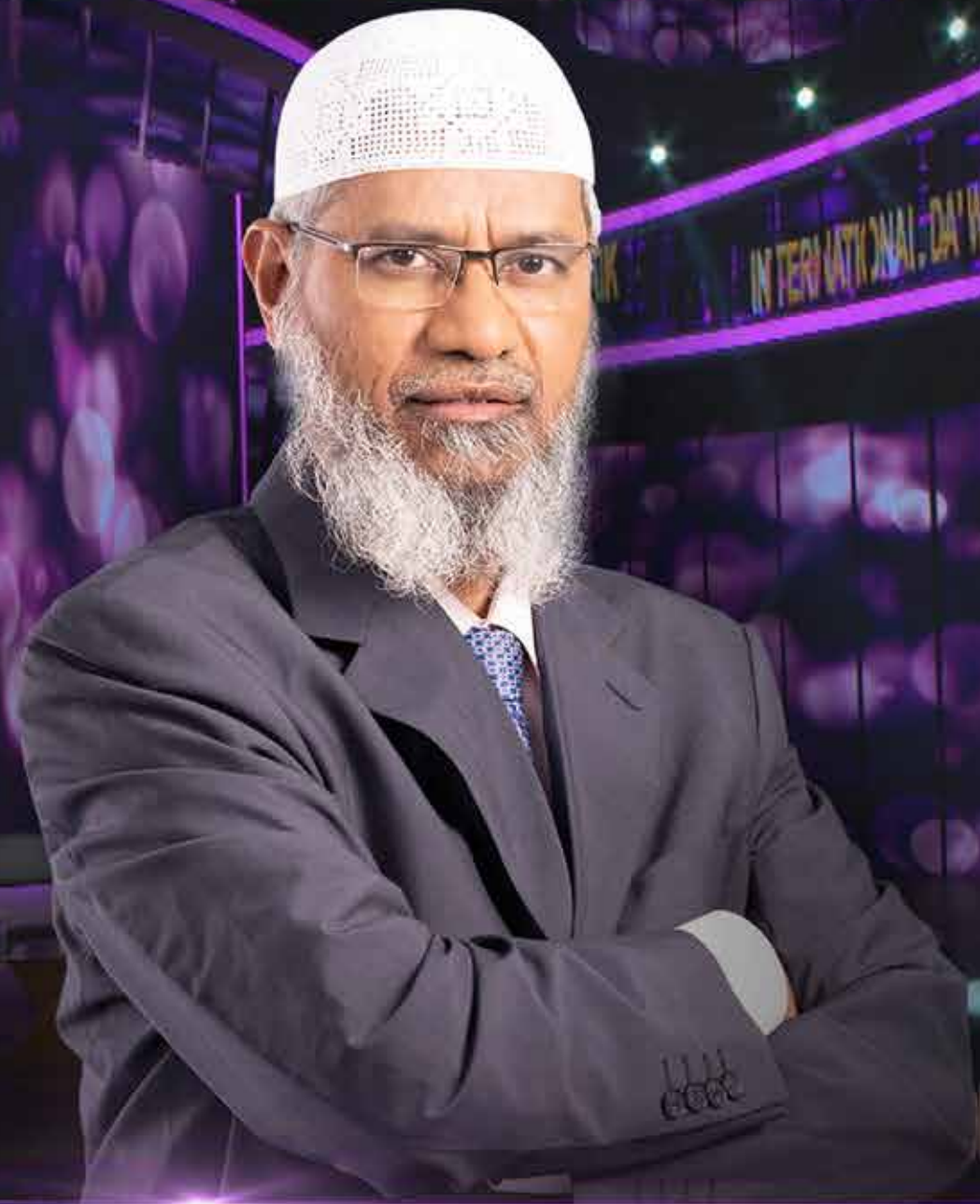


INTRODUCTION OF THE IDTP VII

CHARACTERISTICS OF A DA'EE



LET'S BECOME EFFECTIVE DA'EES

**INTERNATIONAL DA'WAH TRAINING
PROGRAMME – Part 7**

**CONCEIVED, DEVELOPED AND CONDUCTED BY
DR ZAKIR NAIK**



OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DA'WAH TRAINING PROGRAMME (IDTP)

1

This Da'wah training programme is targeted for those Muslims who want to do Da'wah to non-Muslims whenever opportunity arises or want to become part-time or full-time Da'ees.

2

It is not a knowledge-based programme but rather a technique-based Da'wah training programme.

