Vision Infinity for Food Security: some whys, why nots and hows!

This is truly a visionary book on global food security! As the authors imply with the title "Vision Infinity," the basic content is timeless truth: ‘as true now as before and forever will be’. In other words, the authors have written a textbook for a novel field.

Teachers and their students will find it of significant value as a comprehensive introduction to ‘food security’. What a diverse and fascinating subject this is – and it is so important that the decision makers of the future understand why it is important – that is if our species is to survive.

The whole book is free of any sarcasm, irony, and caustic digs. It just blandly point out the facts and asks, ‘Why is this going on?’ The broad application of the natural sciences in the pursuit of ‘food security’ makes this book an integrator of disciplines for practical education, as well as a reader for those who want to learn about the status of the world mindset in the context of achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

The value of this book as an educational tool is clear. But, on reflection, I really believe that the prime movers and the policy makers of the food industry as whole should read this book just to refocus their minds on the big picture. This includes the moguls in the big end of town, those who accept responsibility in various national and international agricultural research and development organizations and biosecurity agencies, to the people who sell seed and fertilizers in the shops of the regional farm supply distributors and the farmers who put them in the ground.

Much of the book draws on internet sources that are very recent. While the basic textual knowledge is not likely to change with new discoveries and experience, the content that makes it relevant and interesting changes continuously. This book should be updated periodically to include new material, new applications of basic knowledge that keep it relevant to current students, farmers, researchers, policy makers and politicians and hence preserve its market value. Ideally, the new and changing material should incorporate the results of local learning and be prepared by local people; with the guidance of global gurus to ensure that textbook knowledge has been properly applied and that its new applications are universally shared. Given that, in this field, knowledge must be locally owned and applied by simple rural folks to be of true value. I would really like to see this book translated into the lingua franca of the rural communities of Africa, Latin America and Asia.

Thus, the information and message in this book needs to be broadcast worldwide. To make this happen, this book should be translated and distributed as a low cost publication (say about $10), in the first instance to schools and universities, initially for use in academic coursework and ultimately for use in the participating communities of farmers et al. I want to start using it here in the USA. I think that some US students would love to sink their mental and emotional teeth into Vision Infinity for Food Security. I am sure some schools would utilise this book with a view to catalysing the formation of student clubs on ‘food security’ and related ‘sustainable development goals’.

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