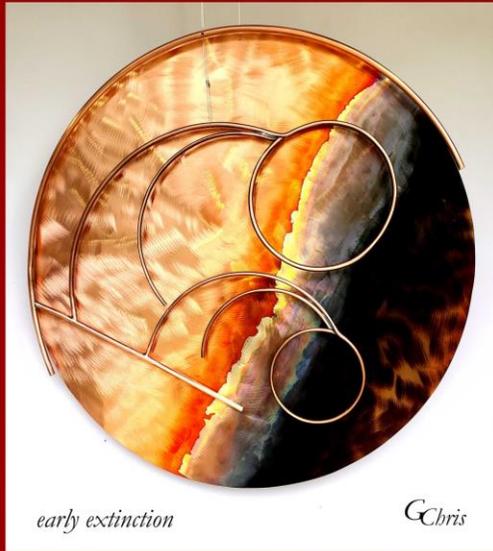


Early Extinction

Or

Thriving Future



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*People who help build, achieve,
and sustain a thriving future for
all forever.*

*People who help the most
vulnerable among us.*

*People who help prevent early
extinction of humans and all other
creatures and help prevent great
damage to Earth.*

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Author's Note

Before exploring early extinction in this thought piece, it is important to understand that this terrible outcome need not be our future. Early extinction is our future only if we continue to behave in a way to cause this very bad future.

We have a choice to make. A much better choice is a surviving and thriving future. ***Thrive!***[®], building a thriving future, is a way to change our behavior and change our future to a much better surviving and thriving future.

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Though we sit on this razor's edge, we can and must save ourselves, many other creatures, and Earth via building a thriving future for all forever.

But that will be extremely hard. Harder than anything we have ever done in human history.

But, if we do not, our end, early extinction, will come far, far too soon! And we will extinct many other creatures. And cause even greater damage to Earth.

Sadly, we even pose a threat to the rest of the universe. Not only are we destroying our planet, but we are reaching out to touch, not in a positive way, other planets in our solar system. Maybe even more and more distant planets in the far future.



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Sculpture: on razor's edge

We feel vulnerable. We are vulnerable!

Yes, you are vulnerable! So are your family and friends! Your community! Our world! Our whole future!

What does it mean to be vulnerable?

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By these actions, we may yet achieve a less vulnerable world.

Yes, there still is a vision of a less vulnerable world. A world where and when all thrive forever.



Thought: Through the mind's eye, we see the forces attacking and the plight of the vulnerable, but we also see the hope for and path to a less vulnerable world. Challenges us to create and bring about a vision of a far less vulnerable world.

Sculpture: vision of a less vulnerable world

But we are not on the path to that vision. Tragically and unnecessarily, we are on the path to early extinction for humans and many other creatures. Path to great damage to Earth, our only home.

Our story, the story of humans on Earth, is the story of terrible failure. Our failure to survive. Our failure to thrive. Our failure to protect other creatures. Our failure to protect Earth, our only home.

Human failures. Failures by our own actions. Failures through no fault but our own.



Thought: Since beginning of the universe, many worlds have thrived throughout their existence. Many continue to thrive. Some fail to thrive. Ours is the story of one that failed. One that failed by its own actions. This is the story of the human species. This is the story of Earth. This is the failure to thrive. This is extinction. This story is told in Chris' illustrated science fiction book, **“Extinction – Failure to Thrive”**.

Sculpture: Extinction - failure to thrive

You do not think so? You are so wrong. So very wrong.

You do not want to think it is so? Unfortunately, you are fooling yourself. As a result, you harm yourself and the rest of the world now and into the future.

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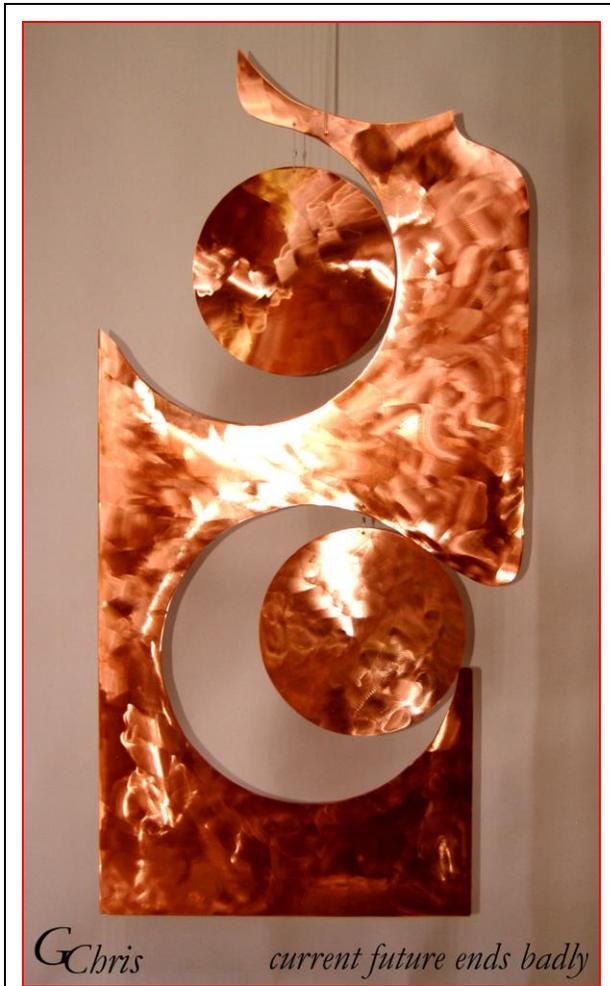
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Thought: Warns us that the current path leading to the current future ends badly for all.

Sculpture: current future ends badly

As bad as COVID-19 and all its variants have been, this is not even the worst pandemic that humans could face. There are even worse ones that humans may face in the future. Worse ones that we may help bring about through our interactions with other animals and other parts of Earth that may harbor deadly viruses.

We still may face a virus that will be an existential threat to humans.



Thought: Existential threats to Earth and all its inhabitants are posed by creatures as diverse as humans and as viruses and bacteria. COVID-19 is just one of them. Each of these is a major but not insurmountable challenge to the future of Earth and all its inhabitants. Our choice, the humans' choice, is whether to cause an endangered future (our current path) or ensure a thriving future for all (much better path).

Sculpture: existential threat

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Caution! We are almost out of time. Already, if we listen carefully, we can hear “death rattle”. “Death rattle” of humans. “Death rattle” of many other creatures. And maybe even “Death rattle” of Earth.

Caution! The foreboding death rattle is first heard, becomes more pronounced and then is gone. Silence. Silence means death. Possibly death in the form of early extinction of oxygen-breathing creatures, including the human species.

