

INTERNATIONAL DA'WAH TRAINING PROGRAMME (IDTP) – Part 3

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Lesson 1 – Important Expectations of the Participants from the IDTP – Part 1

Dr Zakir Naik: Alhamdulillah. Wa Salatu Wa Salaam 'Ala Rasulillah Wa 'Ala Alihi Wa Sahbihi Ajmaeen. Amma Ba'd. Audhubillahi Mina Shaytani Rajeem. Bismillaahir Rahmaanir Raheem. Ud'u ilaa sabeeli Rabbika bilhikmati walmaw 'izatil hasanati wa jaadilhum billatee hiya ahsan. Rabbish rah lee sadree. Wa yassir lee amree. Wahlul 'uqdatan milli saanee. Yafqahoo qawlee. I welcome all of you with Islamic greeting, Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barkatuhu.

Audience: Wa Alaikum Assalam Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barkatuhu.

Dr Zakir Naik: Now we've come to the last part of the session where In Sha Allah, we will try and catch up with both the things that have been missed. Number one is the expectation of the International Dawah Training Programme, of the participants and second is the introduction. We have exactly about 1 hour 45 minutes, we're going to extend to 6:45 In Sha Allah. We'll try and cover the expectations first and if time permits we'll go to the introduction.

It was mentioned two weeks before, regarding the homework and expectations, and there was the email sent to all the participants that, "Please, mention the seven most important expectations that you have from the International Dawah Training Programme." Alhamdulillah, some of you gave your expectations, some gave less, it was told to you and then you gave more, and some people even gave today evening. Once you touch Bombay, except if you're living in Bombay, if you're coming from abroad, we don't expect the expectations to come after 14th of January. Some people even heard my talk, first session, second session and then saying my expectation is about so and so, what I've already mentioned. This is against the benefit of this programme. Brother Kaleem should not have taken it in the first place. The expectations are supposed to be given to us before you leave your country, before you leave your home, and to reach us much before the 14th of January. Anyhow, he has taken it and he has merged, many people discuss among themselves and gave it in the afternoon. One person hasn't given so far, so I said don't take it now, it's too late. If you have not given your expectations, you are the loser.

Normally, what we do, if it comes in time, we take out the common factor so we save time. If the expectations are overlapping, we overlap it without mentioning the name and we said this expectation has been said by 5 out of the 19 participants. Because some of them gave very late we could not merge and get the common factor out, so

we'll go through all the expectations with the names, no problem, and we'll try and finish In Sha Allah in the next one hour.

We've told brother Kaleem that the person who has given the shortest reply let him be the first. Because sometimes the expectation is a few words, one sentence, some expectations they're in paragraph, so whoever has written more I have kept in the end, at least, we finish more number of people in less time. The shortest expectation according to brother Kaleem, shortest but not the worst, is brother Arshi Qureshi, he has seven, so he's the lucky one that his would be read first otherwise as I said that has been answered earlier by the other participant.

His first expectation was to seek knowledge. Has the answer been given? Yes or no? Yes, Khallas, so the explanation now is a bare minimum maybe an ocean, that's a different thing. This training programme is not a knowledge-based training programme. It is a technique-based training programme. If you have come here to gain knowledge, according to me, it's not sufficient to be an international Da'ee, this knowledge here. It will show you the technique but basic knowledge, yes, it will cover.

Number two, "To fulfil my obligation as a Muslim and be an effective Da'ee." In Sha Allah. If you follow the three rules, you will get this, In Sha Allah.

Expectation number three, "To learn from one of the best Da'ees in the world." That Allahu Alam. I don't consider myself to be the best Da'ee. Yes, I'm a Da'ee, Alhamdulillah. May Allah accept our efforts and may Allah fulfil and may Allah, In Sha Allah, through His mercy, In Sha Allah, grant all of us Jannah. In Sha Allah.

Number four, "To interact with Dawah participants from all over the world." Yes, In Sha Allah. At least from 10 different countries and 10 important countries of the world In Sha Allah, you'll be able to interact. Expectation number five, "To enjoy while learning." That depends upon you, enjoyment is subjective. There are many a time I do the things I hate the most. Many a time or most of the times, I do things which I hate the most but I enjoy. Why? Because for the pleasure of Allah. I personally don't like looking after the technical aspects. I hate it. Administration aspect, "Oh, this staff has left, what to do, okay, over wait, okay, camera is not working." Sometimes ignorance is a bliss or many a time ignorance is a bliss. Now, because Alhamdulillah Allah has given me the ability to grasp things fast. Technically, Alhamdulillah because of my expertise they have to refer to me, they're following the verse of the Quran, "Fas'alu Ahliz-Zikri Inkuntum Laa'ta'alamuum," ask the person who is an expert. For them, they're not bothered I'm an expert Da'ee they think I'm expert in technical things. There's a saying that jack of all, master of none, I say you can be jack of all and master of many. Enjoyment is subjective, I will enjoy things I hate because I do it for the pleasure of Allah.

Expectation number six, "To have a once in a lifetime experience." In Sha Allah, hope you feel it's a lifetime experience, some people think it's a lifetime terror because someone said we're terrorising. Last time I remember one of the participant said, "After five, six days I see Dr Zakir Naik even in my dream, when I sleep I see him. Have I done my homework or not?" Anyway, I don't take most of the homework. Hope it's a lifetime experience In Sha Allah.

Expectation number seven, and most importantly to please Allah. In Sha Allah, if your Niyyah is good and intentions are clear, Allah would be happy, In Sha Allah.

Brother Kamarrudin Abdullah, to learn the right methodology of Dawah to various religious groups. In Sha Allah, this training would satisfy most of your desires as far as expectation number one is concerned.

Technique of memorization. In Sha Allah, we'll start from tomorrow but again, the key is Allah's help. Number two, if you strive, then the technique will be helpful. Otherwise, only technique, it will not be useful.

Number three, able to answer tough questions. People ask me that, "Which is the toughest question you ever faced?" I say this one. Now you know how to handle the toughest question? Brother, do you know how to handle the toughest question now? Do you know or not? Now you know, correct, Khallas, so I gave you the key in just one sentence. There have been many a time where you realise that people ask questions and people always ask, "Any question and Zakir is smiling. Believe me, many a time I don't know the answer. Many time I come on the stage and I keep smiling, brother asked a good question and the answer comes from Allah. Allah helps you, so if you have faith in Allah, key is Allah's help.

Number four, "Able to debate." In Sha Allah, that we will cover in the last few days of the Dawah Training Programme.

Number five, "Sharpness in public speaking." In Sha Allah.

Expectation number six, "Taking Shahadah at the end of a lecture or conversation." In Sha Allah, we are going to have a day only, you have seen that in the schedule. Did you write the expectation before or after? You wrote this today or no?

Kamarudin Abdullah: [inaudible 00:08:44].

Dr Zakir Naik: Maasha Allah, no problem. Alhamdulillah, good. You are a good Da'ee, Maasha Allah, because there's a session which was not there in the first two phases, it's mentioned in the 33 days programme. One day I've kept only for Shahadah. In Sha Allah, when that day is over you can analyse whether you have learned it or not. Again, here also, most is Allah's help. No one can give Hidayah except Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala. It's Allah alone who gives Hidayah.

Point number seven, "Learn management of an Islamic Dawah centre," though I have kept one day. And I said that if I have to think that if I have to share my experience that Allah has Maasha Allah blessed me with, it will take at least 10 stages of Dawah. Management itself would require more than 15 days of rigorous training, but we have kept one day in the first Dawah Training Programme, it was only one session, in this training programme we have kept one full day. In Sha Allah.

We go to the next participant, that's Arsh Zagade. Number one, "To become an effective Da'ee." In Sha Allah. "To be able to answer challenging questions and allegations on Islam." In Sha Allah, we'll be dealing with that.

"To be able to defend Islam and the Muslimeen." Yes, In Sha Allah, as far as defending Islam is concerned. As far as Muslim is concerned, if he's on the Qur'an and Sunnah, if he's the true Muslim, then In Sha Allah, we have to defend him.

"To get confidence to speak in front of a large gathering." I believe you have spoken in front of a large gathering but you want a larger gathering.

He did mention but didn't pay emphasis on that. He is one of the students of the Islamic International School. There we train the children from the age of four about public-speaking skills.

"Learn the skills of public speaking," point number five.

Point number six, "To spread Islam to the entire world." Maasha Allah. May Allah make it possible through you.

Point number seven, "To gain experience from the best of the best orators."

Allah knows who's the best. May Allah not hold me responsible for what the people say and make me better than what people expect, In Sha Allah.

The next participant, Zamri Vinoth. His first expectation is, "To be a more effective Da'ee." Alhamdulillah. He is a Da'ee, he wants to be more effective. Alhamdulillah. In Sha Allah, may Allah make it possible.

