

P.S. While I was chopping ice from the lane, not as well as earlier, alas, it occurred to me that there is another way of evaluating what my time is worth.

For a two-hour speech I get \$750 plus all expenses.

And I've not been seeking any.

Because of the shortness of time I've also not been doing other things I would have been doing that could have returned an income.

Even for local speeches, which I've never charged for, I declined to make one to a group of executives without a token contribution to my work.

For one hour \$100, which like the last, for a phone consultation, will go into the account from which you pay for court and xerxing costs, etc.

The probability is that if I did not see possibilities of other good coming from this appearance I'd not be making it for the \$100. Much as that account needs money in it.

What I am saying is that there is no basis to which the Department can resort to evaluate the time I spend at less than the agreed figure.

That I opt to spend time without getting paid is my business and not theirs. That when I am paid I am paid more than their agreed price is relevant.

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