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Thought: As earth loses more and more of its vital oxygen, earth's oxygen-breathing creatures slowly suffocate. The death of the oxygen-producing trees. Here, one living tree remains as last hope or final reminder. The foreboding death rattle is first heard, becomes more pronounced and then is gone. Silence. Death. Early extinction of oxygen-breathing creatures, including the human species.

Sculpture: death rattle

We will be judged harshly for that failure. We should be judged harshly for that failure.



Thought: Humans' failure risks early extinction for humans, all other creatures and Earth. In Chris' illustrated science fiction book - "**Xtinct - Universal Justice for Earth**", The Decider and Xtinct must apply universal justice to save Earth by deciding whether or not early human extinction.

Sculpture: Xtinct - universal justice

Now some humans suggest that our future lies elsewhere. Lies on another planet in or outside our solar system. They even suggest that we can and will figure out how to get there and how to live there.

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Thought: Care for the Earth we have as it is a false promise that there can be another Earth. No other planet close enough. Only select few would make it even if there was one. Not enough time to create ships capable of moving mass numbers of people. But most importantly, the human species does not deserve another Earth after destroying our Earth. Instead embrace, nurture, and preserve our Earth we have. Thriving future, but only on our Earth.

Sculpture: false promise of another Earth

For many reasons, there should not and cannot be another “Earth”. No other planet is close enough. Only select few humans would make it even if there was another “Earth”. Not enough time to create ships, many ships, capable of moving mass numbers of people across vast expanses of space.



Thought: On our current path to early extinguishing Earth, humans have no right to another planet. No right to another world. No right to another “Earth”.

Sculpture: not another "earth"

And, if another planet is habitable for species like us, other intelligent species may already have that planet as their own home planet. They might not like us trying to inhabit their planet after making our own planet uninhabitable. Just like we might not like a species from another world coming here to make Earth its new home after making their own planet uninhabitable.

On our current path to early extinguishing Earth, humans have no right to another planet. No right to another world. No right to another “Earth”. The human species does not deserve another Earth after destroying our Earth.

As bad as our situation is, not all hope is lost. Again, there is reason for hope.

But false hope is worse than no hope. False hope encourages one to change nothing for the better. True hope, to whatever extent it is, is what we can and must act on and use to change the current future for a better future.

Hope of a less vulnerable world, not suffering early extinction, and achieving a thriving future remains. But that hope is waning quickly.

Our chance of avoiding an endangered future and achieving a thriving future is very small already. Grows smaller and smaller every day.

That hope grows fainter every moment we delay changing our behavior and changing our future. And, tragically, we continue to delay.

Whatever positive changes in human behavior we are making currently are far, far from enough. And, tragically, we continue to not make enough positive change.

Hope yes. But less and less each day.



Unless we change. And I mean really, really change. Bigger positive changes than all the negative changes we made in the past.

Unless we get ourselves on the path to, acquire a belief in, and embrace a vision of thriving future for all, we are doomed.

Thrive! (aka Thrivism) provides this hopeful path. This inspiring vision. This positive belief system. Helps us achieve this positive way of life.



Thought: Thrivism (Thrive!) is the path to, belief in, and vision of thriving future for all – all thrive forever. It is hopeful path. Inspiring vision. Positive belief system. Positive way of life. Thrivism.

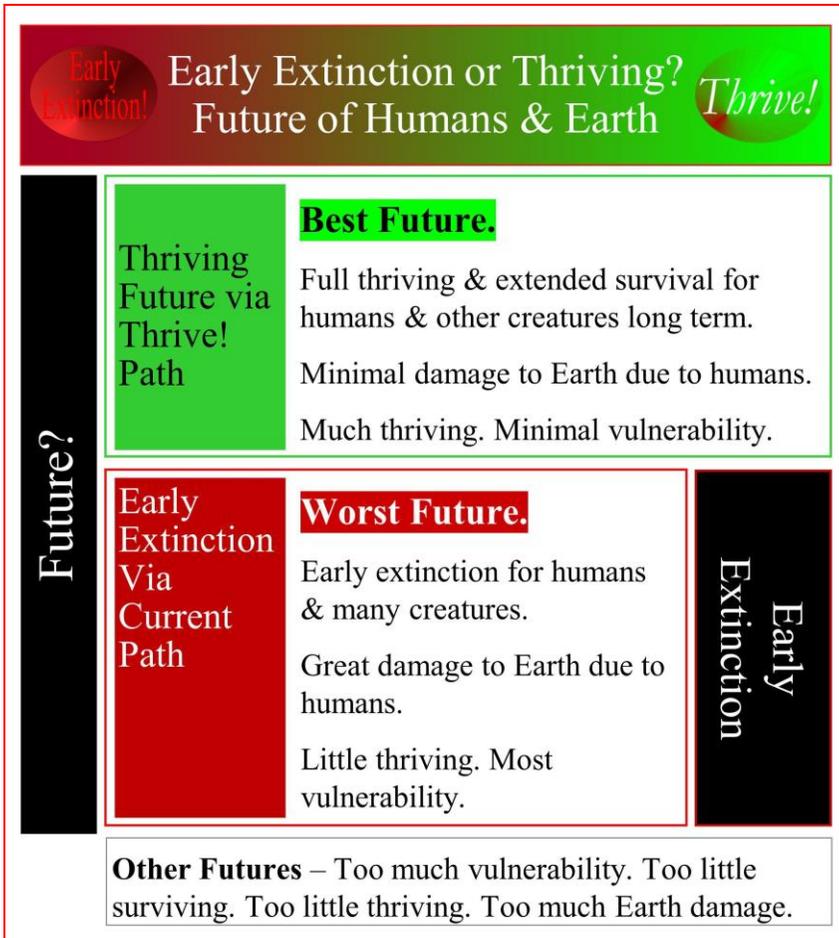
Note: sculpture's path is abstraction of Mt. Everest's path.

Sculpture: Thrivism - path to thriving future,

More than ever before in our history, our and Earth's current vulnerable future is bad. High vulnerability. Survival too little & ends too soon. Low thriving.

But a surviving future is not good enough. High vulnerability. Survival extended but ends too soon. Low thriving.

Thriving future is best. Vulnerability minimized. Survival extended as long as habitable Earth. Full thriving for long term and all people, other creatures, and Earth.



So how should and can we get off this current bad future path? Get on the better, thriving future path, the path to a thriving future where all thrive forever?

Simply by our stopping being selfish. Stopping being shortsighted. Stopping being stupid. Really stupid.

That is it. That is all it will take.

Stop being such an undeserving species. Such a disappointing species.



Thought: Humans, the undeserving species so selfish and shortsighted, deserve not Earth or any world. The undeserving species. The disappointing species. As a species, we humans have proven ourselves undeserving of Earth or any other world. The future portends our continuing to be undeserving until we extinct Earth and many of its creatures. Unless we change and build and sustain a thriving future.