"Expectation number two, to memorize the evidences from various scriptures." In Sha Allah, we'll be dealing mainly about the major religions, that is Christianity and Hinduism. Christianity numbers has the most, impact, Islam is number one. Besides that, number three in the world comes Hinduism. Mainly dealing with these three religions. Then a little bit we'll be touching on Buddhism, Jainism, as well as Sikhism. A separate day, this is something additional we have kept, a separate day only for Dawah to Atheists. In the first phase, it was a small session. In this Dawah training programme, there's a full day on dealing only with Atheists, In Sha Allah.

Grab the techniques of doing Dawah. In Sha Allah. Grab and retain and implement, more important. Implementation, we'll do more, In Sha Allah, on forms of Dawah retention, implementation.

Number five, "To serve back my country by passing the knowledge that I learned here." In Sha Allah.

Hope the things that I learn here will help me to reach Jannah, In Sha Allah. If your Niyyah is there and if you're striving in the way of Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala, In Sha Allah, Allah will open up your pathways irrespective what the results are. Your Niyyah is more important. The results may be phenomenal.

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said that Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala, the first people who would enter the hellfire are the Aalims with their face dragged to the floor. Why? Because they did it for fame and Allah said, "I gave you fame, now go to hell." Those who gave charity, you did for show, you got the praise, now go to hell. May Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala accept our efforts that we do it with the pure Niyyah and the pure intention to please Allah alone.

Last, seventh, "To be a humble Da'ee." Humility is very important. This was the key factor that created Iblis's ego. Humility is very important. In Sha Allah, tomorrow we will discuss that in the characteristics of a Da'ee. It is very important that you should be humble. Otherwise, it can be the main cause of your downfall. In Sha Allah, may Allah fulfil all your seven expectations, In Sha Allah.

Brother Syafiq, his seven expectations are, "To increase and solidify my knowledge in comparative religion." Yes, it will teach you the basics but what you learn here, In Sha Allah, with this knowledge, you can even debate with the Pope, though it's not the whole knowledge but the key points required for a person to know. As far as other religions are concerned, it is sufficient. Yes, if you have more, it is better but the key point is if you know it very well, the key, which we shall discuss, In Sha Allah, when we deal with Dawah to Christians, we'll be spending three days on that. Dawah to Hindus, two days, Dawah to other religions, one day and Dawah to atheists, one additional day.

"Mastering the techniques quoting for various scriptures from Dr Zakir Naik." In Sha Allah, mastering is in your hand. Mastering is in your hand and Allah's help, In Sha Allah.

Discovering other religions through their own scriptures and original sources. In Sha Allah.

Point number four, "To be a better and efficient speaker of Islam." In Sha Allah, may Allah make it possible.

Expectation number five, "Experience the world of Dawah on a professional platform." In Sha Allah. I always say that professionalism is very important. When we are there in the world of specialisation, I always believe, do something which is unique or the best. I believe in doing any project if I do, which I'll deal later on, either it should be unique or it should be the best in the world. You start with something unique and then make it the best in the world, In Sha Allah.

Number six, "To know Zakir Naik personally and learn from his knowledge and experience." Hope it benefits. I don't know whether meeting me or knowing me personally will benefit or not, we pray to Allah that it benefits you so that I'll get some Sawab, In Sha Allah.

"To be a well-equipped Da'ee." In Sha Allah. We pray to Allah that Allah fulfils all and many more of your expectations, In Sha Allah.

The next in my list is Firdaus Wong. His first expectation is, "To get closer to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala. Alhamdulillah." That's a good expectation, that by becoming a Da'ee, by doing this course, he wants to get closer to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala. If you pay attention on the advice given, In Sha Allah, it will get you closer to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala.

"To study in depth about comparative religion." You will not be studying in-depth about comparative religion but you will be knowing the basics, what's required.

For example, tell you frankly, many people think Sheikh Deedat is Hafiz-ul Bible. Myself and including Sheikh Deedat, Alhamdulillah, may Allah grant him Jannat, hardly knew a small percentage of the Bible. A very negligible percentage but what we know, it gives the impression to the other person, Khallas. That's the technique. If you say you want to memorise the Qur'an, Alhamdulillah. What benefit will you get by memorising the Bible? When you can get the achievement by memorizing 1% of the Bible, why should I waste my time memorising 99%? Correct. Yes, memorising Qur'an, Hadith, Alhamdulillah.

Here, we'll pay emphasis on few verses but memorise it so well, few verses, 50, 100, not more than that and Khallas. You can debate with the Pope also.

To master Christianity in particular, if you can change it to master doing Dawah to Christians, better. What benefit is for you to master Christianity, tell me? Understand? You have to change your expectation. Even, I would not waste my time doing a course of 10 years learning Christianity. For what? When you can do in shortcut, he said, so if you can do it in shortcut. So with Christianity, you will master the techniques or Hinduism or Atheism, Dawah.

Expectation should not be to master Christianity; your expectation should be master to do Dawah to the Christians. So if that is the expectation, yes. I will tell you very frankly. You are not going to master here any other religion, little bit of Islam, yes, not master that also. You will not be mastering any religion. That's a different question that your opponent, the person who will be debating you or the person asking you question, he will think 10 times before asking any question to you. If they will ask anything, you'll take out from your wallet, take out from your pocket thaka thak thaka thak verses.

That is his impression. But you will not be mastering-- Because I don't want to waste my time neither your time. Is it clear? You won't be mastering Christianity, you will be mastering, In Sha Allah, how to convey the message to Christians, In Sha Allah.

Point number four, "To improve my memorisation skills". As far as memory is concerned, Allah has given everyone a hard disk capacity. Instead of saying, "To improve my memorisation skills-" yes, you can say that, your capacity is there. How to utilise is more important. Proper utilisation of the hard disk is more important and how fast to retrieve is more important that In Sha Allah, in the course of the programme, if you follow the guidance, you'll achieve to a great extent, In Sha Allah. Everything is with experience. We'll show you the technique. How well you implement it, how well you practice it is important. Even if you do Hifz. Suppose you do Hifz of Quran, if you don't do Murajaah, if you don't do revision, it will leave your memory. You have to keep on revising. It's unfortunate thing that most of the people who do Hifz, because they don't revise, they forget. More difficult than memorising the Quran is to retain is more difficult. If you do a survey you'll find Maasha Allah throughout the world there are hundreds of thousands of Huffaz, millions, but the people who can recite it at any given time is a small percentage of that, so that's a different technique.

Maasha Allah, we pay emphasis on that. In our school, they finish memorising the Quran by the time they reach Standard 5 and they do multiple revisions by the time they finish school. In Sha Allah I will keep a session of one of our Huffaz, the Qari that recited today morning was one of the teachers in our school. Next time, In Sha Allah, after a few days or a couple of weeks, we'll let you interact with one of our Hafiz of the

Quran, In Shaa Allah, so that we can really come to know what is memorisation, In Shaa Allah.

"To improve my public speaking skills." In Shaa Allah.

"To explore the opportunity to share the beauty and true teachings of Islam to global audiences." In Shaa Allah. Once you do this course and if you implement on it, and if you reach a level, In Shaa Allah.

Number seven, "To be able to retain minimum 70% to 80% of what I've learnt throughout the programme by the end of the training." Alhamdulillah, that's a good expectation. To retain minimum, at least 70% to 80% of what I learnt through the programme by the end of the training, In Shaa Allah.

We pray to Allah that may He make you retain more than that In Shaa Allah and may He fulfill all the seven expectations that you have.

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Lesson 2 – Important Expectations of the Participants from the IDTP – Part 2

The next on my list is bother Muhamad Fadhli. His expectation number one is "My expectation from DTP is to become a qualified full-time Da'ee." This is a new thing. Qualified full-time Da'ee. You have to first define what you mean by qualified. If you mean a certificate qualifies you. A qualified full-time Da'ee. Is it better to be a qualified full-time Da'ee or an effective full-time Da'ee?

Muhamad Fadhli: My Answer now would be effective Da'ee.

Dr Zakir Naik: Because the title of the show or the programme is "Let's become effective Da'ees." Every person who's qualified is not expert in this field. I know many gold medalists in the field of medicines but they aren't successful doctors. For your information, I'm not a qualified Da'ee, neither Sheikh Deedat was a qualified Da'ee. What you mean by qualified is different. If effectiveness gives you a qualification, that is a different thing. I consider Sheikh Deedat as an icon for the Muslim Ummah. He has inspired tens of thousands of people, including myself and may Allah grant him Jannah. His Qualifications in education field was only Standard Six.

More important is to be effective. Be successful. That's the reason the theme of this programme is "Let's become effective Da'ees." You may get a certificate if you perform well but if you don't implement it, the qualification is there but that will not get you a ticket to Jannah until you put it in practice.

