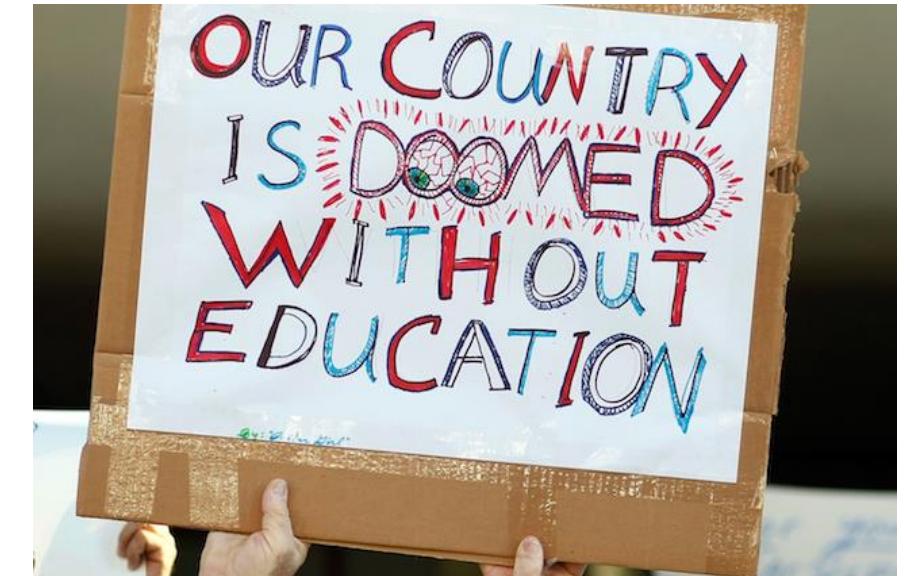


PSALM 119

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



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to keep Your words.

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feet to Your testimonies.

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TIMES OF PEACE

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commandments.

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with all my heart I will observe Your precepts.

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AFFLICTION: *the idea of looking down or browbeating); to depress literally or figuratively, transitive or intransitive (in various applications, as follows):— abase self, afflict(-ion, self), answer, chasten self, deal hardly with, defile, exercise*

CHRONIC PROBLEMS ARE CAUSED BY NOT ENOUGH PAIN

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (*Hebrews 12:11*)

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. (*Hebrews 5:14*)

73 Your hands made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

74 May those who fear You see me and be glad, because I wait for Your word.

75 I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are righteous, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

76 O may Your lovingkindness comfort me, according to Your word to Your servant.

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and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work.

(1 Tim 5:10)

yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

(1 Pet 3:16)

81 My soul languishes for Your salvation; I wait
for Your word.

82 My eyes fail with longing for Your word, while
I say, "When will You comfort me?"

83 Though I have become like a wineskin in the
smoke, I do not forget Your statutes.

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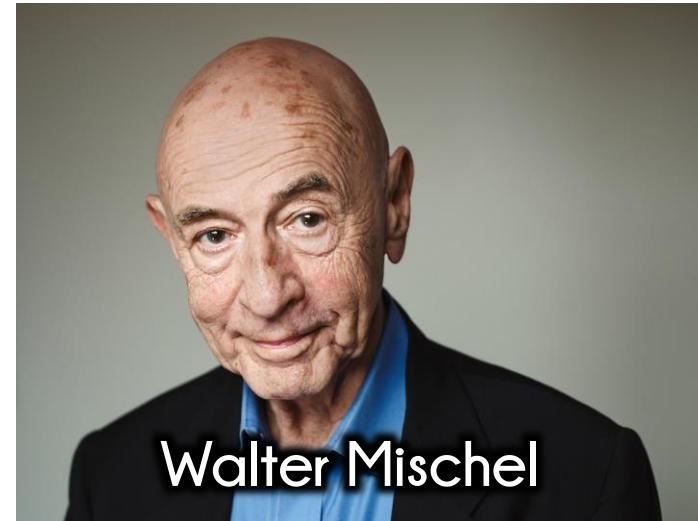
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