

Terry Waite



Hostages Negotiator, Humanitarian and Author

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.

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.

Languages

He presents in English

Want to know more?

Simply phone, fax or email

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'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.

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Topics

Iraq, Guantánamo & 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

Publications

Travels with a Primate (2000)

Footfalls in Memory (1995)

Taken on Trust (1993)

Awards

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 (1992)

Templeton UK award
BBC Man of the Year (1985)

Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) (1992)

Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) (1982)