



### Sophie’s Planet #13: Coming Down to Earth

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**T**he home planet is the most interesting planet to study, the most important planet to understand. But some governments prefer not to understand Earth. We were more welcome on Venus and Jupiter. (Drafts of [Chapters 19&20](#), “Coming Down to Earth,” available for fact-checking.)

Still, we wrote an interesting paper, even if it was not appreciated. Our conclusions were pretty much dead on the mark. The real world warmed a bit faster than our model, but it is easy to understand why – the reason being related to the fact that the land responds more and faster to a climate forcing than the ocean does.

We were about to enter a very long siege. It was like when the Spaniards surrounded Leiden. We had to eat carrot stew every day. But that is a story to be continued later.

By the way, regarding the remarkable amateur scientist and suffragist, Eunice Foote, several people told me that photos of her existed and I briefly went along with that. Alas, it does not seem to be so. According to Spencer Weart, historians have been unable to track down a photo or portrait. Katharine Hayhoe has been in contact with Foote descendants, so far without success in getting a photo, but there is still a slim possibility of finding something.

I opened a Twitter account @DrJamesEHansen, (<https://twitter.com/drjamesehansen>), but I had better finish this book instead of tweeting.