Point number two, "In other aspects, I hope to be able to share the knowledge acquired through this training with others around the world." In Shaa Allah. The knowledge of technique. In Shaa Allah. Number three, "To draw nearer to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala". In Shaa Allah Number four, "To improve the Dawah team in South East Asia." In Shaa Allah. At present, are you a full-time Da'ee or part-time Da'ee? Part-time? Say In Shaa Allah. You'd become a full-time and improve the team In Shaa Allah.

Point number five, "To be able to conduct own training programmes." In Shaa Allah. Number six, "To convey the true message about Islam based on Quran and Sahih Hadith." In Shaa Allah. Number seven, "To be able to clear misconceptions about Islam." We have a few days kept only to reply to the misconceptions of Islam and that's one of the sessions we'll be dealing In Shaa Allah, for a few days. May Allah fulfil all your true expectations and convert the qualified to successful and effective, In Shaa Allah.

Brother Azran Chan. His first expectation is "To learn from the world-renowned Da'ee, Dr Zakir Naik." Allahu Alam. Allah alone knows. I pray to Allah may He accept my efforts as accepted Da'ee. You know accepted Da'ee is better than effective Da'ee also. May Allah accept our efforts In Shaa Allah. May Allah not hold me responsible for people speak about me and may He make me better than what people think about me, Ameen.

Number two, "To enhance my Dawah skills and knowledge." In Shaa Allah. Number three, "To be able to explain Islam and to answer misconceptions about Islam to non-Muslims." In Shaa Allah.

Do you know why are we going through the expectations? Why are we going through the expectation? Yes, brother Zamri Vinot?

Zamri: Let's say we have an expectation that we cannot get over here before we came so that we correct it, we can make it it's--

Dr Zakir Naik: So that you are not disappointed.

Zamri: Yes, exactly.

Dr Zakir Naik: Yes.

Kamruddin: At the same time as a Da'ee we should know our Madhou, our customer. We should cater according to the expectation. That's one of it I can see.

Dr Zakir Naik: Yes, what brother Kamarudddin said that as a Da'ee we should know what's the expectation so we can cater but if the expectation's not, for example, he expects to become an expert on Christianity, so I will not give it to him. I'll say "Why are you wasting your time?" I want to know your expectations so that I can tell you as an experienced Da'ee that this what you're asking for is waste of time. There may be an occasion you're asking for something which I've forgotten and I may add to it. Maybe, but because this course is designed so expectation, if you make it clear at the beginning, the person will not be disappointed.

Always, if you get more than your expectation, you're more happy. If there are certain things you expect, and if we clarify in the beginning that this is what you'll get but I realise that when the person said that he wants to become an expert on Christianity, what he meant was he wanted to do Dawah to the Christians. I got it. What is behind your mind, In Shaa Allah will be fulfilling but the phrasing may be wrong or your expectation may not be what you actually desire. I'm sure you don't want to give a talk on Christianity and teach and spread Christianity, correct? Your main aim is Dawah, so we know that, we want to correct the expectation because we believe Maasha Allah all of the people come here, have come for the sake of Allah and they've come, In Shaa Allah, to please Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala and to be an effective Da'ee so that they can fulfil the responsibility what is there on every Muslim, In Shaa Allah.

Point number four, "To be able to give others inspiration to Dawah." If you become effective, it's part and parcel. If you become effective, you start inspiring others, In Shaa Allah. The best example is Sheikh Ahmad Deedat.

Point number five, "To learn my own weaknesses and to overcome it, hence to be competent in Dawah." In Shaa Allah, that's a good point. For a person to know their weakness is very important and to know their strength is also very important so that we can overcome your weaknesses and utilise your strengths better. In Shaa Allah.

Point number six, "To be able to engage in dialogues and debates with other religions." In Shaa Allah, when required, a Da'ee should be able to do that. And, In Shaa Allah, this Dawah training programme will give you an insight and a training on debating skills also.

Point number seven, "To be able to give the true message of Islam to Muslims by chance and Muslims by choice." That's good, Maasha Allah. That means some people have become Muslims only by chance and then they are in faith, deliver the right message and some people are revert, so have chosen by choice, also to deliver to them the true and the correct message. In Shaa Allah, may Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala make it possible that all the seven expectations as per the Quran and Sunnah be fulfilled, In Shaa Allah.

The next in my list is brother Abu Shariz. His first expectation is "To increase my Islamic knowledge." Yes, you will increase but as mentioned earlier, it's not a knowledge-based training programme, but I've heard comments of most of the participants who said that "You said it's not knowledge-based but we got an ocean of knowledge." Fine, For me what is a drop maybe your ocean, it differs but In Shaa Allah you'll be having the basic knowledge of Dawah, In Shaa Allah.

"To learn the skills to be a professional Da'ee." Alhamdulillah. Now you will be only a full-time Da'ee, not a full-time Da'ee, and a full-time businessman. I am a full-time Da'ee and a part time businessman. Not counting the average. If I calculate, normally, I do a calculation and people tell me, "You're struggling so much, you're sleeping less, your health will -- I say, "What will happen? Maybe my life span becomes five years less," fine. Now in my youth age, a normal person when he works in a company for 9 hours, or 10 hours. In our company, it's 10 hours but taking out the time for Salah and the lunch break we actually give seven and half hours. When I spend 17 hours removing Salah time, it will give 15 hours, it's actually double. Though I'm giving double in my balance time, I do spend on average, about three days a month for my business.

I'm a part-time businessman but the Barakah that Allah puts in three days, that's multiple times more than an average businessman. Please don't ask me how much I earn. Alhamdulillah, what I earn in the Dawah field is million times more than what I earn in the business, but in terms of value for the other world, Allah gives 100 times more than what I require. That is Barakah. If you read the life history of the Sahaba Abdul Rahman ibn 'Awf may Allah be pleased with him, it's the saying that whatever he used to touch, it used to turn gold. When he went to Madinah and when people wanted to help him, he said "No, I don't want help. Just show me the marketplace." Why? He went to the market and came back, Khallas.

A Da'ee should also know management skill but it's not possible for everyone to be multifaceted. Allah sees your Niyyah and Alhamdulillah. Allah has blessed me in my part time business also Maasha Allah but never does it ever obstruct me and I pray to Allah to keep it that way. Not deviate me to reducing my time for Dawah. It is good to

be a part-time businessman. Many of the Sahaba's were Maasha Allah businessmen, but it never prevented them from doing Dawah Alhamdulillah.

Point number three, "To learn more effective ways to do Dawah, and better communication skills," In Sha Allah.

Point number four, "To learn the art of continuous learning and continuous improvement." Have you got a hint of this?

Abu Shariz: Yes, I've got a hint.

Dr Zakir Naik: Maasha Allah, good, keep it with you and share it with others [crosstalk]

Abu Shariz: It's just a hint, I want to learn the art.

Dr Zakir Naik: Oh, you. See, many a time, you give a key and the person keeps it in the pocket, not knowing that's the master key. You asked for a key I gave you a master key. Then you're asking where's the key of that lock? You asked me for a key of one lock, I gave you a master key. Then you asking me where is the key of that lock number three. I gave you a master key. Did you get the answer?

Abu Shariz: I'll think about it. In Sha Allah I'll get the answer later.

Dr Zakir Naik: You didn't get the answer? Who got the answer? Just raise your hand. Master key of success.

Abu Shariz: Master key of success, I get.

Dr Zakir Naik: Now, here you go. If Allah helps you, none can overcome you. If Allah forsakes you, then none can help you. So let the believers put the trust in Allah.

Point number five, "To experience the management and running of the IRF being the world's best Islamic organization." I'm not aware whether IRF is the best or not, but may Allah accept the efforts of IRF and In Sha Allah during the course of the training, in the next three, four weeks, In Sha Allah, we'll be completing 25 years In Sha Allah, on the 16th of February 1991, the IRF was inaugurated, and In Sha Allah in the next few weeks, we'll be completing 25 years. May Allah accept the efforts, if Allah accept the effort, Khallas. We don't want anything more than that. We want the main reward in the Akhirah. In Shaa Allah. May Allah accept it.

Point number six, "To learn from good experiences of others, to be able to replicate them and learn from the mistakes or experience of others and not to repeat them." That is good. That the average man learns from his own mistakes, the intelligent man learns from other people's mistakes. May you, In Sha Allah, be able to be more effective.

And the seventh expectation is to develop better presentation skills, especially on stage and on TV programmes. May Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala fulfill all your good and correct expectations, Ameen.

The next on my list is Kyochiro Sugimoto and I hope I'm pronouncing it correctly, Alhamdulillah. "To acquire proper techniques and strategies along with basic knowledge of Islam and other religions for an actual impact in Dawah."

Number two, "To develop personal skills in the area of doing substantial and effective Dawah," In Sha Allah.

Point number three, "To master commonly asked questions on Islam by non-Muslims," In Sha Allah.

Point number four, "To understand Dawah methodology of the Prophet." That's very important point.

Point number five, "To acquire effective memorisation skills."

