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Let's not complicate the issue any more than is needed. It doesnt take a genius to realize there are times when the owner of a particular work cannot be located or known. In the meantime, the creative process is stymied if we put a law in place that forbids using it. Who is it that is bothered by this? What's in it for them for the law to be changed. It is obvious that others who had worked used were not bothered by this. And common sense would dictate, if someone were to be upset by it, then money would clearly be the uppermost issue, and it has been noted, those who have used the particular piece, have no problem paying for the use of said piece. Overlooking the obvious, would imply a larger issue going on behind the scenes and as usual, there is always money involved or at worst, the need to control the creative process. I don't ever recall God stating in the bible that creativity was supposed to be controlled and legalized by man or woman:) All kidding aside, it seems to me that creativity is the meat and potatoes of our society and our economics. We either are going to allow everyone an opportunity to create and have access to information or images, or else we are going to become closed minded and closed hearted about it. Which do you choose and whom are you choosing for?