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To: "Sam" <Sampath20@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: general copyright New Copyright

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>>> Sam <Sampath20@yahoo.com> 06/15/07 2:36 PM >>>

Hi,

Thanks for the info. Highly Appreciate your prompt reply & good service.

Final 3 question's. Please clarify.

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Sampath

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- > >>> Sam <Sampath20@yahoo.com> 06/12/07 6:08 PM >>>
- > Hi,
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- > Thanks for the detailed info.
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- > Please clarify the below 2 question.
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- > 1) James Allen is the author of "Man: king of mind, body and circumstance". This book is published in 1911 as per library of congress records. So, is it under public domain ?
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- > Regards,

> Sampath

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> LC Control No.: 11006950

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> Type of Material: Book (Print, Microform,

> Electronic,

> etc.)

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> Personal Name: Allen, James, 1864-1912.

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> Main Title: Man: king of mind, body and

> circumstance,

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> Published/Created: London, W. Rider & son, limited,

> 1911.

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> Description: 70 p. 19 cm.

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>> prosperity".
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