Expectation number six, "To understand training methods of Dawah training, so that I become a trainer," In Sha Allah.

Number seven, "To understand how to use technology for effective Dawah." This itself as I mentioned is a specialisation. We'll be touching on some aspects of technology mainly satellite media which I believe today is number one. Number two is social media, we'll be touching on that and other aspects also, In Sha Allah. May Allah make it possible for you to achieve all the seven expectations, In Sha Allah, Ameen.

Brother Umar Yoosuf, number one, "Know about effective Dawah techniques." May Allah make you implement it, it's more important than knowing. May Allah make you implement the effective Dawah techniques.

Number two, "Exposure to comparative religion and Dawah to those of these kind." These kind means?

Umar Yusuf: Of these kind means people of other religions. People of comparative religions in fact.

Dr Zakir Naik: It should not be people of comparative religion, it should be people of other religions, that's correct because every one of other religion is not a comparative. Comparative religion means person who compares religions. Every non-Muslim does not compare religions. That's what it meant but it should mean people of other religions, In Sha Allah.

Point number three, "With Dawah training programme we'll get in touch with one prominent Islamic firm to enhance my future endeavours." You're talking about IRF.

Umar: Yes.

Dr Zakir Naik: Number four, "Learn about IRF and Peace TV's organisational administrative structure in building a well-off Islamic organization." What do you mean by well-off?

Umar: Professionalism and how they manage things, administration, and everything.

Dr Zakir Naik: Well-off means financially?

Umar: Not financially.

Dr Zakir Naik: Enlightenment on the professionalism of IRF. In Sha Allah, may Allah make it possible. Though will not be going to details of that. We have given one day. For the management skills we have given one day for Dawah through satellite where we will be touching on some aspects of Peace TV, some aspects of IRF also, In Sha Allah.

"Experience mainly with people of many different cultures." This expectation can be done even with other ways. You can be a tourist also and experience that. Fine, you will mix with people, In Sha Allah, but that can be done even without attending the course. I would prefer your expectation should be such which is only available here, correct? Right or Wrong? That is called age of specialisation. If you have come here because I want to see Bombay, yes, you can. You can come here and see Bombay, it's an expectation which would be fulfilled but nothing unique, nothing great.

Meeting other people, yes, you can say want to meet Da'ees of different parts of the world Alhamdulillah. It's an opportunity though it may not be a very high priority but it is a little unique but saying that experiencing mingling with people of many different cultures that can be done in Sri Lanka, many tourists come in. I've been to Sri Lanka many time Maasha Allah and there are so many foreigners. You will be able to get that here but nothing unique. I don't conduct a Dawah training programme to let people mix of different kind. That I can do it even without it, I can organise and call people. Here it is more of Dawah.

Number six, "Increased use of Quran for myself," In Sha Allah.

Number seven, "Get well into position to become a full-time Da'ee," In Sha Allah.

We pray that all the correct expectations that you have from these seven get fulfilled, In Sha Allah, Ameen.

Next on my list is Bother Ibrahim Guthrie. Number one, "To learn my strengths and weaknesses in not only Dawah, but in my personal Islamic practices," In Sha Allah. There are many people who after doing the Dawah training programme have said that, "Not only have I excelled in Dawah, I've even started excelling in my business." I said, "Why?" "Because I used that same technique for my business. I've become better in my profession." " Now, how come?" "I'm performing better. I'm being a better engineer." I said, "How come?" "I use the same principles for my profession." That is an art that In Sha Allah, when we meet people who are experienced in the field, we gain from them.

I normally have a policy. I spend my time if one of the two are fulfilled. Either I am benefiting someone or he's benefiting me. If I don't benefit someone and neither is he benefiting me, I don't waste my time. My time is very precious. Either I'm benefiting someone or I'm being benefited. Many a time I go for both. This Dawah training programme whether it benefits you or not is secondary, it will In Sha Allah benefit me.

Every training programme I conduct, it improves my own skills and gets me closer to Allah. It's a reminder for me. My connection with Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala and the hotline Maasha Allah, increases. Hotline, don't get me wrong. Everyone has a hotline.

It's open secret. Allah says in the Quran He's closer to you than your jugular vein. Correct? But if you take advantage of that closeness of Allah will you benefit otherwise what is the use? You have the hotline but you forgot the number of the hotline, what is this the use. The hotline is there, I'm only reminding you the number. What is the number? What is the number? What is the number? What is the number Fariq? What is the number of hotline?

Fariq: It was 16125.

Dr Zakir Naik: Okay, but what's the number?

Participant: 24434.

Dr Zakir Naik: 24434. Yes, brother. What is the hotline number?

Participant: It's the same.

Dr Zakir Naik: 2443.

Participant: 24434 for prayers.

Dr Zakir Naik: What is the number of the hotline?

Participant: Put your trust in Allah.

Dr Zakir Naik: 3160, what is it? 3160, not 24434. I know what you're talking about. I got the message. 24434 means Fajr, Zuhr, Asr, Maghrib, Isha. I got the hint but what is the number of that hotline? 3160. What is 3160? What is 3160?

Fariq: If Allah helps you, none can overcome you but if Allah forsakes you who's there then to help you. Let the believers put their trust in Allah.

Dr Zakir Naik: Correct. You got the number of the hotline. Don't forget it. Hotline to Allah, direct. If Allah helps you, none can overcome you. If Allah forsakes you, who is there then to help you. So let the believers put their trust in Allah.

"To gain confidence in public speaking and conveying the beautiful message of Islam as well as dispute people's misconception of Islam using Quran and Sunnah as evidence." In Sha Allah.

"Number three, to take the experience and knowledge in hopes to move on to become a full-time Da'ee." In Sha Allah. How soon you want to become full-time Da'ee. Brother Ibrahim? After the course, In Sha Allah. In Sha Allah. May Allah make it possible and may Allah fulfill your desire and ambition In Sha Allah.

Point number four, "To be able to train others in becoming a Da'ee," In Sha Allah.

Number five, "To be able to assess a situation and have understanding of a best "route" of Dawah, to give applicable to both Muslims and non-Muslims," In Sha Allah.

Expectation number six, "To learn how to take control of a debate and direct conversation away irrational thinking to rational thinking." To learn how to take control

of a debate and direct conversation away irrational thinking to rational thing means you want to convert the irrational way of thinking of people to rational way, In Sha Allah. May Allah, In Sha Allah, make it possible.

This is where Allah says in the Quran the earlier verse quoted, Surah Nahl 16:125. "Ud'u ilaa sabeeli Rabbika bilhikmati walmaw 'izatil hasanati wa jaadilhum billatee hiya ahsan." Invite all to the way of thy lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching and argue with them and debate with them in the ways that are best and most gracious. Wa jaadilhum billatee hiya ahsan, some translate as reason with them. Some have translated it as argue. Some have translated as debate with them in the ways that are best and most gracious.

The last and the seventh expectation is, "To increase knowledge of ideologies of other religions to understand the motives." In Sha Allah. May Allah fulfill all your expectations so that you come closer to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala.

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Brother Muhammad Hisyam, it's Hisyam or Hisham? The same Malaysian S-Y. Because when I got it I'm hearing the names Syafiq and Hisyam for the first time. Good Maasha Allah.

Brother Muhammad Hisyam his first expectation is "How to engage the westerner/YouTube personals to disseminate the information as they are the ones that engage the youth today." In Sha Allah we'll be discussing this topic on Dawah through social media where we will be covering on this subject, In Sha Allah.

"What are behind the scenes with Saudi Arabia?" What are behind the scenes in Saudi Arabia? Sorry, I don't understand the expectation. What do you mean by what are behind the scenes with Saudi Arabia? I'm not a specialist or behind the scene of Saudi Arabia and neither is this Dawah training programme in any way connected to-- Yes, if you say you'll get closer to the Haram and all, good, Alhamdulillah, because that's the holy land, the blessed land of the two Haramain, Makkah and Madinah but behind the scenes of Saudi Arabia, can you explain to me?

Hisyam: Bismillaahir Rahmaanir Raheem. Firstly, let me explain when I got the request for the seven expectations, it was roughly about two days before I came over. That would be roughly maybe about 1:00 or 2:00 AM so I might be sleepy. So to elaborate on that point, I believe my point was since Saudi Arabia holds the master key in terms of economy, oil. I just want to know why or what's the main point that they are hesitant to help the other Muslim countries that is suffering around the world?

Dr Zakir Naik: Brother, if you want to know why Saudi Arabia is hesitant you have to go to Saudi Arabia or go to an expert who's done a study of Saudi Arabia. Yes, I've been to Saudi Arabia many times, Alhamdulillah. I've been there more than 80 to 100 times, Maasha Allah, I've been there many times but I'm not a specialist in knowing behind the scenes. Yes, what you can learn from Saudi, I can tell you. What are the good points, I can tell you?

