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Life and nature make it clear to us that compost rules us all: true economy acknowledges life (& death) as gifts. We serve what comes after us. Life will find its way, even when we “monetize” and try to make it into merchandise (tho [handprintpress.com](http://www.handprintpress.com) offers much for free).

So here’s our warning: if you follow your native authority, you may violate someone else’s law. Such “unauthorized” creative thinking or dreaming may cause fear, anger, resentment, and retribution. How you respond makes all the difference. More on that in the fine print:

* The copyright clause of the US Constitution was written “To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries.” Sounds good, eh? It was not written to make AOL/Time/Warner — or anyone else — rich!

That’s because the founders knew that value of intellect and imagination grows thru sharing. No sharing, no value — just silence. To commodify art, science, and culture kills it. But life don’t give up so easy, and neither will we. Freedom feeds life. Profit only feeds banks and bankers. Do you agree? Since Nike might sue us for saying “just do it,” we’ll quote Aristotle instead (he missed the copyright renewal deadline by a couple millennia): “What you learn to do, you must learn by doing.”

For more on the issue, we recommend *The Gift*, by Lewis Hyde (originally subtitled “Imagination and the erotic life of property.” His latest book focuses directly on intellectual property; that one is called *Common as Air: Revolution, Art, and Ownership*. Falkvinge.net offers some good stuff, too... But don’t take our word for it. Search and see for yourself!]