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CYNICISM AND THE GOODNESS OF GOD

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Like so many other aspects of our spiritual life, emptiness cannot replace fullness. To trust in God and to rejoice in His goodness is an act of fullness, an act that fills the heart with good things.

Fr. Stephen Freeman

I admit to being a child of the 60's (which means I was born in the early 50's). I

have lived through a period in American history marked by assassinations, abuse of power, incompetence and unrelenting and outrageous pieties from the lips of the impious. As such, like many in my generation, I am tempted by cynicism – an assurance that things are never as they seem but that things seem mainly because someone wants them to seem that way. Of course, cynics rarely have to repent because history frequently supports their suspicions.

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