Sculpture: the undeserving species

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Again, unless we stop being undeserving. Unless we stop being so disappointing. Unless we positively change. Really, really big time positively change. Only then, we may have a thriving future.

But what would this thriving future be like? Why should we want it?

What would it be like? This thriving future is so, so much better for all now and for the future. So much better.

For you and your family and friends, this thriving future is a better life now and for the near- and long-term future for all of you and for future generations. For you and your community, this future is a better life now and for the near- and long-term future for the whole community and for all the community's people. For you and your country, this future is a better life now and for the near- and long-term future for the whole country and for all the country's people. For our world, this future is a better life now and for the near- and long-term future for the whole world (all the world's people, all other creatures, and our home Earth itself).

For you and all that you and we care about, it is a much, much better life and future with less vulnerability, with surviving, and with sustained thriving.

Truly this is so much better in so many ways.

If and when we achieve this future, you, families and friends, communities, countries and the world will be performing well, well-off (financially), well nourished, well housed, well protected (exposures, crime), well educated, physically and mentally well (people), growing/developing well, living within good habitat, physically well (Earth, plants, animals, environment), not vulnerable, producing personal and public goods, living within a stable, positive climate, and sustained.

We will all be well! All well for the near- and long-term future.
For that, we should want to embrace that thriving future when and where all thrive forever.



Thought: Challenges each and all of us to build, achieve and sustain a thriving future for all forever.

Symbol is logo for "Thrive! - All Thrive Forever".

Sculpture: all thrive forever

A thriving future is very different and much better than anything tried or achieved in human history.

It is a thriving future. Not just getting by or achieving just a surviving future. A surviving future is necessary but not sufficient.

It is a thriving future for all people. Not just for some people.

It is a thriving future for all future generations, a "50+ generation" strategy. Not just for the current and next generation.

It is a thriving future pretty much forever, a 1000+ year strategy. Not just for today or even just 100 years.

It is a thriving future for other creatures. Not just for the human species.

It is a thriving future for Earth on which we live and depend.

For you and your family, your communities, and our world, this thriving future is a better life now and pretty much forever. We need this future because we humans need to survive and want to thrive. It is inherent in our species and in who and what we are as humans. The “want to thrive” is pretty much unique in our species and to who and what we are as humans.

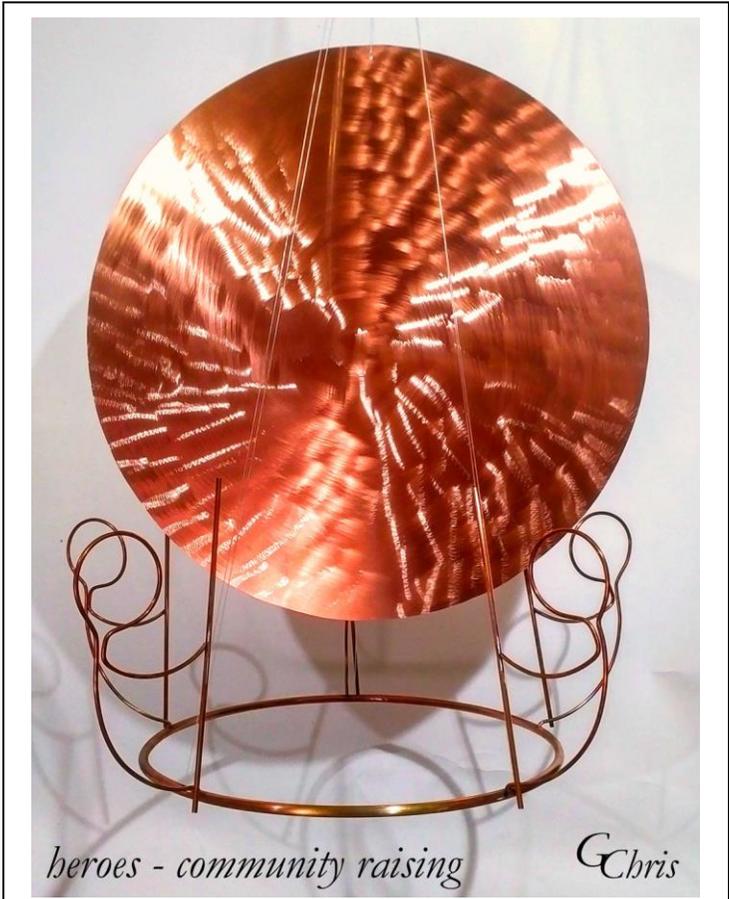
Given that we humans need to survive and want to thrive pretty much forever, the choice should be a surviving and thriving future. Should be an easy choice. Right!

Sadly, this is not our current choice. If we want this thriving future, we must change as we have never changed before. We must. So, let us make the thriving future our choice and make sure we change and behave accordingly.

So, what should and can we do next to build our thriving future?

Think back historically to how we used to meet big challenges and did big, positive things for our community. When we were at our very best as a species.

We met big challenges and did big, positive things by not being selfish or shortsighted or stupid. Together we “raised” our community and world so that we would survive and thrive.



Thought: Community raising. Being neither selfish or shortsighted, together we “raise” our community and our world and together we survive and thrive. This harkens back to the days when the community would come together for “barn raising” or “community raising - jointly building and sustaining a community”. Here the community together is “raising” its community and world.

Sculpture: community raising

Our Future. Our Choice.

We should choose wisely. Very wisely. Much more wisely than in our past.

Our and Earth's future hangs in the balance. But the balance, given our current path, is tipping precariously toward not thriving. Toward early extinction.

To thrive or not to thrive! That is the question.

To thrive is the existential answer.

We can and must change now to a thriving path to a thriving future.

All of us together can get off the current path to early extinction for humans and many other creatures and great damage to Earth.

There is a chance. There is hope. If we reject early extinction. If we choose thriving for all.

Choose thriving future ending in thriving for all.

To achieve a thriving future, the time has come to be very bold.

In recent years and on our current path, we have been and are on a much faster path to early extinction. Using best path of past years, we could be on a slower path, maybe a much slower path, to early extinction. But that is not good enough. We can and must do much, much better.

Thriving path is what we need and should want. A quantum positive change in path, like Thrive!, could put us on thriving future path. Change the future to a thriving future. Get us to a thriving future that avoids avoid early extinction.



Thought: To thrive or not to thrive. Our and Earth's future hangs in the balance. But the balance, given our current path, is tipping toward not thriving. Early extinction for humans and many other creatures. Great damage to Earth. We can and must change now to a thriving path to a thriving future.