I have not met a community in the world in all my travels people who are Saudis especially in two aspects, Tawhid and Salah. There is no community in the world that I know of and Allah has blessed me in traveling in different parts of the world irrespective of what he is, in Tawhid and Salah, you will not find a community anywhere close to the Saudis. He may do other wrong things, may do or may not do is secondary,

but if he's the Saudi, the chances of him being on Tawhid is, Alhamdulillah, highest, according to me in any Muslim country. There may be Muslims better than them but as a whole in Tawhid in Salah and the five pillars in general.

This I can tell you very well that if you want to learn something from the Saudis, learn about Tawhid as a whole, Salah as a whole. When the time for Salah is there they won't even wait for the king. One when I had gone. We had a performa that, "Okay, fine. We'll be offering Salah with the king." The time for Salah was there, the Azan, we prayed. The King prayed where he was. And you have that example when Obama and his wife went to Saudi Arabia for condolence and King Salman, when the time for Asr Salah was there, he walked away.

There is no appointment better than appointment with Allah, correct? Imagine he is going away from the most powerful man in the world, Obama. He knows that compared to Allah he's peanuts. Not even peanuts, saying peanuts is also wrong, Shirk. Wrong why? Allah says, Wa lam yakul-lahoo kufuwan ahad, so even saying peanuts is wrong so I apologize, I take it back. You can't compare. You see that in-- I'm not going to discuss on Saudis but what is good, I have to tell why they're not doing, you're not doing.

Normally we Muslims, we spend time on thinking things we cannot do. It's common practice. Why doesn't Saudi do this? Why doesn't that King do that, and why does-- See Allah will not question you on the Day of Judgement, why did Saudi Arabia not give money to X, Y, Z. Allah will question you, that you could help your neighbour who was hungry, Allah gave you that much money you didn't feed your neighbour.

I tell the Muslims don't waste your time discussing things which you cannot make a difference in. I'm not here to support Saudi Arabia. They may have many negative factors but the point to be noted is, Allah will not question you, why did that king of one country or the prime minister of one country, because that is not your field. But Allah will tell you, I gave you good income, good salary, your neighbour was hungry. If you sleep with a full stomach when your neighbour is hungry, you're not a Mu'min. Many a time, people start discussing things which they can't make a difference, and they neglect the thing which they can make a difference in.

Oh, what's happening in Palestine? What's happening in your locality you're not taking care of which you can. Allah has given you the ability, Allah has given you the finance, Allah has given you the time, you want to talk about something. Yes, as a Muslim, any part of the world where something wrong is happening to a Muslim, we should pray. We should be bothered, because that's part of our body. Again, if that's your desire, you should go to a person who's a specialist in Saudi Arabia, maybe Haramco, I don't know but this programme will surely no way-- If you say you said in your sleep, many time the Shaytan gets the better of you.

This is not the platform at all, where you will come to know behind the scenes of Saudi Arabia particularly so the expectation is never going to be fulfilled here. Yes, maybe you will understand. I'll go to Saudi Arabia and learn about Tawheed. I'll learn about Salah, that you will not learn from anyone better than the Saudis, as a whole. There will be some Saudis who are not particular. There may be some Muslims or non-Saudis may be better in Tawheed, but as a whole.

Point number three, better prepared logical and beautiful answers for the age of LGBT, In Sha Allah. We may or may not cover. We may In Sha Allah.

Point number four. Showcase that there is no other belief that informs the world of the future events, unlike Islam, that we know the religion speaks about the prophecy like Islam, that's what you mean. Yes, that's a small one of the points of Dawah that can be used but that's not an ace. We always prefer teaching someone with an ace, rather than maybe a two or a three or a four.

Point number five. How to confront the elites, In Sha Allah, confront. Allah says in the Quran, in Surah Fussilat, chapter number 41, verse number 34, that you deal with people kindly so that you win them over. You win over the enemy not defeat them.

When you have a match, you either defeat your enemy or win them, which is better? Winning over them is better or defeating them is better? Winning them. If you say that rather than confronting the elites, saying convincing the elites is the better word. A Da'eee does it not for winning brownie points, but Da'eee does it for the Akhirah. That is the reason Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam in his Dua, he prayed to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala, that out of the two Umarayn, he said, at least give Hidayah to one, and Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala gave Hidayah to Umar radhi allahuan, Umar ibn al-Khattāb (May Allah be pleased with him), who was one of the staunchest enemy of Islam became one of the staunchest supporters of Islam.

He was one of the major factors in the spread of Islam. That is the reason, Michael H. Hart, in his book, even mention the name of Hazrat Umar (May Allah be pleased with him) in the top 100 personalities.

You have given five points. May Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala fulfill the thing that with those expectations take will take you to Jannah In sha Allah. You mentioned five, they should've been seven.

The next person on my list is brother Abdul Malik Badeges. Number one is strengthening Iman in order to be more pious and more productive in doing activities that should always be under the Sharia principle.

Inshallah, these things if paid attention on the talks given and the methodology, In Sha Allah, it will strengthen your Iman, In Sha Allah and Alhamdulillah, you will realize that many things you thought impossible, with the help of Allah, Alhamdulillah, the things you thought are impossible become possible.

Point number two. Learning Islam from the authorized Muslim scholars, namely Dr Zakir Naik and others. Number one, brother Abdul Malik, I'm not authorized, and neither I'm a scholar, I'm a Muslim Alhamdulillah. Out of three words, I agree I'm a Muslim, I don't have authority, Allah has blessed me, Alhamdulillah, and neither do I consider myself to be a scholar.

I consider myself to be a student and may Allah make it possible that I deliver His message to as many people as possible In Sha Allah, but Inshallah, it will be my pleasure. If you can learn something from me, may Allah accept your efforts and my effort also In Sha Allah.

Expectation number three. Able to speak the truth Al-Haqq in front of public without hesitation. This is very important that speaking the truth in front of public without hesitation, only Allah can make it possible. When you are a Da'ee, there are bound to be difficulties that come in your way.

The more effective you are, the more difficulty will come, the less effective you are, the less difficulty will come. The moment you start being effective, Allah also wants to test you that He made you effective, do you shy away when you find something difficult? The more effective you are, the more difficulty will come to you and the more difficult will be your test. If Allah wants to give you a higher grade in Jannah, then the test He will give you is more difficult. That is the reason beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said, "The tests given to Anbiyas, the messengers, the prophets were multiple times more than the normal human being, because the messengers are on a higher platform than the normal human beings. But, naturally the test should also be high.

All the Anbiyas, 100% underwent more difficulties than any other human being in the world. Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam. We say that times are very bad. What difficulty we face no one in the Ummah has faced, in the full Muslim Ummah, because they don't know their Deen. When Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala, according to the Hadith of Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam says, that the test put on the Anbiyas are more than the human beings. We think that we're in difficult situation, but comparatively and logically, they were in a situation multiple times more difficult than us.

The turmoil that they went through, if you compare our life is luxury. It's real luxury. If you know the sirah of the Prophet and the sirah of the Sahabas, you'll realize that what Allah has blessed us with is Maasha Allah. People are afraid to identify themselves as Muslims today. Afraid to keep beard. Afraid to wear a cap. Afraid to identify that they are Muslims, because the time that we're in. Oh, this is a very difficult time, never in the history of Islam. They don't know the history of Islam. Yes, you may find certain difficulties compared to what difficulties the earlier people in the Ummah had, ours is negligible.

May Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala make us to pass this test, and may he accept our efforts In Sha Allah. That's a very important point to speak the truth in front of the public without hesitation, In Sha Allah. One more thing, if Allah has given you the skills of public speaking, Allah says in the Quran in Surah Nisa, chapter number four, verse number 135, that stand out for justice as witness for Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala, even if it be against yourself, against your parents, against your relatives, irrespective whether they're rich or poor, for Allah protects both.

Allah says that, as far as justice is concerned, it is the duty of a Mu'min. It's the duty of a Muslim, that he should stand firmly, as witness to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala for truth, even if it be against yourself. Many times, when people realize that if we speak the truth, we may have problems in our lives, and they're afraid to speak the truth. If Allah has given you the power of speaking, and if you abstain from speaking the truth, Allah will take away that power. All your Dawah training programme would be in the drain. May that expectation be fulfilled that he gives to the Da'ee to speak the truth with Hikmah. With Hikmah is very important. What is Hikmah? We will deal in the time to come, In Sha Allah.

Point number four, continuing the Dawah spirit of Dr Zakir Naik who successfully inspires millions of people, In Sha Allah. That is one of the objectives of the training programme that may Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala create more Da'ees so that you get Sawaab and through you In Sha Allah even I get some Sawaab. Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala does not divide the Sawaab. He multiplies it. Another thing, 100 point is if you get 50, you get 50. Allah says, "No, 100 points, you get 100, you get 100, no problem." Even Sawaab is multiplied without decreasing your Sawaab or without decreasing my Sawaab. So, pray to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala that may He accept our efforts.

