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a tree. The exertion of his labor gives him a moral claim to the good with which he has mixed his labor. Once a good has come to be privately owned, it is no longer necessary that anyone continue to apply labor to it in order to call it his own. Privately owned goods are the legitimate property of their owners if they have been acquired either directly from the state of nature, as we have seen, or if they have been acquired by means of purchase or a voluntary grant by someone possessing legitimate title to it. None of this has anything to do with assigning *value* to goods on the basis of the expenditure of labor; Locke is concerned instead to vindicate a *moral and legal claim to ownership* of goods acquired in the state of nature on the basis of the initial expenditure of labor upon them.

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