Sculpture: thrive or not to thrive

What is Thrive!?! Thrive! is building, achieving and sustaining a thriving and surviving future forever for all (humans, other creatures and Earth). All thrive forever.

Why Thrive!?!

Again, unique among Earth's species, humans need to survive and want to thrive both near and long term.

Thrive! is avoiding our current endangered future. Not thriving. Not surviving. High vulnerability. Early extinction of humans and other creatures. Even greater damage to Earth.

Thrive! is achieving a thriving future. Thrive. Survive. Low vulnerability. Avoiding early extinction of humans and other creatures. Avoiding even greater damage to Earth.

Just envision earth and all its creatures embraced by us to achieve sustained thriving for all everywhere for all time.



Thought: Envision earth and all its creatures embraced to achieve sustained thriving for all everywhere for all time.

Sculpture: envision earth embraced, sustained & thriving

But can we still achieve a thriving future for all forever?

Yes, if we believe we can and act accordingly.

We can if we act now. It is still our choice to make. But time has almost run out.

We can if we use our full ability. We have the ability as we are most able in all human history.

We can if we care enough about self, everyone, everything else and Earth. We must stop selfishness.



Thought: Believe in and act to achieve thriving future for all. failing to do so will result in early extinction for humans and many other creatures and great damage to Earth.

Sculpture: believe

We can if we care enough about both near- and long-term future. We must stop shortsightedness.

How can we achieve a thriving future for all forever? Immediately, we successfully develop and use strategy and tools to successfully build and execute strategies and actions to build thriving future. [like in Thrive! **People's Guide To A Thriving Future**]

Immediately, all of us together build thriving future for our families and friends, communities, countries and world. [like the Thrive! Endeavor ThriveEndeavor.org]

Immediately, each and all of us separately and together stop negative actions and take only positive actions.



Thought: Place at which to thrive together. Thrive! discussion. Sculpture studio/gallery. Historic 1885 era restored farm buildings (house, barn, beehouse). Thrive! Park (public bluffside hiking park created/donated by Chris)

Sculpture: Thrive! Center

Immediately, start with who and what you care about and move from vulnerable to surviving to thriving.

Immediately stop being selfish, shortsighted and stupid.

Now, at this critical moment in human and Earth history. Now, at this critical moment when we humans are most capable. Now, at this critical moment when humans, other creatures and Earth are most endangered. Together, we must act more positively than we have ever done before.

Together, we must create and empower a vast, sustained human endeavor building and sustaining thriving and surviving future for all forever

Join together and stop being selfish.

Build for the long-term future and stop being shortsighted.

Be very, very wise and stop being stupid.

This and only this will get us off the current bad path and on the thriving future path. To a thriving future for all humans, all other creatures, and Earth.



Thought: Join with the Thrive! Endeavor and together help create and empower a vast, sustained human endeavor building and sustaining thriving and surviving future for all forever.

Sculpture: The Thrive! Endeavor



or



Appendix A: Early Extinction or Thriving Future - Complete Text Without Sculpture

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Some humans are spending vast amounts of money to develop and fund space travel. Space travel, they argue, will give us another “Earth” after we effectively make this Earth uninhabitable.

That is a false promise. The false promise of another “Earth”.

For many reasons, there should not and cannot be another “Earth”. No other planet is close enough. Only select few humans would make it even if there was another “Earth”. Not enough time to create ships, many ships, capable of moving mass numbers of people across vast expanses of space.

And, if another planet is habitable for species like us, other intelligent species may already have that planet as their own home planet. They might not like us trying to inhabit their planet after making our own planet uninhabitable. Just like we might not like a species from another world coming here to make Earth its new home after making their own planet uninhabitable.

On our current path to early extinguishing Earth, humans have no right to another planet. No right to another world. No right to another “Earth”. The human species does not deserve another Earth after destroying our Earth.

As bad as our situation is, not all hope is lost. Again, there is reason for hope.

But false hope is worse than no hope. False hope encourages one to change nothing for the better. True hope, to whatever extent it is, is what we can and must act on and use to change the current future for a better future.

Hope of a less vulnerable world, not suffering early extinction, and achieving a thriving future remains. But that hope is waning quickly.

Our chance of avoiding an endangered future and achieving a thriving future is very small already. Grows smaller and smaller every day.

That hope grows fainter every moment we delay changing our behavior and changing our future. And, tragically, we continue to delay.

Whatever positive changes in human behavior we are making currently are far, far from enough. And, tragically, we continue to not make enough positive change.

Hope yes. But less and less each day.

Unless we change. And I mean really, really change. Bigger positive changes than all the negative changes we made in the past.

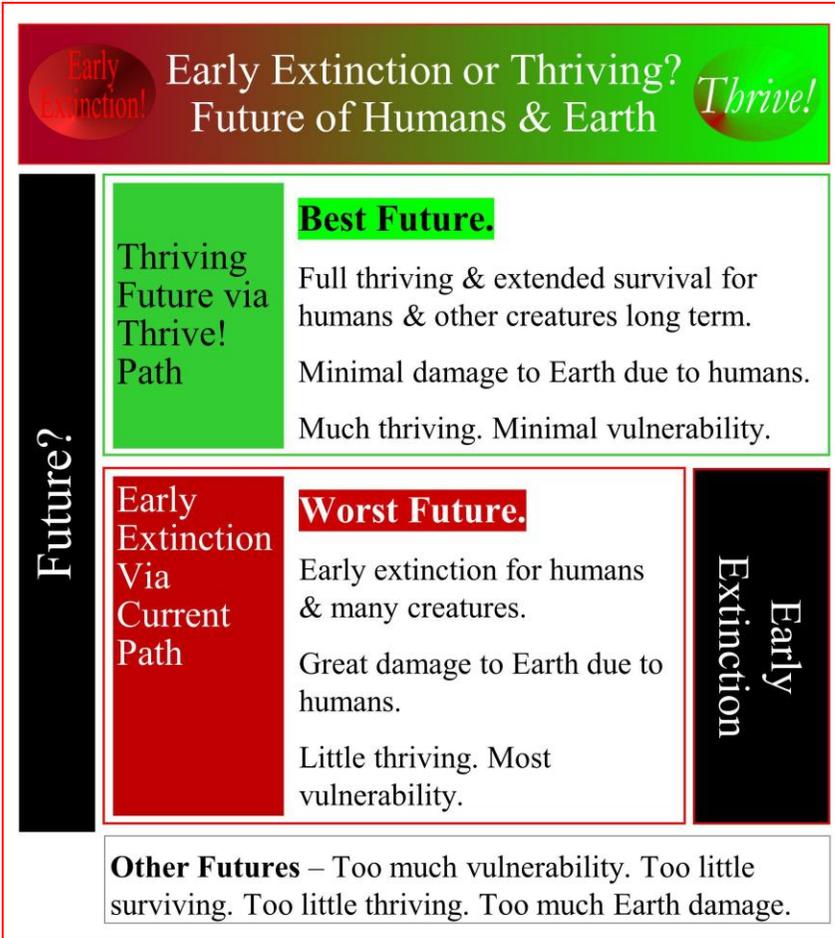
Unless we get ourselves on the path to, acquire a belief in, and embrace a vision of thriving future for all, we are doomed.