Point number five, protecting Islam from the lost people who failed to explain Islam in such liberal ways. I know what your intention is, but protecting Islam from lost people who failed to explain Islam in such liberal ways, Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala does not require any of us to protect Islam. Point to be noted. No one can harm Islam. If all the world put together, yes, you can say image of Islam. No problem. Many a time, you say things with the correct intention, it may mean otherwise. If you say, I want to protect the image of Islam, fine.

You can damage the image of Islam, but no one can damage Islam. Allah is there enough to protect it. Allah promises in the Quran, in no less than three different places. In Surah Taubah, chapter number 9, verse number 33, in Surah Fath, chapter number 48, verse 28 and Surah Saff, chapter number 61 verse number 9, Allah says, "Huwal lazee arsala Rasoolahoo bilhudaa wa deenil haqqi liyuzhirahoo 'alad deeni kullihee wa law karihal mushrikoon." That Allah has sent a messenger with guidance and the religion of truth so that you prevail over all the other religions, over all the other isms, whether it be Christianity, JuDa'eesm, Buddhism, Hinduism, Atheism. Islam is destined to supersede all Kullah, master them all. How much ever the Mushriks don't like it?

Allah does not require you and me the rubbish that we are. If I start thinking that if I don't do Dawah, Islam will not spread, I'm the biggest fool in the world. Allah has promised this Deen will prevail. Allah does not require you and me, the rubbish that we are. Allah himself is sufficient to make His Deen prevail. He is giving us an opportunity to do a prophet's job and to earn a prophet's reward. Allah does not require, if I start thinking, if Peace TV is not there, Islam will not spread or Zakir Naik is not there, I'm the biggest fool in the world. Allah can create a million Peace TV within a fraction of a second, can create million Zakir Naik within a fraction of a second.

He is giving us an opportunity to make hay while the sun is shining. He is giving the opportunity. He alone is sufficient. Please a Da'ee should be aware that if he gets success, you thank Allah. Why do you thank Allah? He is utilising our services which He does not require. He is utilising a service which He does not require. He alone is sufficient. He is giving an opportunity to do a prophet's job and to earn a prophet's reward. You can say, to correct the image of Islam or to remove the misconceptions of Islam, Islam per se does not require our help at all.

You may help Muslims. When you use terminology, a Da'ee should be aware then your faith increases more. No one can damage Islam. It is the best Deen. It will remain the best. Allah says in Surah Al-Imran chapter 3, verse 19 and Surah Imran chapter 3, verse 85 that Innad deena 'indal laahil Islaam, Surah Imran, chapter 3, verse 19 and if I say that no other religion will be acceptable in the sight of Allah except Islam. In

In Sha Allah may Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala utilise our services to make His Deen prevail, He doesn't require that.

Point number six, having the priceless knowledge, sharing, and meeting different Muslim people from different parts of the world. If you could say that sharing with Da'ees of different parts of the world that expectation is better than Muslims. Muslims in different parts of the world, you can meet in many other places, maybe better variety, here only 10 countries.

The seventh one is being closer to Allah, the Almighty, and He is the best Protector in this world and hereafter In Sha Allah. May this training programme bring you closer to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala and may Allah fulfill all your correct intentions and your expectations, In Sha Allah.

We have got one, two, three participants left.

The third last is Dr. Rahman Yunus.

Your first expectation is to gain the Sahih authentic knowledge of Islam and present the right picture of Islam, In Sha Allah.

Number two, to learn how to have discussions with non-Muslims regarding Islam including icebreakers. Yes, we'll be dealing with that In Sha Allah.

Point number three, should be able to convince non-Muslims that Islam is the truth and remove the misconceptions, In Sha Allah with Allah's help.

Point number four, if I'm asked questions regarding Islam, then I want to give appropriate answers relating to the topic and moreover the important point is convincing them. That's a very important point. Giving answers is easy. Giving convincing answers is difficult. Giving answers is very easy but giving convincing answers is the challenge. That's what we pay attention on during question-answer session that you should try and convince the opposite person.

Expectation number five, to learn the methods of Dawah from the expert in the field by the man himself Dr Zakir Naik. May Allah make it possible that I can share some of my experiences In Sha Allah. As I told you that I'm a student. May Allah accept that effort.

Point number six, I'll be living in China for eight more months and majority of the people whom I have spoken with are Atheists. I want to master in convincing the Atheists. I have rarely met any Chinese Buddhist. Chinese, where I live, 8 upon 10, I asked they were Atheists. Yes, I do agree with you I've been to China once and I'm aware that the Chinese don't allow propagation. Knowing that very well, I dedicate certain lectures a few lectures. In China, when I was there, in 2014, about one year two months back, and all the lectures were without publicity. I gave in various cities including Qingdao, Zhengzhou, Beijing, Shanghai with announcement of maybe in the Maghrib Salah I'm going to give a talk in the Isha Salah and by Allah's grace, the audience was comparatively large.

In a one-hour notice, 1,000 people coming is big. I remember when I was in Beijing, the second last day, the police came and knocked at my door, and they said, "Dr Zakir,

we know you are a speaker. Do you want any car, do you want to extend your visa et cetera." I said, "No, I have a visa which is yet valid for two weeks and I'm leaving tomorrow." Indirectly, they came and told me, "Don't give lectures." I know that very well, that propagation in public in China is not allowed, but Alhamdulillah Allah gave an opportunity, I don't know whether I'll go to China again or not. I took the risk, and it was Maasha Allah worth it.

Personally, I had the opportunity to speak to only five Chinese, one to one. Alhamdulillah, all five of them accepted Islam. Alhamdulillah. Normally the other time, I remember in my old days where I used to love speaking one to one. That was my passion. I remember when IRF started if I came to know one non-Muslim is there, I used to go on my bike full speed. I can't miss him. We used to go and we used to speak, Alhamdulillah. Now, the times have changed. People want to speak and we don't have the time. We are more on the different level, not that I don't like. I love it but as the Shariah says let a small loss take place to prevent a big loss, we are targeting the bigger non-Muslims on the satellite thing. We are more becoming a whole seller other than retailers, but this is a retail workshop. This is retail. Retail means small but indirectly also wholesale. That's the satellite.

I do agree with you that though they claim that they are Buddhism but majority of them are atheist, and we will be having one day exclusively for atheists, In Sha Allah.

Point number seven, the last one, last but not the least, I'll be having one-to-one discussion type of conversation rather than lecture time. I want to learn some ice breakers and keys to overcome this kind of situation.

In Sha Allah, I will be dealing with that tomorrow to a small extent and during the course of the time, In Sha Allah. May Allah fulfill all the correct expectations that you have, and may Allah make it possible.

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The second last participant, third last one participant didn't give his expectations. Maybe he didn't have expectation or maybe the list was too long. The second last is Muhammad Imran Fazel. The longer it is that it came down lower in the list. Number one, In Sha Allah, I would want to learn how to dissolve the fundamentals of other religions, without hurting anyone's sentiments about it in a very respectful and meaningful way.

I'm sorry, you will not be doing this year. Why I'll tell you. Your expectation, In Sha Allah, I would want to learn how to dissolve the fundamentals of other religions, without hurting anyone's sentiments about it in a very respectful and meaningful way. Why will he not learn this year? Can anyone give the reply? I repeat it twice. Why will he not be able to learn here how to dissolve the fundamentals of other religions? Yes, brother? Can we pass on the microphone? What do you mean I know, what the intention is I know, but the words are-- Yes?

Imran Fazil: Alhamdulillah, what I have learned the fundamentals of different religions is Tawheed, what I've learned from your lectures.

Dr Zakir Naik: If you dissolve Tawheed, how can you be a Da'ee? You should tell, I will learn here how to convince them that the fundamentals are Tawheed, you understand? I know what the intention is, you want to tell that I want to dissolve the wrong thinking, but the words here dissolve the fundamentals of other religions without hurting them, with hurting them also you should not. [chuckles] Correct? I know your intention. I want to correct it because the fundamental of every religion is Tawheed. To remind them of the fundamentals of other religions, which is Tawheed. Correct? Yes, brother Imran, are you convinced? We'll deal with that In Sha Allah. We'll be dealing with the fundamentals of other religions, and we'll come to know I will teach you how to convince them to go back to the fundamentals, rather than dissolve it. In Sha Allah.

Point number two, looking for opportunities to practice our learnings through internal and periodic debates, exposure to public speech, in front of crowd. In Sha Allah, once I remember that last training programme, I conducted more than 16 years back in 1999, amongst one of the participants was a Malaysian, also a Christian devotee like how some are here. Brother Mohammad Ayub. Do you know him?

He was a Christian missionary. He had the title IFS, International Forgiver of Sins. In Christianity, they have authority, you can forgive sins in this locality, you can forgive sin in this city, you can forgive sin in this country. He was the International Forgiver of Sin. International means, he was based in Germany, he was a Malaysian, he was a Christian, he had the post of International Forgiver of Sin. These people are trained. They are trained thoroughly how to speak, but when he came and spoke on the stage of IRF, that time the stage was small, very small stage.

