

On Solving World Hunger

Throughout history, humanity and other animals alike have struggled with the ever-inescapable menace --starvation and the *inanition* it is associated with. Even in 2018, roughly 12.5% of the world's population suffers from the effects of undernourishment, according to the second paragraph about starvation on Wikipedia.

This all suddenly came to a halt when Dutch Astronomical Physicists and self-professed foodies Butt Foekker, PhD and Pepijn van der HaareDijk, PhD came up with their patented food photocopier, or "foodocopier," at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam. "Ve got tired ov all ze suffering in ze world," says Dr. Foekker, "so ve created zis foodocopier to shtop zis zo ve could go back to being stoned in Amsterdam guilt-free."

The physicists were kind enough to give a live demonstration of their contraption at the Davos World Economic Forum in 2023. They argued that this was relevant to economics since people would start spending money on other things besides food now, since they now merely had to buy food once and then copy it for life. Being particularly fond of Spaghetti, your correspondent requested that for the photographing session. Notwithstanding your correspondent's thoughts on the cardboard-like taste of the foodocopier's unnatural creation, they were assured of the nutritional value that they just gained. Your correspondent was surprised to see the physicists wander off with bright red eyes muttering about taco bell, but that was the last your correspondent had seen of the world-saving gentlemen.

The Dutch spread their love by giving out a towel, seen in the picture below, reading "Free Spaghetti! Don't miss out!" Indeed, the towel has become so popular that even sightings of the memes it has spawned has been seen on sites with the likes of Reddit and 4Chan, and the Pittsburgh Steelers have started to hand them out at games in place of their disgusting Terrible Towel.



The foodocopier. (Colorized, 2030) All rights reserved

As this foodocopier has made its way around previously malnourished nations such as Burundi, Eritrea, and Timor-Leste, the still visibly emaciated peoples smile for the first time in years. “I was lucky to get crusty pizza crumbs from the big city down the river a week ago,” says Eritrean native Hwangree Nhomoa, “and now I’m eating Duck Egg Soufflé every night.” Never before have so many third world nations’ citizens been so clearly stuffed and satisfied with gluttony.

Not everyone gained from the foodocopier; it has created many disgruntled companies in the world. “Now where the *fuck* are we supposed to get our effectively free slave labor from if they can all afford to make their own food without having to work as slaves all their lives!?” exclaimed Nike CEO Mark Parker. “Well, clearly we’re pointless now,” writes food creationists working at Chef Boyardee in their official press release to the public last month, “all we need to do is create something once and then ‘Boom!’, we’re done for.”

Nonetheless, the power of humanity should be able to blast off over the coming years as humans can now focus on creativity rather than the fear of starvation.