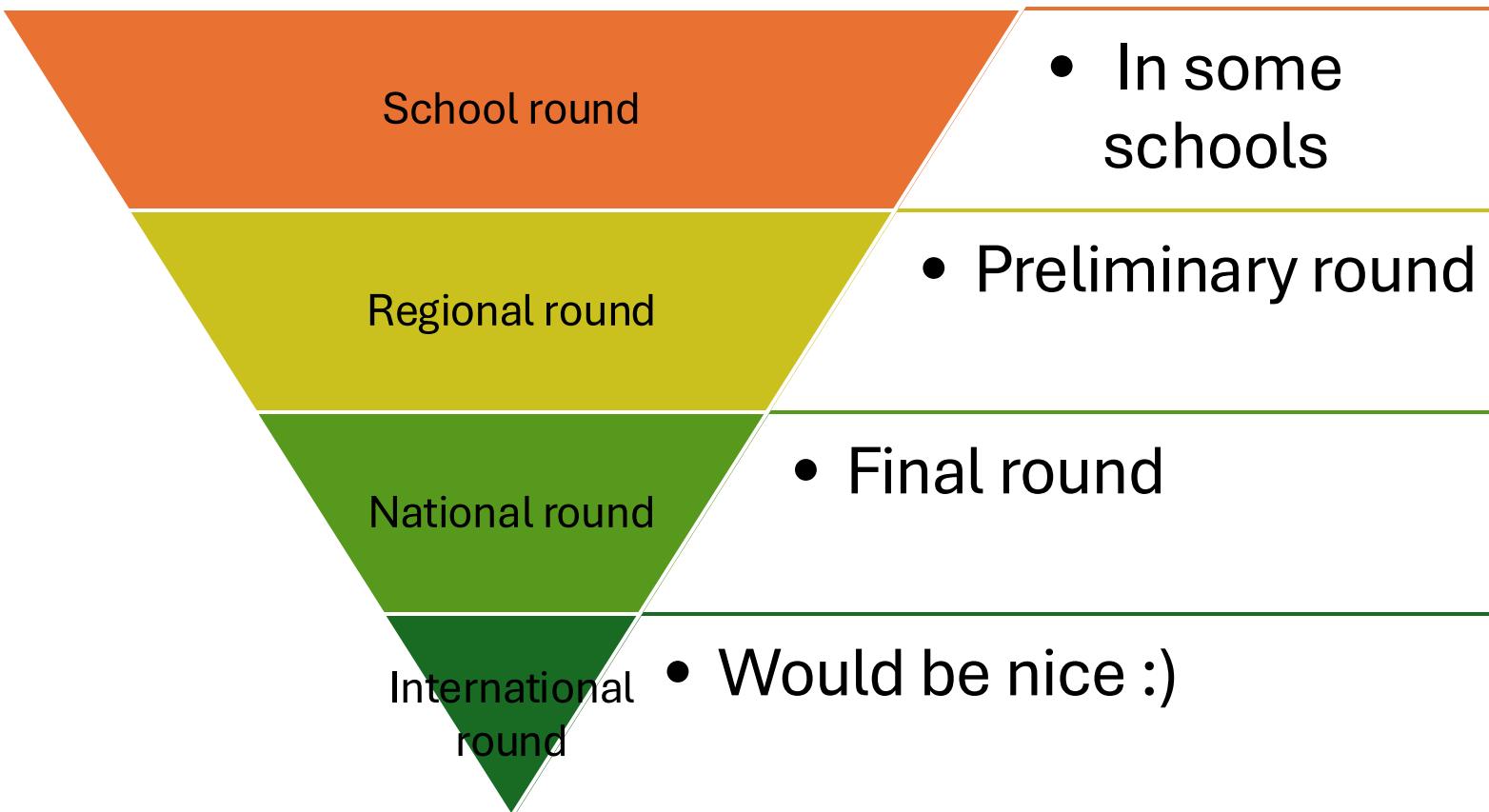


# Olympiad system in general

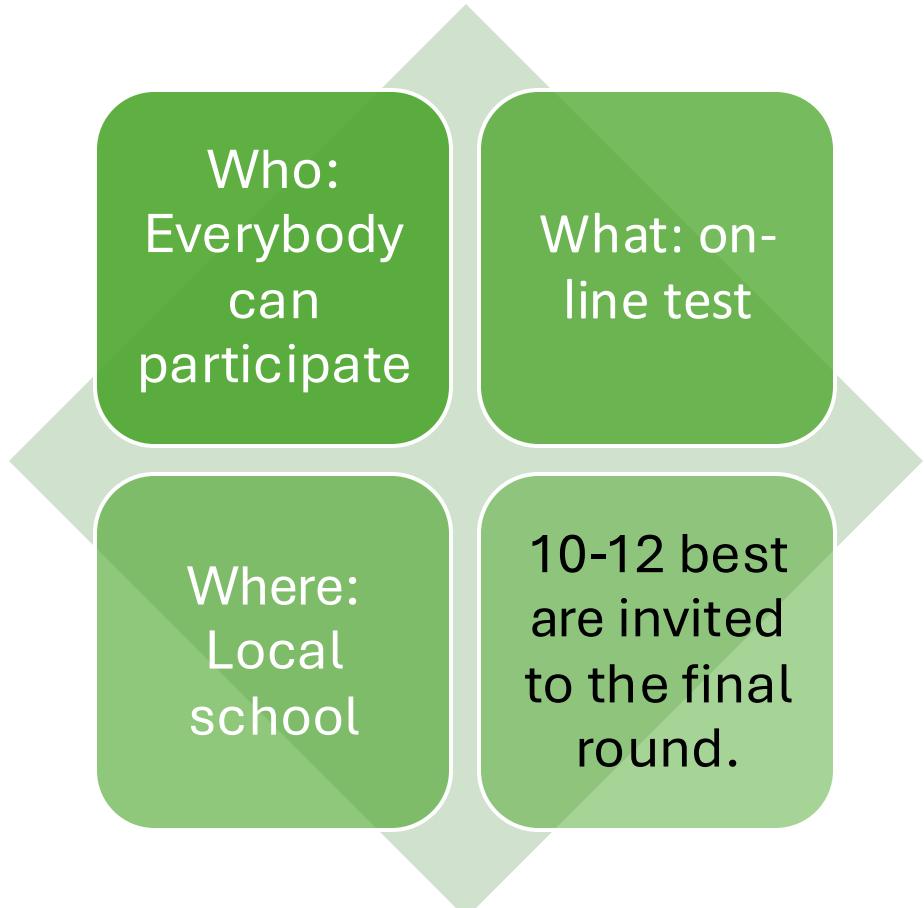
- subject-based or field-specific
- A national Olympiad
  - is regularly occurring
  - a nation wide
  - multi-round
  - academic competition
- 27 olympiads
  - 10000 in national rounds
  - RE: 100-200
- Aims
  - Stimulate interest &
  - motivate self-development



# RE Olympiad



# Preliminary round



Types of the questions:

- Multiple choice (1 or several right answers), e.g:
  - The Torah consists of...
    - 4 Gospels
    - 5 Books of Moses
    - 613 Psalms of David
    - Hanukkah, Purim, and Sukkot
    - Hinayana and Mahayana
- Find pairs, e.g.:
  - Religion and special day
  - Text/place and name
  - Term and explanation
  - Year on event
- Fill the gaps
- Ranking, e.g:
  - religions starting with the largest by number of followers

# Final round

Prepared  
speech

Test

Debate

*Choose one of four. Some examples:*

- 2025: Religion and nature
  - Creation without a creator
  - What makes a place sacred?
  - The end of the world – God's plan or human error?
  - Faith and greenwashing
- 2024: Worldviews in a changing world
  - Religion – for women or men?
  - Tradition and renewal in religions
  - Green religion?
  - The commercialization of religion

