

Humanoid Robots Hit McDonald's: A Warning Sign for the Future Workforce?

Are robots about to take over the job market?

A recent Daily Mail report noted that humanoid robots are now being used at McDonald's in Shanghai, China, to serve customers.

The robots, appropriately wearing McDonald's uniforms, were created by Keenon Robotics as a trial run to see how they could help and serve customers, a potential direction the fast-food industry could be heading in a few short years.

According to the Daily Mail, Keenon Robotics wrote about the new bots online stating, "Watch the robot squad suit up and enjoy the McDonald's party," and "Our humanoid series are leading the squad and hitting the streets."

The robotics company also noted that its work is a "showcase of how service automation is becoming a seamless part of global dining, and how technology brings more smiles to every mealtime."



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The executive vice president for McDonald's, Jon Banner, shared that the robots were "part of the grand opening of the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum restaurant," and that they were "requested by the museum to draw attention."

He further shared that the robots were "not involved in any service or operational functions."

However, as we continue to see AI capabilities increase each

and every day, could this very well be the future? How long before we really do sit down to meals that have been prepared and served by humanoid robots?

What we are witnessing may seem like a novelty today—a marketing attraction in a Shanghai museum—but tomorrow it could become the new normal across the globe. Technology has always reshaped industries, but the rapid rise of artificial intelligence and humanoid robotics signals something deeper: a potential redefinition of work itself.

From fast food to retail, logistics to healthcare, the roles once filled by human hands may increasingly be handed over to machines designed for efficiency, consistency and cost reduction.

This moment demands both discernment and preparation. Scripture reminds us that in the last days, knowledge will increase and the world will move at an accelerated pace (Daniel 12:4). As innovation surges forward, the question is no longer if change is coming—but how we will respond when it does.

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