3

However, the basic bare minimal knowledge and understanding of Islam and other religions that is required during the initial stages of Da'wah will be provided during the course of this training.



4

Special emphasis will be given to the following:

- A Techniques of public speaking
- B Structure and content of Islamic talk
- C Replies to Most Common Questions asked by non-Muslims
- D Techniques of handling Question & Answer
- E Debating skills

5

For Da'wah to be effective, the major requirements are:

- A Allah's help is the most important (Al Qur'an 3:160)
- B Hard work and dedication (Al Qur'an 29:69)
- C Techniques and knowledge (Al Qur'an 16:43, 21:7)

6

One of the main objectives of this International Da'wah Training Programme is not only to have a Da'ee in every country in the world, every city in the world, every locality in the world but at least one Da'ee in most of the Muslim homes in the world if not all, In Sha Allah.



DURATION AND DIVISION

OF THE INTERNATIONAL
DA'WAH TRAINING
PROGRAMME (IDTP)



1

The total duration of the IDTP course will
In Sha Allah be more than 650 hours.

- A The total duration of video recording is more than 350 hours.
- B The total duration required to read the Study Guides is more than 40 hours.
- C The total duration required to do the Assessments is more than 20 hours.
- D The total duration required to do the Evaluation is more than 20 hours.
- E The total duration required to do the Homework is more than 200 hours.



2

The IDTP is divided into Long Courses and Short Courses.

A

The IDTP is divided into 20 Long Courses, each of duration of 13 hours to 50 hours, inclusive of Video recording, Study Guide, Assessment, Evaluation and Homework.

B

The IDTP is divided into more than 140 Short Courses, each of duration of 3.5 hours to 8 hours, inclusive of Video recording, Study Guide, Assessment, Evaluation and Homework.

3

The IDTP Courses released on Al Hidaayah:

A

Minimum 2 Short Courses of the IDTP will be released every month, InShaAllah.

B

The complete IDTP will InShaAllah be released on Al Hidaayah in about 4 years.

4

Time required to complete the IDTP along with the scheduled release:

On an average 13 to 15 hours (2 to 3 Short Courses) a month will take 4 years to complete the course, InShaAllah.



COURSE TOPICS

1. Characteristics of a Da'ee
2. 3 minutes prepared speeches by the participants

OBJECTIVES OF THIS SPECIFIC COURSE

1. An important reminder on the characteristics of a Da'ee
2. Observe and record the pre-training public speaking skills of the IDTP participants for post-training evaluation

QUESTION AND ANSWER BUCKET

HOMEWORK

EVALUATION

TRANSCRIPTS



ASSESSMENT

Multiple Choice Questions
Match the Columns
True or False

COURSE DURATION

Video Duration	– 2 hours
Study Guide	– 45 min
Assessment	– 10 min
Evaluation	– 5 min
Homework	– 1 hour
Total Duration	– 4 hours



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CHARACTERISTICS OF A DA'EE



LESSON 1



CHARACTERISTICS OF A DA'EE



I. INTRODUCTION



1 Definition of Da'wah

'Da'wah' means an invitation. In the Islamic context it means an invitation to Islam. Thus Da'wah means conveying the message of Islam to Non-Muslims and inviting them to Islam.

2 Definition of a Da'ee

One who invites people to Islam.



3

All Prophets (pbut) were Da'ees and invited people to the 'worship of Allah'

The Prophets (pbut) were the best of human beings and the best of role models that walked on the face of the earth.

وَدَاعِيًّا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا



“And as one who invites to Allah's (grace) by His leave, and as a lamp spreading light.”

(Al Qur'an 33:46)

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was a 'Da'ee Ila Allah', one who invites towards the way of Allah. All the prophets of Allah including Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) were 'Da'ee Ila Allah' and invited the people towards the worship of Allah (swt).

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ



“Not a messenger did We send before you without this inspiration sent by Us to him: that there is no god but I; therefore worship and serve Me.”

(Al Qur'an 21:25)



The best of human beings that walked on the face of the earth were Da'ees of Islam, and if Allah is giving you the opportunity to be a Da'ee then you have acquired a great fortune.



4

Importance of the characteristics of a Da'ee

Da'wah is a duty upon every Muslim. It is important for a Da'ee of Islam (literally all Muslims) to adorn oneself with certain characteristics which are prerequisites of Da'wah. One's effectiveness in Da'wah hinges on the level of commitment and dedication to practise these characteristics.





