



Terry Waite CBE

Hostages Negotiator, Humanitarian and Author



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Terry Waite has led a remarkable life as a diplomat and a humanitarian. A world-renowned agent of peace, he is a testament to the power and resilience of the human spirit. Long devoted to humanitarian causes, inter-cultural relations, and conflict resolution, Waite garnered international recognition in the 1980s when, serving as a special envoy to the Archbishop of Canterbury, he successfully negotiated the release of hostages in Iran and Libya.

"He touched our hearts, our minds, our souls" Augustana College

In detail

In 1987, while negotiating the release of hostages in Beirut, Waite was himself taken hostage. In captivity for 1,763 days (four years of which were in solitary confinement), he was chained to a wall, often left in darkness, beaten and subjected to mock executions.

What he offers you

In his lectures, Waite gives audiences a perspective of world affairs founded on open communication, cooperation and a deep understanding of diverse cultures. There has been a particular interest in the lectures he has delivered relating his experiences as a negotiator and hostage to the pressures faced by executives and managers.

How he presents

Stress, loneliness and negotiating under acute pressure are but some of the issues with which he has unique experience, and his ability to communicate clearly and with a good humour has placed him in constant demand as a speaker not only to the business community, but also to professionals in social work, education, medicine, and religious groups.

Topics

- Iraq, Guantanamo and Human Rights
- Beyond Captivity: Turning Misfortune into Positive Actions
- International Terrorism: Examining the Root Causes
- Public Service, Personal Faith
- Overcoming the Roadblocks to Peace in the Middle East

Languages

He presents in English

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How to book him?

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Publications

2000

Travels with a Primate

1995

Footfalls in Memory

1993

Taken on Trust

Credentials

1992

Doctor h.c. Yale University Divinity School

1992

Doctor of International Law h.c. and Honorary Chancellor, Florida Southern University

1992

Honorary L.H.D. (Wittenburg University)

1985

Templeton UK award BBC Man of the Year

1992

Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)

1982

Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)