

# Is IP Wrong?

IP stands for Intellectual Property. This concept assumes that an individual has the right to control what everyone else in the world can do with any idea that he or she says they came up with first. This right is given out based on this person's ability to legally document the idea that they "invented", not on the basis of whether or not they truly did think of it first. This concept also implies that it is morally right to assume control over the thoughts that others are allowed to think. Are these principles valid?

Your answer depends on whether you believe in the God described in the Bible, or in yourself as a "god in the making" (as put forward by "Star Trek" and other TV programs).

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 NIV

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'" Matthew 6:9,10 NIV

"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." John 6:38 NIV

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, 'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.'" Matthew 16:24 NIV

It all comes down to this: Will you choose to be like Jesus or like Lucifer (aka Satan)? Will you be self-less or selfish? Do you want to set people free or to control them?

"Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. 'With His stripes we are healed.'

By His life and His death, Christ has achieved even more than recovery from the ruin wrought through sin. It was Satan's purpose to bring about an eternal separation between God and man; but in Christ we become more closely united to God than if we had never fallen. In taking our nature, the Saviour has bound Himself to humanity by a tie that is never to be broken. Through the eternal ages He is linked with us. 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son.' John 3:16. He gave Him not only to bear our sins, and to die as our sacrifice; He gave Him to the fallen race. To assure us of His immutable counsel of peace, God gave His only-begotten Son to become one of the human family, forever to retain His human nature. This is the pledge that God will fulfill His word. 'Unto *us* a child is born, unto *us* a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.' God has adopted human nature in the person of His Son, and has

carried the same into the highest heaven. It is the "Son of man" who shares the throne of the universe. It is the 'Son of man' whose name shall be called, 'Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.' Isa. 9:6. The I Am is the Daysman between God and humanity, laying His hand upon both. He who is 'holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners,' is not ashamed to call us brethren. Heb. 7:26; 2:11. In Christ the family of earth and the family of heaven are bound together. Christ glorified is our brother. Heaven is enshrined in humanity, and humanity is enfolded in the bosom of Infinite Love." The Desire of Ages, pages 25, 26 by Ellen G. White

You have a choice to make. What will it be?