The size of the auditorium was 350 square feet, 35 square meters. This is 10,000 square feet, 1,000 square meters. You multiply, 30 times bigger. The whole of this auditorium we had was small part of the stage. This stage is covering actually more than half of the floor. On that small stage of IRF, he was shivering, and he was saying all my training went to the dogs. All his training went to the dogs. He said, "I've addressed large audiences but here speaking on the stage" you know, but Alhamdulillah, it was a dip and then went up again.

Then he realised the effectiveness that was there because that training is not based on Haq, this training is based on Haq, the difference. In Sha Allah, May Allah give you the opportunity to be able to speak effectively. Effectively is the most important word, In Sha Allah.

Expectation number three, I would like one of the two weekly off to be on Friday if possible, and also would like to be able to do five-time Salaah per day on time, hence expect the schedule of a programme to support that. I would like one of the two weekly off to be on Friday if possible, and also would like to be able to do five-time Salaah per day on time. Yes, weekly off is Friday.

I didn't expect-- even if it is not a Friday, you have to pray five times, so how does this-- or there are two different expectations? In this training programme you like that one weekly off should be Friday, it is Mashallah.

Participant: The emphasis on the schedule.

Dr Zakir Naik: That you wanted the schedule to be in such a way.

Participant: In a way that it is facilitating all these weeks off and--

Dr Zakir Naik: If it is not?

Participant: Well, I was just expecting that from Dawah Training programme if not I would have requested anyway.

Dr Zakir Naik: I'm asking you a question that if your expectation not met, if that Dawah training programme doesn't give time for Salah, that training programme is not worth attending. It is like you telling me, okay I will come to have lunch with you as long as you don't serve pork. If you tell that to a practising Muslim, he will feel offended. What do you mean? I'm going to serve alcohol and pork? You understand? When you're going to a Dawah training that means you have not done your homework. That means you have not done your homework on Dr Zakir Naik, and neither I'd done your homework on IRF, and without doing homework, you are going to get 50 days, 45 days, its not advisable.

Participant: Actually, sir, there was one other line I had in that email that I haven't attended any Dawah programmes and I really do not know what to expect, and hence these were some of the things that came to my mind.

Dr Zakir Naik: If the Dawah training programme does not give you time to offer Salah on time, it's not worth attending. It may be the best programme in the world. That means it's an un-Islamic training programme, it can't be an Islamic Dawah Training programme. Salah is the most important. It's the most important. If you join IRF, it's compulsory that every person they have to offer Salah on time, in Jamaat, in the mosque. On time, in Jamaat, in the mosques. The Sawab that you get in the mosque is multiple times more. In IRF it is compulsory unless if you go on outdoor assignment. Compulsory, one of the requirements to join IRF is to keep up a beard.

Compulsory, preferably one fist, minimum with one centimetre so it can be seen but preferably one fist. Wearing the cap. Wearing a cap is not Fard in Islam, but it's a Sunnah. Wearing trousers above the ankle, is a Fard, so when in an organization where wearing the trousers above the ankle is a Fard. I don't know of any Islamic organization in the world, there may be, maybe Allah Allahu aklam. I've travelled to different parts of the world, I don't know a single Dawah organization in the world which makes it compulsory for its employees to keep beard and wear trousers above the ankle, I don't know if any, not even in Saudi Arabia.

Even in a school, we have Mashallah more than 450 employees in Bombay alone. It is, Alhamdulillah, one of the largest Islamic Dawah organizations in the world, Alhamdulillah, in terms of number of people working, so you cannot expect, you have to inquire. Before submitting your application if you doubt it can't come in the expectation it can come into your inquiry list, is it clear? In future, if you're going for a training programme, it shouldn't be an expectation. If you say I would expect to become a five-time Namazi, that's a different thing. I want to become a regular, in real that's different, but you can't expect that you will have a Friday off and Friday off is preferable, not compulsory, here we have a Friday off, Alhamdulillah.

Praying Jummah Salah is a must, Alhamdulillah. That expectation is not by doing the course if they allow you to pray, then do you a favour, it's a requirement. This will not come in expectation, it should come in the inquiry list.

Point number four, In Sha Allah good halal food, safe and clean place to stay. In Sha Allah, halal food is there, good food is subjective. I was telling yesterday to the foreigners, what's good for me may not be good for you, to the foreign participants, and 10 of them are from the Oriental, like six were from Malaysia, two from Singapore, one from Indonesia, one from Japan, so 10 people of the participants are from Oriental. I asked Asif Naik, who's my nephew that try and get some oriental food.

He said "Taste," I said, "What will I do tasting it? Most probably I won't like it. You're asking the wrong person, you can ask Oriental person, ask a Malaysian or Indonesian to taste it. Even if I say yes, it has no value, even if I say no, it's no value. Most probably I'll say no." He said that "Will I send a sample to your home?" I said "What is the use?" Correct? Because I'm not an expert in that field. Personally, I don't like-- I've had oriental food, so good is subjective. Halal, yes it has to be. Again, your inquiry whether you get Halal food is an inquiry, it cannot be an expectation.

If you come to know that there is a course where Halal food is not served, you have to make arrangements for your own Halal food, but Islamic organization giving you haram food that means you haven't done your inquiry on that organization. Safe and clean place to stay. This is a question which I have to though I didn't want to tell in detail.

Point number four, good halal food, safe and clean place to stay. Good food is subjective, Halal, In Sha Allah, is there. Good. Safe and clean, safe place. Some people don't like staying in buildings, it is very safe.

Participant: We're talking about Mumbai, right?

Dr Zakir Naik: What Mumbai?

Participant: I heard a lot of things about Mumbai that it's not really safe.

Dr Zakir Naik: You know Mumbai, in the cities of India, it doesn't come as-- Yes Delhi, if you say, yes, and the most dangerous cities, Bombay is considered one of the safest cities. There was a survey done in Bombay, which is the safest locality, it is Dongri where our organization IRF is. For the woman, they did a survey, which is the safest locality for women because we are in the hub of the Muslims in Bombay. Safe, good Halal food, clean place to stay. I didn't want to comment on this question, but I'm commenting because it's an expectation. It is very important that if you want to do something for Islam and if you can check as I told you something in interview sometimes you don't.

It was told very clearly that there were certain criteria we had kept for selection of the participants. Based on that criterion when Brother Kaleem took the interview, fortunately, or unfortunately, amongst the pure Indian, pure Indian means Indian resident, none was selected. There are two types of Indians. Indian resident and non-resident Indian, means Indians staying abroad. Amongst the Indian non-residents, only two qualified. One was my son. He stayed in Saudi Arabia so he's NRI, and one more person who was from Holland, he's not here, I'll tell you later on. Then I told, "When we are having the course, why not we have a parallel room."

While this training is going on, there are other Indians sitting in a parallel room, which many of you may be aware. Now these people, by default, did not qualify in the normal criteria for being selected as a participant for the IDTP. As a general policy, we asked to all the people who applied you want to be a full time Da'ee? Almost all said yes. Then we also asked the question that, "Would you like to work in IRF as a full-time employee?" Alhamdulillah, more than 80% of the foreigners and more than 80% of the Indians said yes. Not that we wanted to employ them, but as a question why? If you want to be a full-time Da'ee, are you willing to work in the organization?

Yes, we would like to, because I believe that if a Japanese like Maasha Allah, our brother here, who knows Japanese if I employ him in Bombay, I may benefit but I'm decreasing the spread because he is a Japanese. He knows Japanese. Very few people know Japanese and who can be a good Da'ee. If I train a Japanese in doing Dawah and keep him in Bombay, point number one, a foreigner can't do missionary activity in India. Can't give public lectures, but we asked only to check. What is his passion? Is he willing to sacrifice or not? A person coming from UK wanting to work in Bombay, passion is good, just to check.

Would you like-- We didn't say, yes we'll employ you. Yes, there were one or two participants like Brother, Maasha Allah Shafiq, who will be beneficial to us because we have launched a channel in Mandarin, so we want a person knowing English and Mandarin. We have a few Chinese, Maasha Allah there with us. Pure Chinese but they know Arabic and Chinese, not English and Mandarin, so there are a couple of foreigners who would be staying here In Sha Allah and working with us. That will benefit them because whatever he can do in Bombay, he can't do anywhere else in the world.

He being able to reach millions of people through Peace TV, he cannot do that in Malaysia. I don't know a Japanese channel so if I ask him to stay here, he would be a better impact for the Islamic work in Japan than here. For the policy, we had two different rules for them. Then I told Brother Kaleem that, fine, if there are hardly two Indians who have come into the list by default, let's ask the other Indians that will you work here? 80% agreed, yes. From that lot, we had a second category that fine, you will be observing the Dawah training programme on a screen in a side room. Yet you will benefit more than 75%. How?