Thrive! (aka Thrivism) provides this hopeful path. This inspiring vision. This positive belief system. Helps us achieve this positive way of life.

More than ever before in our history, our and Earth's current vulnerable future is bad. High vulnerability. Survival too little & ends too soon. Low thriving.

But a surviving future is not good enough. High vulnerability. Survival extended but ends too soon. Low thriving.

Thriving future is best. Vulnerability minimized. Survival extended as long as habitable Earth. Full thriving for long term and all people, other creatures, and Earth.



So how should and can we get off this current bad future path? Get on the better, thriving future path, the path to a thriving future where all thrive forever?

Simply by our stopping being selfish. Stopping being shortsighted. Stopping being stupid. Really stupid.

That is it. That is all it will take.

Stop being such an undeserving species. Such a disappointing species.

As a species, we humans have proven ourselves undeserving of Earth or any other world. The future portends our continuing to be undeserving until we extinct Earth and many of its creatures.

Again, unless we stop being undeserving. Unless we stop being so disappointing. Unless we positively change. Really, really big time positively change. Only then, we may have a thriving future.

But what would this thriving future be like? Why should we want it? What would it be like? This thriving future is so, so much better for all now and for the future. So much better.

For you and your family and friends, this thriving future is a better life now and for the near- and long-term future for all of you and for future generations. For you and your community, this future is a better life now and for the near- and long-term future for the whole community and for all the community's people. For you and your country, this future is a better life now and for the near- and long-term future for the whole country and for all the country's people. For our world, this future is a better life now and for the near- and long-term future for the whole world (all the world's people, all other creatures, and our home Earth itself).

For you and all that you and we care about, it is a much, much better life and future with less vulnerability, with surviving, and with sustained thriving.

Truly this is so much better in so many ways.

If and when we achieve this future, you, families and friends, communities, countries and the world will be performing well, well-off (financially), well nourished, well housed, well protected (exposures, crime), well educated, physically and mentally well (people), growing/developing well, living within good habitat, physically well (Earth, plants, animals, environment), not vulnerable, producing personal and public goods, living within a stable, positive climate, and sustained.

We will all be well! All well for the near- and long-term future.

For that, we should want to embrace that thriving future when and where all thrive forever.

A thriving future is very different and much better than anything tried or achieved in human history.

It is a thriving future. Not just getting by or achieving just a surviving future. A surviving future is necessary but not sufficient.

It is a thriving future for all people. Not just for some people.

It is a thriving future for all future generations, a "50+ generation" strategy. Not just for the current and next generation.

It is a thriving future pretty much forever, a 1000+ year strategy. Not just for today or even just 100 years.

It is a thriving future for other creatures. Not just for the human species.

It is a thriving future for Earth on which we live and depend.

For you and your family, your communities, and our world, this thriving future is a better life now and pretty much forever. We need this future because we humans need to survive and want to thrive. It is inherent in our species and in who and what we are as humans. The "want to thrive" is pretty much unique in our species and to who and what we are as humans.

Given that we humans need to survive and want to thrive pretty much forever, the choice should be a surviving and thriving future. Should be an easy choice. Right!

Sadly, this is not our current choice. If we want this thriving future, we must change as we have never changed before. We must. So, let us make the thriving future our choice and make sure we change and behave accordingly.

So, what should and can we do next to build our thriving future?

Think back historically to how we used to meet big challenges and did big, positive things for our community. When we were at our very best as a species.

We met big challenges and did big, positive things by not being selfish or shortsighted or stupid. Together we “raised” our community and world so that we would survive and thrive.

Our Future. Our Choice.

We should choose wisely. Very wisely. Much more wisely than in our past.

Our and Earth’s future hangs in the balance. But the balance, given our current path, is tipping precariously toward not thriving. Toward early extinction.

To thrive or not to thrive! That is the question.

To thrive is the existential answer.

We can and must change now to a thriving path to a thriving future.

All of us together can get off the current path to early extinction for humans and many other creatures and great damage to Earth.

There is a chance. There is hope. If we reject early extinction. If we choose thriving for all.

Choose thriving future ending in thriving for all.

To achieve a thriving future, the time has come to be very bold.

In recent years and on our current path, we have been and are on a much faster path to early extinction. Using best path of past years, we could be on a slower path, maybe a much slower path, to early extinction. But that is not good enough. We can and must do much, much better.

Thriving path is what we need and should want. A quantum positive change in path, like Thrive!, could put us on thriving future path.

Change the future to a thriving future. Get us to a thriving future that avoids avoid early extinction.

What is Thrive!?! Thrive! is building, achieving and sustaining a thriving and surviving future forever for all (humans, other creatures and Earth). All thrive forever.

Why Thrive!?!?

Again, unique among Earth's species, humans need to survive and want to thrive both near and long term.

Thrive! is avoiding our current endangered future. Not thriving. Not surviving. High vulnerability. Early extinction of humans and other creatures. Even greater damage to Earth.

Thrive! is achieving a thriving future. Thrive. Survive. Low vulnerability. Avoiding early extinction of humans and other creatures. Avoiding even greater damage to Earth.

Just envision earth and all its creatures embraced by us to achieve sustained thriving for all everywhere for all time.

But can we still achieve a thriving future for all forever?

Yes, if we believe we can and act accordingly.

We can if we act now. It is still our choice to make. But time has almost run out.

We can if we use our full ability. We have the ability as we are most able in all human history.

We can if we care enough about self, everyone, everything else and Earth. We must stop selfishness.

We can if we care enough about both near- and long-term future. We must stop shortsightedness.

How can we achieve a thriving future for all forever? Immediately, we successfully develop and use strategy and tools to successfully build and execute strategies and actions to build thriving future. [like in Thrive! **People's Guide To A Thriving Future**]

Immediately, all of us together build thriving future for our families and friends, communities, countries and world. [like the Thrive! Endeavor ThriveEndeavor.org.]

Immediately, each and all of us separately and together stop negative actions and take only positive actions.

Immediately, start with who and what you care about and move from vulnerable to surviving to thriving.

Immediately stop being selfish, shortsighted and stupid.

Now, at this critical moment in human and Earth history. Now, at this critical moment when we humans are most capable. Now, at this critical moment when humans, other creatures and Earth are most endangered. Together, we must act more positively than we have ever done before.

