

## A Message From the Producer/Director

Alláh-u-Abhá, Friends,

Thank you for your time in reading my message. I hope that it is helpful in understanding some of the production decisions involved in producing an audio version of this wondrous book.

The goal in the production of *Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh* was to assist in filling a need in the Bahá'í Community. When you listen to the audio book, you'll find that it was produced for your maximum involvement. We attempted to purposely avoid a heavy hand in the performance, which allows you to listen to the production and develop your personal interpretation of the material. Meanwhile, in order to avoid a "dry read," we had to maintain a very difficult balance in the presentation. You'll also find the reading in a slow methodical mode so your mind can dive into the ocean of words, and not get lost by a speedy pace. Enunciation, pronunciation, clarity, tone of voice, as well as the very important pace are components we feel critical to the success of an audio book, especially a book of this caliber. We did our best to accomplish this and it will continue to be our methodology going forward in converting the entire Bahá'í library of books.

Having said that, in our opinion nothing replaces the written word. This audio version can help you with a better understanding of the 166 Quotes in *Gleanings*, however, unless you read the book as well, you will miss certain information, for example, the capitalization of certain initial

letters in words to designate a Manifestation, e.g., Him opposed to him. We can't express the true meaning verbally.

As for the talent involved in producing *Gleanings*, our professional voice-over actor, Mateo Daneli, has a rich, deep tone to his voice, which complements the quotes in *Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh* perfectly. Mateo is also a professional musician and has been classically trained, hence his extraordinary pronunciation and enunciation skills are apparent throughout the book.

This director is humbled by the experience, and will remain committed to producing all of the Bahá'í writings into audio books. Though *Gleanings* took a very long time, we expect the next title out soon. Join our mailing list for updates on upcoming products. And, watch for our next title.

Thank you for your time. You can contact us at anytime at [info@worldunitymedia.com](mailto:info@worldunitymedia.com).