The “Free will” argument

The free will argument says that God deliberately gives people the freedom to decide for themselves, so that they can show real love and make good or bad choices. That’s why suffering is often a result of human choices and actions: people are free to do both good and evil.

What would you say to someone who questions this argument and says:

“But this argument ignores the people who suffer and become victims of others. What about the people who suffer because others make bad choices? For example in a war: two sides are fighting, and the people caught in between have to suffer. It’s not their fault, but they have to fight for their lives. Some people do whatever they want, and the others aren’t free anymore. Surely many Christians are praying for them. If God takes the side of the weak, as the Bible says, why doesn’t he protect these people’s free will?”

Your answer:

The “Soul-making” argument

The soul-making argument says that suffering makes us stronger and helps us grow spiritually. Some people say that hard times teach us, help us mature and help us understand others better.

What would you say to someone who questions this argument and says:

“But what if the suffering is so bad that it breaks people? Some people go through extreme trauma. If God can do anything and is good, why is letting us suffer his best way to make us strong and help us grow? Isn’t there a better way?”

Your answer:

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