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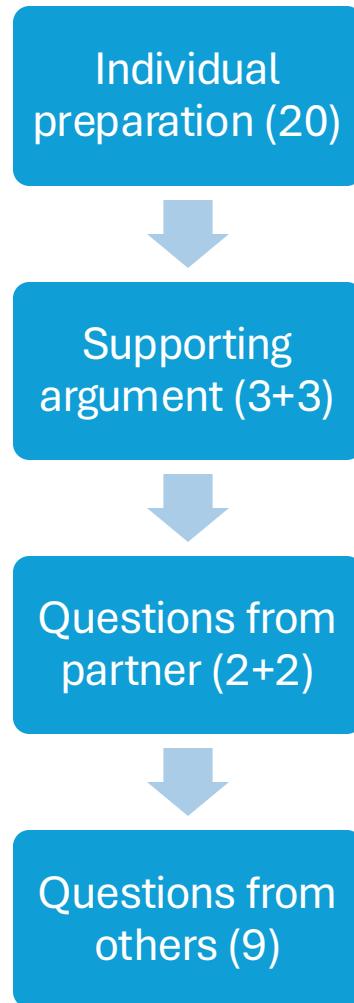
e.g.

Debate

- What/Who is on picture?
  - Holy places
  - Representatives of religions
  - Holy texts
  - Famous followers (name, religion, title/profession)
- Explain terms
- From what religions are following texts?
- Texts – what model of Religion & Science?

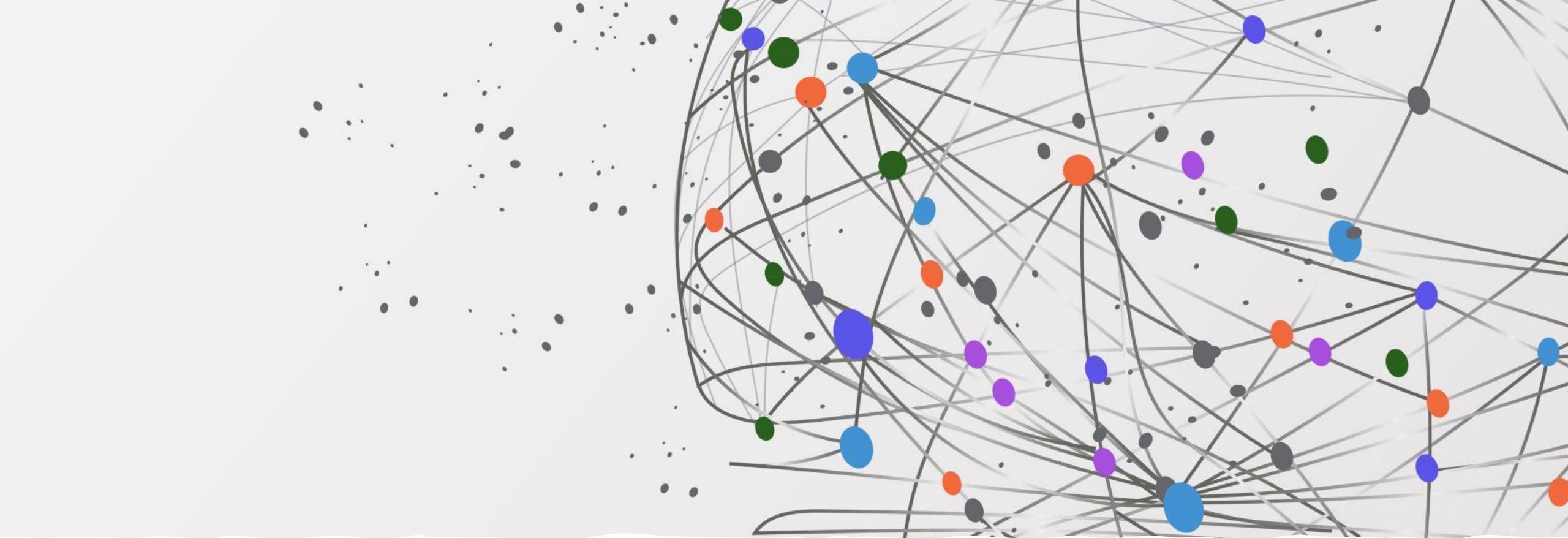


# Final round: debate



E.g.:

- Religion **gives** / takes away freedom
- It is **possible** / impossible to revive ancient religion.
- The state **may** /may not restrict the activities of religious associations.
- Freedom of religion is **more important than freedom of speech.** / Freedom of speech is more important than freedom of religion.
- Religion is like **forest** / town / river



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