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RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress
Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (Docket No. 2015-01)

Dear Ms. Pallante & US Copyright Office Staff

I have been working for several years on a project that I intend to put on You Tube during 2015. This contains my personal artwork and a Bible translation that is not for sale. It is intended to remain free and was about 55 years in producing. Its creator said it could never be used to make money but could be given away just for the cost of producing the copy. I have been illustrating it with my own art and to comply with his wishes will show and read it on You Tube to make it free for anyone that wants to hear this translation of the words of God.

This upcoming possible change in the copyright protection upon creation will prevent me from putting this lifetime of work on the internet as others will then be able to copy and sell it since I won't have copyright on creation protection. If the laws change then his dream of providing his free translation will die.

I know the changes are to help others make money and the protests are from artists that make money (even though it was once published) from art works. Within the digital age comes many challenges but reducing protection is not an answer for those that create just to allow others to make money off their creations.

My plea is simple – I DO NOT WANT TO MAKE MONEY NOR ENABLE ANOTHER TO MAKE MONEY from what I will be self publishing through You Tube. It is unthinkable to make money from God's word – the ultimate infringement. Please do not allow these changes.

The change will allow anyone to use a piece of art for any purpose if they were unable to find the copyright holder after a "diligent" search. There is no searchable database for visual art and would be nearly impossible to "diligently" search. Removing the monetary penalty would remove an effective deterrent to willful infringement.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Mary Werner