Together, we must create and empower a vast, sustained human endeavor building and sustaining thriving and surviving future for all forever

Join together and stop being selfish.

Build for the long-term future and stop being shortsighted.

Be very, very wise and stop being stupid.

This and only this will get us off the current bad path and on the thriving future path. To a thriving future for all humans, all other creatures, and Earth.



Appendix B: What Is Thrive!

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<p>Why Thrive?</p>	<p>Unique among Earth's species, humans <u>need to survive and want to thrive</u> both near and long term.</p> <p>Achieve <u>thriving</u> future - thrive and survive, low vulnerability, avoid early extinction of humans and other creatures, and avoid extensive damage to Earth.</p> <p>Avoid <u>current endangered</u> future - not thrive and not survive, high vulnerability, early extinction of humans and other creatures, and extensive damage to Earth.</p>
<p>Is Thrive truly different and better?</p>	<p>Thrive is not just getting by or achieving a surviving future. Is <u>achieving thriving future</u>.</p> <p>Thrive is not just for some people. Is <u>for all people</u>.</p> <p>Thrive is not just for current and next generation. Is <u>for current and all future generations</u>.</p> <p>Thrive is not just for humans. Is <u>for humans, other creatures and Earth on which we depend</u>.</p>

<p>Can we achieve Thrive?</p>	<p>We can <u>if we act now</u>. It is still our choice to make. But time has almost run out.</p> <p>We can <u>if we use our full ability</u>. We have the ability as we are most able in all human history.</p> <p>We can <u>if we care enough about self, everyone, everything else and Earth</u>. We must stop selfishness.</p> <p>We can <u>if we care enough about both near- and long-term future</u>. We must stop shortsightedness.</p>
<p>How to achieve Thrive?</p>	<p>Immediately, we successfully develop and use strategy, tools and actions to successfully build and execute strategies and actions to build thriving future. [like in <u>People’s Guide To A Thriving Future*</u>]</p> <p>Immediately, all of us together build thriving future for our families and friends, communities, countries and world. [like the Thrive! Endeavor ThriveEndeavor.org]</p> <p>Immediately, each and all of us separately and together stop negative actions and take only positive actions.</p> <p>Immediately, start with who and what you care about and move from vulnerable to surviving to thriving.</p>
<p>Act now!</p>	<p>Together build thriving future now!</p>

* **People’s Guide To A Thriving Future** provides **Next Generation Toolkit** (strategies, tools, examples, worksheets). Available @ Amazon.com or free @ ThriveEndeavor.org



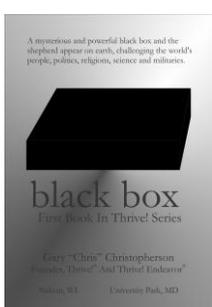
Appendix C: Early Extinction Fiction by Chris

These Early Extinction books are science fiction books with a clear message. On our current path, humans and many other creatures face early extinction and Earth faces great damage.

Each book takes a different approach to how to convey that message. A different approach to convince humans to get off the current path and on to a thriving path. To stop being selfish. Stop being shortsighted. Stop being really stupid.

If and when humans stop being selfish, shortsighted and stupid, early extinction will be prevented. A thriving future will happen. Our choice.

These science fiction paperback book and ebooks are available for purchase via www.Amazon.com or as free PDF downloads @ www.Xtinct.org or www.GChris.com

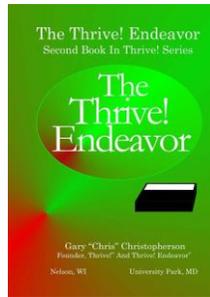


black box - First Book In Thrive! Series

This science fiction novel is entitled black box. black box is

the first volume in what is intended to be the Thrive! series.

This sci-fi series explores a mysterious and powerful black box and its enormous impact on the world's people and their politics, religions, science and militaries.

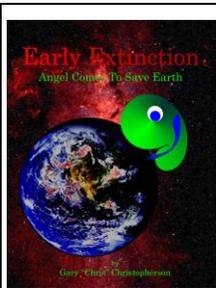


The Thrive! Endeavor - Second Book In The Thrive! Series

The Thrive!
Endeavor, a

science fiction novel, is the second volume in the Thrive! series.

Science fiction novel with vast human endeavor seeking thriving future for all forever. This sets the stage for what should come next, the Thrive! Endeavor®. If this is Earth's people's choice, this endeavor provides the hope for the ultimate, positive future – All Thrive Forever.



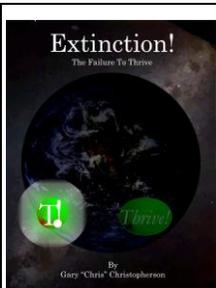
Early Extinction - Angel Comes To Save Earth

Humans and many other creatures face early extinction. Earth faces great damage.

Angel, a Whimsey creature from another world, to help save Earth and all its creatures.

Angel works with forward thinkers, with young humans, with plants and animals, and with all other humans.

Many try to help save Earth. Will it be enough?



Extinction! - The Failure To Thrive

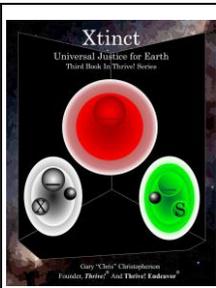
In a future far too soon, Earth is dead. Earth's human species is dead. Extinction.

Death came not from an external force. It came from within. From the human species who inhabited Earth.

It didn't have to happen. It shouldn't have happened.

Humans had so much potential. Humans were Earth's only species capable of achieving all thrive forever.

But it was also the only species capable of destroying itself and its home planet.



Xtinct - Universal Justice For Earth

Far, far away from Earth, Shepherd and Xtinct, black boxes at their sides, appear before the "Decider".

The Decider is the powerful being who decides whether to apply universal justice to any world. Apply it to a species that threatens its own planet and all its other creatures. To a species that threatens other worlds.

Earth and its human species face judgment.

Shepherd tries to help humans avoid early extinction judgment.



Thrive! - Escape From Extinction

Since beginning of the universe, many worlds have thrived throughout their existence. Many continue to thrive. Some fail to thrive.

This is the story of one that thrived. One that thrived by its own actions. This is the story of humans. Their Thrive! Endeavor. Their escape from extinction.

This is the story of Earth. This is the future when all thrive forever.



Appendix D: The Thrive! Center

Those who want to learn more about **Thrivism** and *Thrive!* may want to visit **The Thrive Center** and/or communicate with Chris.

