

PSALM 119

Law of the Lord  
His testimonies  
His Ways  
Your precepts  
Your statutes  
Your commandments  
Your judgments  
Your word  
Your ordinances  
Your faithfulness



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I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps...

Correct me, O LORD, but in justice; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing  
(Jer 10:22-23)

The central paradox of the modern American economy, as identified by Richard Easterlin (1964, 2016), is this: income per person has increased roughly three times since 1960, but measured happiness has not risen. The situation has gotten worse in recent years: per capita GDP is still rising, but happiness is now actually falling.

(World Happiness Report 2017)

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

36 Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

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38 Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared.

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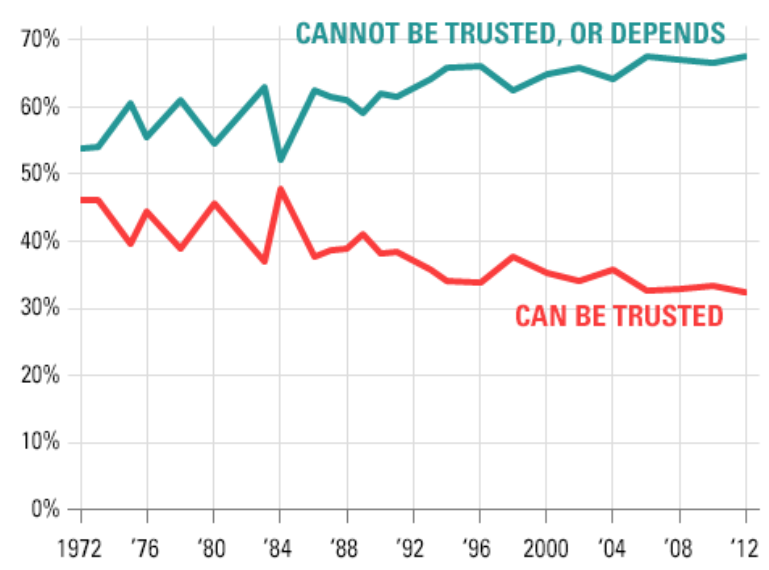
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Americans Who Said Whether or Not "Most People Can Be Trusted," 1972-2012



Source: General Social Survey, 1972-2012

the increased mortality rates are accounted for mainly by drug and alcohol poisoning, suicide, and chronic liver disease and cirrhosis.  
(Restoring American Happiness, Sachs)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Php 4:4-7)

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your salvation according to your promise;

42 then shall I have an answer for him who taunts  
me, for I trust in your word.

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44 I will keep your law continually, forever and  
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## EACH MONTH

**322** CHRISTIANS ARE  
**KILLED** FOR THEIR FAITH



**214** CHURCHES AND  
CHRISTIAN **PROPERTIES**  
**ARE DESTROYED**



**772** FORMS OF **VIOLENCE**  
ARE COMMITTED AGAINST  
CHRISTIANS (SUCH AS BEATINGS, ABDUCTIONS,  
RAPES, ARRESTS AND FORCED MARRIAGES)



I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in His testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will display at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, (1 Tim 6:13-15)



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50 This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.

51 The insolent utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law.

52 When I think of your rules from of old, I take comfort, O LORD.

53 Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning.

55 I remember your name in the night, O LORD, and keep your law.

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so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,  
(Heb 6:18-19)

For in hope were we saved  
(Rom 8:24)