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adj.

1. Disposed to believe too readily; gullible.
2. Arising from or characterized by credulity. See Usage Note at [credible](#).

[From Latin *crēdulus*, from *crēdere*, to believe; see **kerd-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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