Website ThriveEndeavor.org
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The Thrive! Center, home of **Thrivism**, *Thrive*, **Thrive! Endeavor**, **HealthPeople** and **GChris Sculpture**, was created by Chris and is on Mississippi River bluffside in restored 1885 farmhouse, barn and beehouse above Village of Nelson (WI). Chris, Thrive! Founder and sculptor, lives and works there. It is surrounded by **Thrive! Park**, a 25+ acre, bluff side, public park donated by Chris.

What can you do at The Thrive! Center?

- **Thrive!** Discuss and strategize our future. Early extinction? Just surviving? Thriving? “All Thrive Forever”? Maybe you join Thrive! Endeavor. Help build thriving future. ThriveEndeavor.org
- **Thrivism**. Learn more about **Thrivism**. Learn how to be a **Thrivist** who helps build thriving future for all.
- **HealthPeople**. Discuss and strategize achieving healthy people. Best personal, community or country health system? Maybe you help achieve healthy people and communities. HealthPeople.com
- **Thrive! Sculpture by GChris**. Tour Studio/Gallery. Interact with 200+ sculptures. Movement. Sounds. Chris’ payments go to Thrive! Scholarship. GChris.com

- **Thrive! Park.** Village of Nelson public park donated by Chris. See great views of Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. Walk/hike bluff side/top roads and trails. Explore goat prairie restoration. ThrivePark.org
- **Historic 1885 Era Bluffside Farm.** Tour renovated/restored house, barn and beehouse with great views of Mississippi River and bluff.

New Book: The Story of Thrive! Center and Thrive! Park. Available via Amazon.com or as free download @ ThriveEndeavor.org.

Story of
Thrive! Center and Thrive! Park



by
Gary "Chris" Christopherson
Founder, Thrive! – Building a Thriving Future
Founder, HealthPeople – Building a Healthy Future
Sculptor, Thrive! Sculpture by GChris
Former Senior Executive, U.S. Federal Government



Nelson, WI

University Park, MD

The Thrive! Center

Since Chris moved to Nelson (WI) in 2012, The Thrive! Center serves as physical and virtual space for GChris Sculpture, HealthPeople and Thrive!

Center operates out of a restored/renovated 1885 era farmhouse, barn and beehouse on bluffside overlooking Mississippi River and adjacent to Thrive! Park.

Thrive! Park is 25+ acre public park created and donated by Chris and located on restored Mississippi River bluff sides and tops. Park has system of hiking roads and trails built and maintained by Chris.

Visitors can view GChris sculpture and tour the workshop/studio. Visitors can learn more about sculpture Chris creates and how he creates them.

Visitors can visit and meet with Chris and learn about, discuss and/or join HealthPeople, Thrivism and Thrive Endeavor. Visitors can discuss several Thrive! nonfiction and fiction books written by him. Visitors can learn about overall Thrive! and HealthPeople vision, mission and strategy.





Appendix E: Thrive! eMedia and Publications

Websites:

[Thrive! - Building a Thriving Future](#) – Core and foundational website supporting websites and blogs.

Includes supporting strategy/tools/books to build better future.

[ThrivingFuture.org](#)

Thrive! Endeavor - Join endeavor to build thriving future.

[ThriveEndeavor.org](#)

Thrivism - Join Thrivism to build thriving future for all. [Thrivism.world](#)

Children Thrive Forever! - Aspire to future when children thrive forever.

[ChildrenThriveForever.org](#)

All Thrive Forever - Aspire to better future when all thrive forever. [AllThriveForever.org](#)

We Are Vulnerable - Reduce and avoid vulnerability for better future.

[WeAreVulnerable.org](#)

The Thrive! System - Helping you and your community survive and thrive. [TheThriveSystem.org](#)

Thrive! - All Thrive Forever - Play" strategic game in real-life. [ThriveForever.org](#)

Endangered Future - Endangered more than ever before in our history.

[EndangeredFuture.org](#)

Xtinct – Current path is early extinction for humans and other creatures and great damage to Earth. [Xtinct.org](#)

HealththePeople - Use Thrive! to build healthy and thriving future.

[HealththePeople.com](#)

GChris Sculpture - Thrive! sculpture supporting endeavor to build thriving future. [GChris.com](#)

Thrive! Blogs:

Thrivism Blog - Blog key messages and suggested actions.

[Thrivism.blog](#)

T! Blog - Blog key messages and suggested actions. [ThriveBlog.org](#)

T! Blog - Blog asking and challenging "What will you do?"

[ThriveBlog.net](#)

T! Blog - Thrive! sculpture and thoughts/messages. [WordPress Blog]
ThriveSculpture.com

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ThriveSculpture.org

eMedia:

[LinkedIn Thrive!](#)

[Facebook Thrive!](#) [Includes Thrive!, Thrivism, All Thrive Forever, HealthPeople, GChris Sculpture]

[Twitter Thrive!](#)

[YouTube Thrive!](#)

[Tumblr Thrive!](#)

[Flickr Thrive!](#)

[ello Thrive!](#)

[MySpace Thrive!](#)

[Pinterest Thrive!](#)

[Medium Thrive!](#)

Sculpture:

GChris Sculpture - Hundreds of Thrive! sculpture by GChris supporting thriving future. Acquisition payments support Thrive! Scholarship Fund.

GChris.com

Book on Chris:

Book on Chris - A Life in Pursuit of Thriving for All. This is story of and by Chris [Gary "Chris" Christopherson] and his lifelong pursuit of a thriving future – all thrive forever. Available in paperback and eBook via Amazon.com or free download GChris.com

Books - Non-fiction: Available via Amazon.com usually as paperback and eBook.

Thrivism - Path to Thriving Future for All [aka the small "Green Book"] Lays out path to, belief in, and vision of thriving future for all. Available as [free download](#).

Thrive! - Building a Thriving Future For All. Manual providing greater depth on strategy and tools. Available as [free download](#)

People's Guide To A Thriving Future [For All Forever]. More user-friendly guide. Available as [free download](#)

Thrive! - Quick Guide To A Thriving Future [For All Forever]. Quick, more user-friendly guide. Available as [free download](#)

Thrive! Endeavor - All Thrive Forever. Joint Thrive! Endeavor and call to action builds thriving future for all forever. Available as [free download](#)

The Thrive! System - Achieving Thriving Future For All. System for people and communities to help achieve thriving future for all. Available as [free download](#).

The Thrive! Philosophy - All Thrive. Underlying philosophy of Thrive! Available as [free download](#)

Behavior Effectiveness Model (BEM). Building thriving future using Behavior Effectiveness Model (BEM). Available as [free download](#)

Thrive! - All Thrive Forever What will you do? The game. The challenge. Available as [free download](#)

HealthePeople - Achieving Healthy People, Communities, Countries and World via Thrive!. Policy and how-to book on how to achieve healthy people and a healthy future. Available as [free download](#)

First People Thriving Health Systems - Achieving healthy and thriving First People. Policy and how-to book on how to achieve healthy First People. Available as [free download](#)

Thrive! Sculpture & Thought: Sculptural Vision of a Thriving Future for All Forever. Thoughts and sculpture that challenge you to think about future and help build, achieve and sustain thriving future for all forever.