II. CHARACTERISTICS OF A DA'EE

From the Qur'an and Sunnah we can derive the following important characteristics of a Da'ee of Islam:

1 Sincerity

وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ
حُنَفَاءَ وَيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقَيِّمَةِ



“And they have been commanded no more than this: To worship Allah, offering Him sincere devotion, being true (in faith); to establish regular prayer; and to practise regular charity; and that is the Religion Right and Straight.”

(Al Qur'an 98:5)





إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ، وَإِنَّمَا لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مَا نَوَى،



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

“The reward of deeds depends upon the intentions and every person will get the reward according to what he has intended.”

(Sahih Al Bukhari – Vol 1 Hadith 1)



2 Knowledge

قُلْ هَذِهِ سَبِيلِي أَدْعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ
عَلَىٰ بَصِيرَةٍ أَنَا وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَنِي



Say: “This is my way: I do invite unto Allah,- on evidence clear as the seeing with one's eyes,- I and whoever follows me.”

(Al Qur'an 12:108)



بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

“Convey (my teachings) to the people even if it were a single sentence.”

(Sahih Al Bukhari – Vol 4 Hadith 3461)



3 Wisdom

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ

وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَجَدِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ



“Invite (all) to the Way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious.”

(Al Qur'an 16:125)



‘Hikmah’, wisdom, according to the commentators of the Qur’an means to follow the Sunnah of the Prophet (pbuh) in Da’wah. It also means to say the right thing, in a right way, at the right time.

4 Practise what you preach

أَتَأْمُرُونَ النَّاسَ بِالْبِرِّ وَتَنْسَوْنَ
أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَتْلُونَ الْكِتَابَ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ



“Do you enjoin right conduct on the people, and forget (To practise it) yourselves, and yet you study the Scripture? Will you not understand?”

(Al Qur’an 2:44)





يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لِمَ تَقُولُونَ مَا لَا تَفْعَلُونَ
كَبْرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَن تَقُولُوا مَا لَا تَفْعَلُونَ



“O you who believe! Why say you that which you do not? Grievously odious is it in the sight of Allah that you say that which you do not.”

(Al Qur'an 61:2-3)



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

“A man will be brought on the Day of Resurrection and thrown in the (Hell) Fire, so that his intestines will come out, and he will go around like a donkey goes around a millstone. The people of (Hell) Fire will gather around him and say: O so-and-so! What is wrong with you? Didn't you use to order us to do good deeds and forbid us to do bad deeds? He will reply: Yes, I used to order you to do good deeds, but I did not do them myself, and I used to forbid you to do bad deeds, yet I used to do them myself.”

(Sahih Al Bukhari – Vol 4 Hadith 3267)





5 Patience

وَالْعَصْرِ

إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِفِي خُسْرٍ

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ



“By (the Token of) Time (through the ages),
Verily Man is in loss,

Except such as have Faith, and do righteous
deeds, and (join together) in the mutual
teaching of Truth, and of Patience and
Constancy.”

(Al Qur'an 103:13)





6 Gentleness

أَذْهَبَا إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ إِنَّهُ طَغَىٰ . فَقُولَا لَهُ قَوْلًا لَّيِّنًا لَّعَلَّهُ
يَتَذَكَّرُ أَوْ يَخْشَىٰ



"Go, both of you, to Pharaoh, for he has indeed transgressed all bounds; "But speak to him mildly; perchance he may take warning or fear (Allah)."

(Al Qur'an 20:43-44)



GENTLENESS



Allah (swt) instructs Musa (pbuh) and his brother Haroon (pbuh) to speak gently to Fir'aun, an enemy of Allah who claimed divinity for himself!