Your homework would be taken by another instructor, no problem. You will not be able to ask me a question on the spot, but maybe thrice in 33 days, I would give them a couple of hours, two or three hours to jot down the questions, I will answer, once in 10 days maybe, under the condition that you agree to work here full-time. There's a condition now for training Dawah training programme, it was a question, and there were some people who also said, we will not work here but we selected them in the international training programme. In the next room it was only that fine, you did not qualify for the main round.

Now there's a second, that is costing me money which is not benefiting the Ummah. Why because that's not going on satellite. Here my cost per person is very expensive. There also there's a cost involved. It's in lakhs of rupees means thousands of dollars, several thousand dollars there. Here, it's in a big amount. There we had mentioned in the form, very clearly that simple and basic accommodation will be given. If anyone wants something better, he'll have to pay for it, so that we are clear now. Yes clear, simple and basic. Now simple and basic what is for you may differ for me. What is for you may differ for me, it is subjective, I know that.

Now for the foreigners what accommodation we gave, we think it is basic and simple. They may think it is good, they may think it is not, it is up to them. I may have to take a survey maybe. What we felt basic and simple for an Indian, irrespective whether he's coming from China or whether he's coming from-- He's an Indian. The policies were different. He did not qualify for the main round, so we had another accommodation, which was in apartments, which is basic and simple, which is-- When I travel the world. I stayed in accommodation worse than that, Dr Zakir Naik. When I went to UK, they kept me in a room, which was a little bigger than the bed I slept on.

Allah has given me so much money that Maasha Allah I can stay in five-star total anywhere in the world, Alhamdulillah. Allah has given that to me. We didn't object. We said, "Alhamdulillah, they gave me a chance to do Dawah, no problem." I paid for my ticket. Not to learn. They called me. I pay my ticket, they charged for my entry. They make money. I pay for my ticket and I have a habit when I prepare, I walk in the room. Imagine, 6 feet by 5 feet room I'm talking about the old days in the early 2000s. We

didn't object. Surely the accommodation we gave here is multiple and it's better than the accommodation when I travelled, Alhamdulillah.

Now the situation is different, Alhamdulillah. We want to test, not that we can't afford. Whenever we call English speaker for Peace TV, all of them, we don't give five-star, we give five-star deluxe. It's not required. We want to tell the Da'ee, fine, we give you the best treatment. When the budget of our training programme is so big, we can keep all of you into five-star deluxe. We don't want to spoil you, we don't want to degrade your Niyah. If you want to stay in a five-star for Dawah training, why should we waste the Ummah's money? Alhamdulillah, we can afford to keep all of you in five-star deluxe. That is the capacity of our organization.

One participant who I mentioned earlier in the session, I don't want to take his name, he had said that, "Please give me-- I don't mind coming if there's no seat. I'll sit in the side room. I'll pay for my accommodation" et cetera. When he came here, he said our accommodation is not up to standard. I said, "Fine." You are willing to pay, you can pay. I told Brother Kaleem that if he wants accommodation better than what we have given, he'll have to pay minimum Rs3000 a day but Kaleem was afraid. He said Rs2000 a day. He said "I'll go back." That means he can't pay 2,000 a day for this training and he's a Da'ee, he's a Da'ee giving lectures.

I said "Alhamdulillah, we saved the money of the Ummah" and he's earning good money. He said, "I earn a lot of money, I can pay for my accommodation." One thing he's speaking, one thing is-- You know, most of the foreigners that have come, if I tell them to pay, they will pay. I know, you don't required Alhamdulillah because he can judge the enthusiasm of each one. We don't want to spoil. If a person comes here because we're giving good accommodation, how he'll be a Da'ee, but we don't want to trouble him too much. Therefore, we set the basic for the foreigners would be Balewa hotel, four-star hotel.

We can afford the most expensive hotels here Alhamdulillah. Allah has blessed us. People come and say that if they want to learn in my school, we would not mind going in a hut and learning. Suppose tomorrow you come to know the place is unclean. What do you think you won't do Dawah training programme? Hypothetically, if I have to study under Deedat, I would live in a hut on the streets also, even if I have to pay a million dollars and I can afford it, I will pay because that money cannot buy that training.

Those who value, they know. Those who don't value and neither do we want to be extravagant. A person comes as a speaker is on a different level. You are coming as students to learn yet we don't want you to be something substandard. If a person who thinks living in apartment where we've kept most of our staff are staying there. It is fine and if he thinks that it is not up to the standards and he wants to go, I said "Now, even if he wants to do, I will not allow it." I want to search somewhere, where I can get. I said, "Even if he gets a place, he cannot continue, he cannot start" but Alhamdulillah, he himself ran away.

Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala, helps us many a time, to find out what is the real test. In Sha Allah, we have to end this session within the next few minutes because it's time for Maghrib Salaah. I'll just rush through.

Point Number five, need help to identify the qualities of Da'ee in me as Dr Zakir Naik, Yusuf Estes, Hamza Yusuf, Nouman Ali Khan, are very different in their ways but very effective and I might be more suitable towards one style but not all, hence helping me to nourish the best of my qualities to give Dawah in the way of Allah effectively. Being thus effective is not important, being effective on lines of Quran and Sunnah is more important.

There are Masha Allah Da'ees who are effective but they are far away from Quran Sunnah. If you want to be an effective Da'ee away from Quran and Sunnah that's the reason always before selecting do your homework. If you want to spend your 45 days with me and if you have not done homework on me, you are a big fool. I am not telling you, I am just telling in general. You have to do your homework. There are many people who are effective but when you say Dr Zakir Naik says become an effective Da'ee, it's understood on the lines of Quran and Sunnah. Why? Because I've seen in his speech always on the Quran and Sunnah.

There may be other Da'ees who may have programmes but their effectiveness is not on line of Quran and Sunnah, correct? Be effective on the lines of Quran and Sunnah is a most important other than only be effective.

Point number six, I would like to know a clear long-term and short-term career plan with IRF as I will be joining as employee from Day 1 and what are the company's expectation towards us so that I can plan for the best in this career and gain blessings of Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala. One thing is that if you work in IRF, one of the major benefits is the chances of you getting benefit in the Akhirah more. One point. Others are negligible.

Last point, In Sha Allah free access to the library as I would like to spend my time reading from Islamic books from your library. You have free access today you don't have to travel. Everything is on the net. The age of science and technology. You don't have to join an organisation to have access to the books. The books are available on the net most of it, Alhamdulillah. We are running short of time and we have to break for the Salaah.

The last expectation, we will just finish fast. That's Fariq Naik eight expectations. Number one, knowing that many people are In Sha Allah benefit as it is aired on Peace TV and also the participants can later have such courses in their countries. In Sha Allah.

Number two, achieving a holistic approach of Dawah to non-Muslims, as Dawah is compulsory on every Muslim, so fulfilling your obligation, In Sha Allah.

Point number three, making the appropriate use of Quran and Hadith, reason, logic and science for promoting the message of Islam in the best and most effective manner to gain solely the pleasure of Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala. Now, here are the expectations. The only expectation amongst all the students is making the appropriate use of Quran and Hadith. Reason, logic and science for promoting the message of Islam is the best and the most effective manner to gain solely the pleasure. Most of you are effective Da'ee but Fariq says no. Using Knowledge of Quran and Sunnah, reason, logic, science promoting and then becoming effective which was covered in the last point. His is the biggest, longest expectation.

Number four, learning the art of Dawah in terms of public speaking one-to-one and other ways of Dawah through media, newspapers, and magazines as media is the most important way of Dawah, In Sha Allah.

Point number five, learn various aspects of Islam beyond Dawah like leading a religious life, by involving oneself in Islamic activities is the best way to involve oneself in Islamic activities. In Sha Allah.

Point number six, how to run and operate a Dawah organisation in terms of effectiveness of the organisation and Islamic activities including Dawah, also knowing the administrative and technical aspects related to the organisation.

Point number seven, the effective use of the available sources in the most cheap and impressive manner to convey the message of Islam, example Peace TV, the budget of per person watching is very cheap. In Sha Allah we will discuss this on the seventh day when we have Dawah through satellite.

The last he has given eight expectations, we asked for seven, he gave eight.

The techniques of debate because in a debate it is not the one with more knowledge who wins but rather the one who has the skills and techniques of debating. In Sha Allah, may Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala make it possible for you to achieve all these eight expectations.

I mentioned and we break for the Maghrib Salaah, we are late. Please, offer your Salaat first and In Sha Allah, we'll meet tomorrow. In Sha Allah be at 7:25 AM sharp, so that we can start the session eight o'clock tomorrow morning, sharp. On the second day, that is dealing, In Sha Allah, with the introduction to Dawah.

Wa Aakhiru Da'wana Anil Hamdulillahi Rabbil Aalameen.