

**2017 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 30 December topline
December 4-18, 2017
TOTAL N=4,729**

OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE; SEE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FULL DETAILS ON QUESTION WORDING, PROGRAMMING AND CONTEXT

ASK ALL:

GOD Do you believe in God, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 No answer

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD (GOD=1):

GODBIBLE Which of these statements comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE]

- 1 I believe in God as described in the Bible
- 2 I DO NOT believe in God as described in the Bible, but I do believe there is some other higher power or spiritual force in the universe
- 99 No answer

ASK IF DOES NOT BELIEVE IN GOD (GOD=2):

HGHPWR Which of these statements comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE]

- 1 I DO NOT believe in God as described in the Bible, but I do believe there is some other higher power or spiritual force in the universe
- 2 I do not believe there is ANY higher power or spiritual force in the universe
- 99 No answer

ASK IF REFUSED GOD (GOD=99):

MISSINGGOD Which of these statements comes closest to your views, even if none is exactly right?

- 1 I believe in God as described in the Bible
- 2 I DO NOT believe in God as described in the Bible, but I do believe there is some other higher power or spiritual force in the universe
- 3 I do not believe there is ANY higher power or spiritual force in the universe
- 99 No answer

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL

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2017

80	NET Believe in God
56	Believe in God as described in the Bible ¹
23	Believe in higher power, not God of the Bible
1	Believe in God, unsure whether Biblical God or higher power
19	NET Do not believe in God
9	Do not believe in God, but do believe in a higher power ²
10	Do not believe in anything ³
<1	Do not believe in God, unclear whether believes in higher power or believes in nothing
1	No answer⁴

¹ Includes those who said they believe in God as described in the Bible in MISSINGGOD

² Includes those who said they do not believe in God as described in the Bible but do believe in a higher power or spiritual force in MISSINGGOD

³ Includes those who said they do not believe in a higher power of any kind in MISSINGGOD

⁴ Includes those who refused to answer both GOD and MISSINGGOD.

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER:

GODBELIEFS Which of the following, if any, do you believe about **[IF BELIEVES IN GOD OF BIBLE INSERT: God; IF DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GOD OF BIBLE BUT BELIEVES IN SOMETHING ELSE INSERT: the higher power or spiritual force in the universe]**?

Do you believe that **[IF BELIEVES IN GOD OF BIBLE INSERT: God; IF DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GOD OF BIBLE BUT BELIEVES IN SOMETHING ELSE INSERT: the higher power or spiritual force in the universe]**...

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**BASED ON TOTAL**

		NET Believe in God or <u>higher power</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>	NET Do not believe in anything/ unclear/ref
a.	Knows everything that goes on in the world Dec 4-18, 2017	90	71	18	1	10
b.	Has the power to direct or change everything that goes on in the world Dec 4-18, 2017	90	61	27	1	10
c.	Loves all people regardless of their faults Dec 4-18, 2017	90	77	11	1	10
d.	Will judge all people on what they have done Dec 4-18, 2017	90	61	28	1	10

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER:

TALKGOD Do you ever try to talk to **[IF BELIEVES IN GOD OF BIBLE INSERT: God; IF DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GOD OF BIBLE BUT BELIEVES IN SOMETHING ELSE INSERT: the higher power or spiritual force in the universe]**, or not?

BASED ON TOTAL

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2017**90****NET Believe in God or higher power**

74

Yes

15

No

<1

No answer

10**NET Do not believe in anything/unclear/ref**

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER:

GODRESPOND Does **[IF BELIEVES IN GOD OF BIBLE INSERT: God; IF DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GOD OF BIBLE BUT BELIEVES IN SOMETHING ELSE INSERT: the higher power or spiritual force in the universe]** ever talk directly with you, or not?

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2017

90 **NET Believe in God or higher power**
 28 Yes
 60 No
 2 No answer
10 **NET Do not believe in anything/unclear/ref**

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER:

GODACT Do you think **[IF BELIEVES IN GOD OF BIBLE INSERT: God; IF DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GOD OF BIBLE BUT BELIEVES IN SOMETHING ELSE INSERT: the higher power or spiritual force in the universe]** has ever...

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**BASED ON TOTAL**

	NET Believe in God or higher power	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>	NET Do not believe in anything/ unclear/ref
a. Rewarded you Dec 4-18, 2017	90	67	22	1	10
b. Punished you Dec 4-18, 2017	90	40	48	1	10
c. Protected you Dec 4-18, 2017	90	77	12	1	10

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER:

GODDTRMN Do you think **[IF BELIEVES IN GOD OF BIBLE INSERT: God; IF DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GOD OF BIBLE BUT BELIEVES IN SOMETHING ELSE INSERT: the higher power or spiritual force in the universe]** directly determines what happens in your life...

BASED ON TOTAL

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2017

90 **NET Believe in God or higher power**
 27 All of the time
 21 Most of the time
 18 Just some of the time
 9 Hardly ever
 13 Never
 1 No answer
10 **NET Do not believe in anything/unclear/ref**

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER:

GODDTRMN Do you think [**IF BELIEVES IN GOD OF BIBLE INSERT: God; IF DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GOD OF BIBLE BUT BELIEVES IN SOMETHING ELSE INSERT:** the higher power or spiritual force in the universe] directly determines what happens in your life...

ASK IF GOD OR HIGHER POWER DETERMINES WHAT HAPPENS IN LIFE MOST OF THE TIME, SOME OF THE TIME OR HARDLY EVER (GODDTRMN=2, 3, 4):

DTRMNALL Which things do you think [**IF BELIEVES IN GOD OF BIBLE: God; IF DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GOD OF BIBLE BUT BELIEVES IN SOMETHING ELSE INSERT:** the higher power or spiritual force in the universe] directly determines in your life?

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2017

90	NET Believe in God or higher power
27	God determines what happens in life all of the time (in GODDTRMN)
	NET God determines what happens in life most of time, some of the time or
48	hardly ever (in GODDTRMN)
2	<i>Just the little things</i>
4	<i>Just the big things</i>
41	<i>A mix of big and little things</i>
1	<i>No answer</i>
13	God never determines what happens in life (in GODDTRMN)
	No answer about whether or not God directly determines what happens in life (in
1	GODDTRMN)
10	NET Do not believe in anything/unclear/ref

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER:

GODDTRMN Do you think [**IF BELIEVES IN GOD OF BIBLE INSERT: God; IF DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GOD OF BIBLE BUT BELIEVES IN SOMETHING ELSE INSERT:** the higher power or spiritual force in the universe] directly determines what happens in your life...

ASK IF GOD OR HIGHER POWER DETERMINES WHAT HAPPENS IN LIFE MOST OF THE TIME, SOME OF THE TIME OR HARDLY EVER (GODDTRMN=2, 3, 4):

DTRMNGOOD Do you think [**IF BELIEVES IN GOD OF BIBLE: God; IF DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GOD OF BIBLE BUT BELIEVES IN SOMETHING ELSE INSERT:** the higher power or spiritual force in the universe] determines...

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Dec 4-18

2017

90	NET Believe in God or higher power
27	God determines what happens in life all of the time (in GODDTRMN)
	NET God determines what happens in life most of time, some of the time or
48	hardly ever (in GODDTRMN)
5	<i>Only the good things that happen to you</i>
1	<i>Only the bad things that happen to you</i>
40	<i>A mix of good and bad things that happen to you</i>
1	<i>No answer</i>
13	God never determines what happens in life (in GODDTRMN)
	No answer about whether or not God directly determines what happens in life (in
1	GODDTRMN)
10	NET Do not believe in anything/unclear/ref