



## About the Authors

**J. Morris Hicks.** A former career business executive and executive vice president with Ralph Lauren in New York, Jim has always tried to focus on the *big picture* when analyzing any issue. In 2002, after becoming curious about the optimal diet for humans, he began a comprehensive study of what we eat from a global perspective – discovering many startling issues and opportunities along the way.

He holds a BS in Industrial Engineering from Auburn University and an MBA from the University of Hawaii, a degree he earned while serving as an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard in Honolulu. In 2009, he earned a Certificate in Plant-Based Nutrition from eCornell and the *T. Colin Campbell Center for Nutrition Studies*, where he served on the board of directors for six years.

A prolific writer and blogger, he published his first book, *Healthy Eating, Healthy World*, in 2011 and, four years later, teamed up with a medical doctor to publish the *4Leaf Guide to Vibrant Health*. Along the way, he has posted over 1200 health and sustainability articles on his website at [hpjmh.com](http://hpjmh.com).

In 2004, he began referring to our food choices as the most important issue in the history of humanity – having concluded that our future as a species was riding on those choices. Ten years later, he realized that in order to preserve the fragile ecosystem that sustains us, we must also begin urgently addressing other aspects of humanity that now threaten our civilization and our long-term survival as a species.

Finally, in 2018, he devised an uplifting way of writing and speaking about those troubling issues – by envisioning how we can totally re-invent the way we live on this planet, such that we can co-exist indefinitely in a virtual paradise with nature. To be sure, this new *vision* is the primary focus of this book and has become a major part of his never-ending mission to *promote health, hope and harmony on planet Earth*.

**Stuart H. Scott** is the Executive Director of the ScientistsWarning.org initiative and Producer of the ScientistsWarning.TV channel, both being well-respected and trusted sources on the science behind the impending calamity awaiting humanity if we don't change our way of being on Earth soon.

He is also Founder and Executive Director of the United Planet Faith & Science Initiative, another organization with global reach, which brought together the communities of 'faith' and 'science' within the ongoing, but so far largely unsuccessful, UN-sponsored climate negotiations.

Stuart is a deep-ecologist, strategist, educator and communicator – and was the first environmentalist stockbroker on Wall Street (Merrill Lynch, 1977). He grew up in New York City, studied mathematics and computer science at Columbia University and, after initially teaching middle school right out of college, began a financial services career with several major Wall Street financial institutions.

Later, after earning a Master's of Science in Computer & Information Science from the University of Florida in Gainesville, he served a stint with IBM – then, at mid-career, shifted his focus away from the business world to the uplifting world of service to humanity and the ecology of Earth. It was in this second 'career' that Stuart found his major calling in life – in various roles as an ecological strategist, organizer, impresario and international speaker, at first with Al Gore's Climate Reality Project. He went on to become a respected speaker and 'memetic engineer' in the area of implicit conflict between humanity's present devotion to, and enslavement by, our current dysfunctional economic model – properly known as NeoClassical (growth) economics.

Over the years since 2008, he has attended most of the IPCC COPs or Conference of Parties and was directly responsible for introducing Greta Thunberg to the world by bringing her to COP-24 in Katowice, Poland in 2018. He was also instrumental in elevating her international profile – as he nominated her for the Nobel Peace Prize.

During the environmental portion of his career, Stuart has interviewed such notables as James Hansen, Noam Chomsky, Peter Wadhams, Michael Mann, and Dahr Jamail – as he became known for his active use of media, including his [ScientistsWarning.TV](#) channel on YouTube, his @StuartGaia twitter handle, and [UPFSI](#), which bridges ecology, economics, spirituality, and habitat as all deeply interconnected.

Of all of his many gifts to humanity, Stuart would tell you that inviting and introducing Greta Thunberg to the world stage at the COP24 was the greatest career highlight of his life. During the twelve months following her introduction, she appeared on the cover of *Time Magazine* twice – the second time in December of 2019 as *Time's Person of the Year*. Her courage, leadership, grasp of the science, unfaltering focus and her inspiring message is making this world a vastly better place.