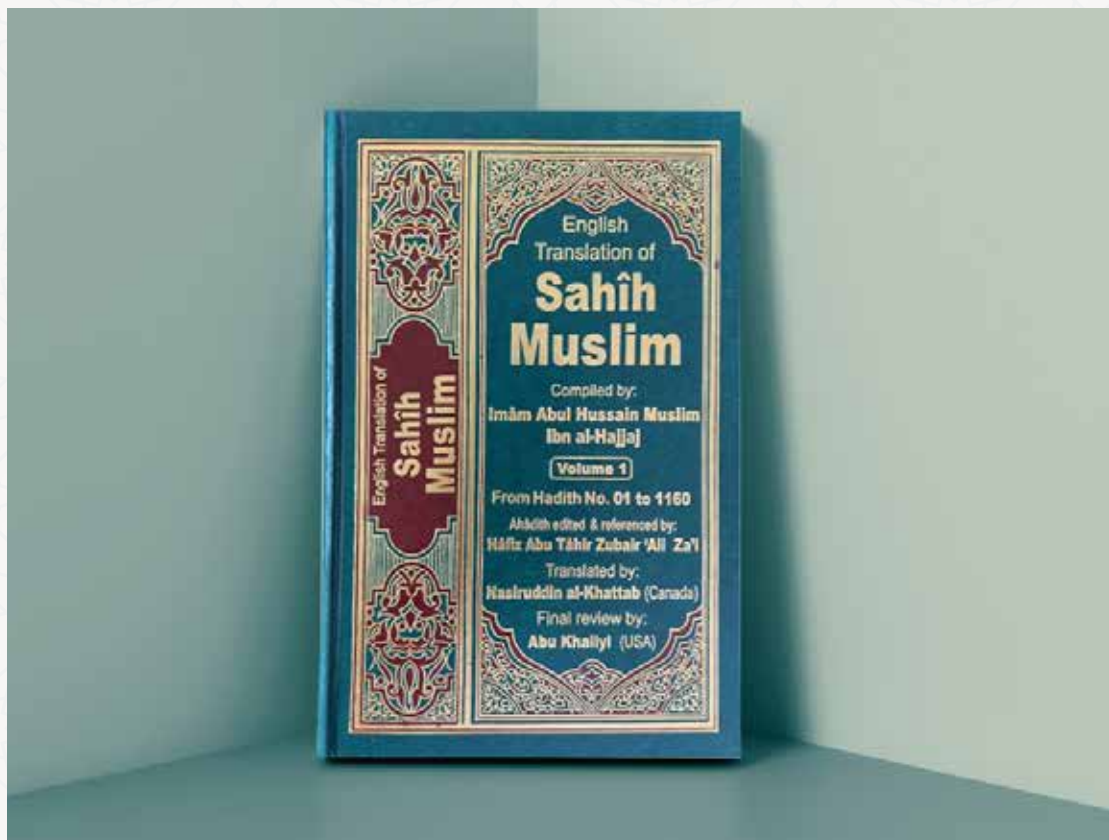
A Da'ee of Allah should be gentle in his speech. He should be kind towards the people.



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

"Whenever gentleness enters anything, it beautifies it. Whenever harshness enters anything, it spoils it."

(Sahih Muslim – Vol 6 Hadith 6602)





7 Being optimistic

Allah tells us in many places in the Glorious Qur'an that the prophets of Allah were always optimistic in their Da'wah. They never lost hope. The best example is Nuh (pbuh), he continued preaching to his people for 950 years without losing hope. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) too did not lose hope at any instance of his life as a prophet. He continued to preach the message of Allah for 13 years while in Makkah although he and his followers were persecuted and tortured. Later, Allah took him and his Sahaabah (ra) to Madinah and helped them to establish themselves. Finally, victory came to them at Fath Makkah.





إِنَّا فَتَحْنَا لَكَ فَتْحًا مُبِينًا



“Verily We have granted you a manifest Victory.”

(Al Qur'an 48:1)

We as Da'ees of Allah, should never lose hope. We should persistently give Da'wah and always hope for a good outcome.





III. CONCLUSION

The best profession that a Muslim can choose, is the profession of a Da'ee.

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّنِي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ



Who is better in speech than one who calls (men) to Allah, works righteousness, and says, "I am of those who bow in Islam"?

(Al Qur'an 41:33)





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**3 MINUTES PREPARED
SPEECHES BY THE
PARTICIPANTS**



LESSON 2



PREPARED SPEECHES OF THE PARTICIPANTS PART 1



ATEEQ NAIK



1

INTRODUCTION



ABDUL KARIM



2

BROTHERHOOD IN ISLAM



SHAFIQ APANDI



3

WHO IS ALLAH?



IBRAHIM GUTHRIE



4

PATIENCE



FARIQ NAIK



5

THE DESTROYER OF ALL
PLEASURES : DEATH



KYOICHIRO SUGIMOTO



6

MUHAMMAD (SAW) IS NOT
THE FOUNDER OF ISLAM



KAMARUDIN ABDULLAH



7

ONENESS OF ALLAH



FIRDOUS WONG



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WHY SHOULD WE FOLLOW
THE QUR'AN?



