

Asses the claim that God created humanity for a purpose

Many people object to this statement due to a variety of reasons. Some question, if God created humanity for a purpose why would he want us to suffer, why would such an almighty one create something that results in the pain of others. This view may come from an Atheists point of view. An atheist could object the statement, "That if there is a God then there would be no suffering therefore there must be no God". There are many incidents throughout history which back up this belief such as, the holocaust in the Second World War. Millions of innocent Jewish people where brutally killed due to the ludicrous decisions of one man. Surely such suffering is not a purpose for humanity. All the wars that have ever taken place in History also back up this argument that if there was a God would he not have stopped all this mass suffering before it happened or using his powers bring peace. According to the scriptures God is more than able to carry out tasks such as ending the suffering of the world. He is omnipotent, meaning he is all powerful, nothing is impossible for him. Furthermore he is described as omniscient and omnibonevolent, which states he is all loving and all knowing. How can it be possible that such a well described character allow major flaws in day to day life such as suffering and evil? Surely evil and suffering are not a purpose of humanity.

Although many people, are convinced by the complexions of day to day life and that someone must have had some degree of input. For such perfections of life to fall randomly and by chance are viewed as near impossible. From a Christian point of view, the bible can be used to answer some of the atheist objections of why God allows suffering in this world. Some may interpret the bible to say, suffering is a test, some of us must suffer for the greater good. Jesus was nailed to the cross to prove he is everlasting (the greater good). If there is no suffering in our life how can one appreciate the good times. Therefore if the purpose of humanity is to achieve good, they need suffering in order to appreciate the good in a greater manner. Suffering may also be a part of our humanity, as a consequence of sin. An example to relate to our daily lives, jail is a perfect example of suffering. A criminal must suffer and reflect on what they have done to receive this suffering. Humanity needs some sort of fear to stop evil. Relating back to the omniscient part of God, it may be that suffering and other unknown purposes of humanity are far beyond human understanding and knowledge.

In conclusion, I do not believe God created humanity for any purpose as there are too many flaws in why he would do so. As I have used the example of suffering, the bibles rebuttals are far too weak to give a well reasoned explanation, simply 'being out of our knowledge as humans ' seems to bypass the original question on the whole.