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Books - Science Fiction and Children's: Available via Amazon.com usually as paperback and eBook.

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Xtinct – Universal Justice for Earth. Illustrated science fiction book explores moment when universal justice is applied to Earth and human species faces early extinction. Early extinction for humans? Or a thriving future for all of Earth? Available as [free download](#)

Thrive Or Not To Thrive? - Tale Of Two Tomorrows. Children's paperback fiction book where the good Angel and T!rrific battle the selfish Wily and T!rrible for the future of Whimseys and Whimsey World. Will it be a thriving future for all or not? Available as [free download](#)

T!rrific [terrific] - What will you do to thrive? Children's paperback fiction book where T!rrific helps Whimseys achieve thriving future. Available as a [free download](#)

Angel - Thriving Creator of Artful Things. Children's paperback fiction book on thriving and creativity featuring the world of Whimseys. Available as [free download](#)



Appendix F: About Chris, Author

GARY (CHRIS) CHRISTOPHERSON has worked on national and local issues on health and human service strategy, policy, systems, models, performance, reform and management and on reducing vulnerability. Currently in The Thrive! Center he founded, he develops strategy, management, policy and performance models and tools for creating, managing and sustaining large scale, positive change and building a better and thriving future. He is Founder of *Thrive!*[®], Thrivism[®], Thrive! Park, and HealthPeople[®]. Websites: ThrivingFuture.org ThriveEndeavor.org Thrivism.world HealthePeople.com

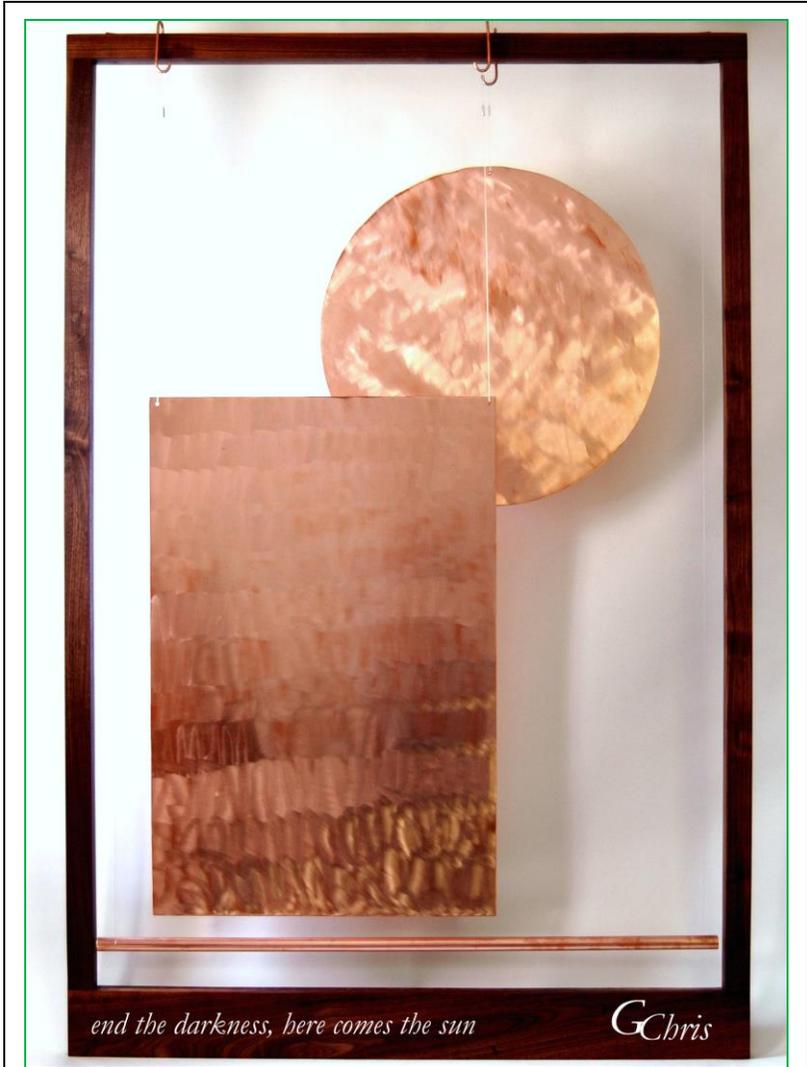
This draws from 30+ years of experience in creating, managing, evaluating and sustaining large scale change at national and local levels in public and private sectors. Over his career, he has served in many senior leadership, management and policymaking positions, including with organizations with multi-billion-dollar budgets and thousands of employees.

His experience includes: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and Senior Advisor to Assistant Secretaries for Health and Reserve Affairs, Department of Defense; Associate Director, Presidential Personnel, Executive Office of the President, White House; Fellow, National Academy for Public Administration; Senior Advisor to Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Director for the Quality Improvement Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, DHHS; Senior Advisor to Under Secretary, Veterans Health Administration, VA; Senior Fellow and Scholar-In-Residence, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences; Chief Information Officer, Veterans Health Administration, VA; Director of Health Legislation, House Select Committee on Aging, U.S. House of Representatives; and Deputy Director, Municipal Health Services Program (funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and based at John Hopkins Medical Institutions); and Special Projects Director, City of Milwaukee Health Department.

He is a sculptor of Thrive! Sculpture, abstract art focusing on mobile and stabile sculptures and has created over 200 sculptures. GChris.com

He wrote several books. **Thrivism - Path to Thriving Future for All. Thrive! - Building a Thriving Future For All. People's Guide To A Thriving Future. Thrive! - Quick Guide To A Thriving Future. Thrive! Endeavor - All Thrive Forever. The Thrive! System - Achieving Thriving Future For All. The Thrive! Philosophy. HealthePeople - Achieving Healthy People, Communities, Countries and World via Thrive!. First People Thriving Health Systems - Achieving healthy and thriving First People. A Life in Pursuit of Thriving for All** is story of and by Chris and his lifelong pursuit of a thriving future. Available [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [ThriveEndeavor.org](https://www.ThriveEndeavor.org)

He received bachelor's in political science and master's in urban and regional planning from University of Wisconsin (Madison), and did doctoral work in health policy and management at John Hopkins University School of Public Health.



Thought: Challenges us to end the darkness (vulnerability) and let the sun (thriving) shine; also expresses the optimism that the darkness will end and here comes the sun; draws in part on George Harrison's song - "here comes the sun".

Sculpture: end the darkness, here comes the sun