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Description:

With Americans still in shock after watching packed airliners slam into the twin towers, George W. Bush asked America, "Why do they hate us?"

After 9/11, the world became more fearful, and acts of terrorism were prominent in the news cycles. In *Why Do They Hate Us?*, author Steve Slocum takes the spotlight off the extremists and instead exposes the heart of the everyday Muslim through Christian outreach.

Why Do They Hate Us? brings the story of Mohammed to life and unveils the storied history of Islam with refreshing detail. Slocum clears up common misconceptions about jihad, Sharia law and the role of women in Islam. He then connects the dots for readers of all faiths between cause and effect for the rise in Islamophobia. Finally, Slocum suggests practical ways to overcome societal fears by face-to-face interaction with our Muslim neighbors.

Why Do They Hate Us? is sprinkled with stories from the lives of everyday Muslims and anecdotes from Slocum's time in Kazakhstan, allowing the reader to catch a glimpse of a different side of Muslims than portrayed in the media.

"It's not enough to be tolerant," said Steve Slocum, founder of Salaam USA. "Americans have been inundated with misinformation. In order to remove Islamophobia as a partisan political issue, we must actively set the record straight in the public arena."

Author Bio:

Steve Slocum took the adventure of a lifetime when he traveled with his family of five to Kazakhstan to become Christian missionaries. During their five years there, they were often on the receiving end of the iconic Muslim hospitality. It left a lasting impression. Back in the states, Slocum resumed his engineering career, but grew uneasy with the growing levels of animosity towards practitioners of Islam.

In 2018, **he founded a nonprofit called *Salaam*** whose mission is creating mutual understanding between Muslims, Christians, Jews and other faiths. *Salaam* is religiously unaffiliated, and its first workshop led to the rector of All Souls' Episcopal Church in San Diego, The Rev. Joseph Dirbas, to say **"In a world full of division, ignorance and hate, *Salaam* builds the bridge of peace with education and fellowship as we share our stories and work for the common good."**

Slocum is a frequent speaker at churches and civic groups, and creates awareness events, mosque visits, and other connections through *Salaam*. ***Why Do They Hate Us?* is his first book.**