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The framers of our U.S. Constitution, in one part of its valuable space, wisely inserted a provision protecting, for a reasonable time, one of America's most valuable assets. An asset that has made us the world leader in innovation. An asset that has generated commerce to make us the richest nation on the planet. An asset that puts us above most all others combined in sheer volume of annually created and published art and literature.

The produce of our minds.

Whether motivated by an esoteric vision or drive for personal fulfillment, any judgment whether or not to give their work away or let others exploit it without paying should be left to the creator thereof.

I know many who give away some of their works, file copyrights and expect payment for other creations.

Ultimately, the market decides how much, if anything, they are paid.

The copyright guarantees only that what they have done shall not wantonly be stolen.

The system ain't broke.

Put away the monkey-with-it tools.

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