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### IF THERE WERE A VIABLE GLOBAL ENERGY ALTERNATIVE AVAILABLE TODAY, WOULD WE USE IT?

Author Chris Orcutt believes that powerful corporate interests and corporate-government collusion may be hindering progress in developing viable energy sources. At the heart of his new mystery novel, *A Truth Stranger Than Fiction*, is a conspiracy between a fracking magnate and government bureaucrats to suppress information about an alternative energy source with the power to change the world.

“It comes as no surprise to people that there’s this endless revolving door between government and corporations,” says Orcutt. “When you look at the bios of many people in powerful positions in government, you often see that that person worked for a major corporation beforehand, and vice-versa. I think most people see this, but they don’t always realize the implications.”

Orcutt’s new novel was inspired by questions about the future of fossil fuels and the need for alternatives.

“It’s a problem that we’ve known about for a long time and everyone agrees we need to face, yet we continue to rely on fossil fuels to power our economy,” explains Orcutt. “About seven years ago, I saw a documentary about the moon and helium-3—an isotope present in the moon’s soil that could be used for nuclear fusion, and I kept asking myself WHY are we not going up and getting it? As I researched lunar mining and articles about helium-3 fusion for the novel, I learned there is a consensus in the scientific community that helium-3 is a viable alternative. Then the huge oil reservoir in the Midwest—the Bakken Formation—was discovered, fracking became a major enterprise, and I realized this was one of the reasons why we weren’t going after helium-3.”

“The truth is that we see this type of situation all the time,” adds Orcutt. “Energy policy is just one example. Too often, powerful interests stand in the way of otherwise common-sense solutions. Why are we risking our environment with fracking when we have a huge supply of a viable alternative available to us? And even more puzzling is how could there be a viable alternative that most people do not even know exists? These are not questions just for fiction readers to ponder, but for society as a whole. Beyond entertaining readers, I hope my novel will get people to begin seriously asking these questions.”

During a thought-provoking and engaging interview, Orcutt can discuss

- Why he believes lunar helium-3 is a viable alternative to fossil fuels
- How, in layperson’s terms, helium-3 fusion differs from our current energy sources
- Why government and corporate interests may be blocking the development of this energy source

- Why artists need to raise these controversial questions, so society will begin asking them and seeking answers
- How several works of fiction have posed controversial questions and actually changed society as a result

**Chris Orcutt is a professional writer based in Millbrook, NY. He has worked as an adjunct professor of literature and communications, a corporate communications consultant and as a journalist.**

**Orcutt started publishing his book-length fiction in November 2011 on Kindle, beginning with his first PI/mystery novel, *A Real Piece of Work* (2011), featuring Manhattan–Millbrook detective Dakota Stevens. The second Dakota novel, *The Rich Are Different*, came out in June 2012. He has also written a collection of short stories, *The Man, The Myth, The Legend*, which was awarded by IndieReader as “One of the Best Books of 2013.” In 2014 he published a modern pastoral novel, *One Hundred Miles from Manhattan*, which was recognized by IndieReader as a “Best Book of 2014,” and in its review of the novel *Kirkus Reviews* favorably compared Orcutt to Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Cheever.**

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***A Truth Stranger Than Fiction*, along with the rest of the *Dakota Stevens Mystery Series* is available on [Amazon](http://Amazon) and at [CreateSpace.com](http://CreateSpace.com).**

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