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THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH AND THE ISSUES OF OUR TIME

Please join us for a series of talks addressing some of humanity's shared challenges and opportunities as we work to advance an emerging global civilization. This series brings together current research, experience, contemporary discourses and Bahá'í perspectives.

"Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in and its exigencies and requirements."

~ Bahá'í Writings

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TRANSFORMING FOOD SYSTEMS: FROM IDEAS TO ACTION

(‘ABDU’L-BAHA’S FARMING COMMUNITY)

With Paul Hanley

Food systems are a central concern in contemporary discourse on environmental issues, climate, Indigenous sovereignty, and economic justice. In 2019, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization identified a set of principles and best practices to achieve just and sustainable food and agricultural systems. Remarkably, all these practices had been put in place over 100 years ago in the Bahá'í village of 'Adasíyyih, which became a model farming community in Jordan. This presentation will show how discourse and social action inaugurated by the Báb, Bahá'u'lláh, and 'Abdu'l-Bahá guided individuals, communities, and institutions in several countries to make pioneering contributions to regenerative agriculture and progressive rural development.

About Paul: *Paul Hanley is a writer with a special interest in the environment and food systems. A recipient of the Rockefeller Foundation's Food System Vision Prize, he is the author of seven books, the most recent being 'Adasíyyih: The Story of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's Model Farming Community.*