ARSHI QURESHI



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TAWHEED



MUHAMMAD HISHAM



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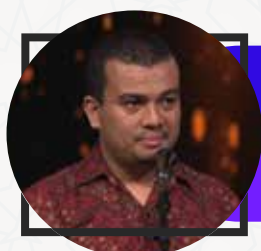
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LESSON 3



PREPARED SPEECHES OF THE PARTICIPANTS PART 2



ABDUL MALIK BADEGES 

ISLAM AND PLURALISM

11



REMAAN YOUNIS 

PATIENCE

12



ZAMRI VINOTH 

BEING A FULL-TIME DA'EE

13



MUHAMAD FADHLI 

BEING A PRODUCT OF DA'WAH

14



ARSH ZAGADE 

CONCEPT OF WORSHIP IN ISLAM

15



AZRAN CHAN



16

WHY DID I EMBRACE ISLAM?



ABU SHARIZ



17

DA'WAH OR DESTRUCTION –
YOUR CHOICE



ATEEQ NAIK



18

MERCY OF ALLAH (SWT)



IMRAN FAZIL



19

KHUTUWATUSH SHAITAAN



UMAR YOUSUFF



20

UNDERSTANDING THE QUR'AN



QUESTION & ANSWER

BUCKET



Q1 **Remaan:** Can you please summarize the main bullet points of what the characteristics of Da'ee should be.

ANSWER

- 1 Ikhlas i.e., sincerity towards Allah
- 2 To acquire knowledge of Islam before you preach
- 3 To call the people to Islam with Hikmah, wisdom
- 4 To be a 'Mithali', exemplary
- 5 To have patience and perseverance
- 6 To be gentle and polite
- 7 To be optimistic and always hope for good



Q2 **Hisham:** Is it permissible to initiate Da'wah by having a facade of a non-Muslim? Like without wearing the cap, so that people have an impression that "He's neutral."

ANSWER

To give an impression of being a "non-Muslim" to initiate Da'wah and thereby you start behaving and copying them in some of their aspects which are Haram in Islam, this is not permissible.

You mentioned not wearing a cap to pretend to be a non-Muslim or being "neutral". We know that cap is not the only label of a Muslim. There is beard. Cap is at the most Mustahabb, but it is not Fardh. Does that mean to initiate Da'wah and to give an impression of a non-Muslim or being "neutral" you want to shave off your beard? This is Haram.

If you say, "I want to wear punk style jeans hanging below my ankles so that I can be with the punks and do Da'wah", this is not allowed. For a Muslim man to wear his trousers, to wear his pants below the ankles is Haram.

During the course of the entire programme, you will learn many more ways how you can effectively initiate Da'wah by being a proud Muslim, carrying your label with you – by wearing a cap, sporting a beard and wearing your trousers above the ankles, In Sha Allah.



Q3 **Firdaus:** How much knowledge is required for someone to start doing Da'wah? If you do not know Arabic, can you do Da'wah?

ANSWER

By knowledge, if you mean to say a certain academic qualification, then that is a misconception. Academic qualification is not a criterion for someone to enter into the field of Da'wah.

One of the best icons of Da'wah in the previous century was none other than Sheikh Ahmed Deedat. What academic qualification did he have? He did not acquire knowledge from any of the Islamic universities. He did not learn Arabic as a language though Alhamdulillah, as a Da'ee of Islam, he knew Arabic to a certain extent, but he did not acquire expertise in Arabic language. Was he not effective in his Da'wah? This man alone was sufficient to shake the foundations of the entire Christendom, Masha Allah.

Acquiring certain academic qualification like bachelors in Arabic language or Shariah or Hadith, is not the major factor which should make you do or not do Da'wah. This is Alhamdulillah Mustahabb, recommended, but that does not mean if you do not have this academic qualification, you will not do Da'wah.

If you are asking about the extent of knowledge, I already clarified in my talk,



بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

"Convey (my teachings) to the people even if it were a single sentence."

(Sahih Al Bukhari – Vol 4 Hadith 3461)

Even if you know one Ayah, and if you know it correctly from the Qur'an, from the Sunnah, then as a Muslim you are obliged to convey it to the others, even if it be one Ayah.



Homework



**REVISE THE FIRST 25 SURAH
NAMES OF THE QUR'AN ALONG
WITH THEIR ENGLISH TRANSLATION**

HOMEWORK



EVALUATION



EVALUATION


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