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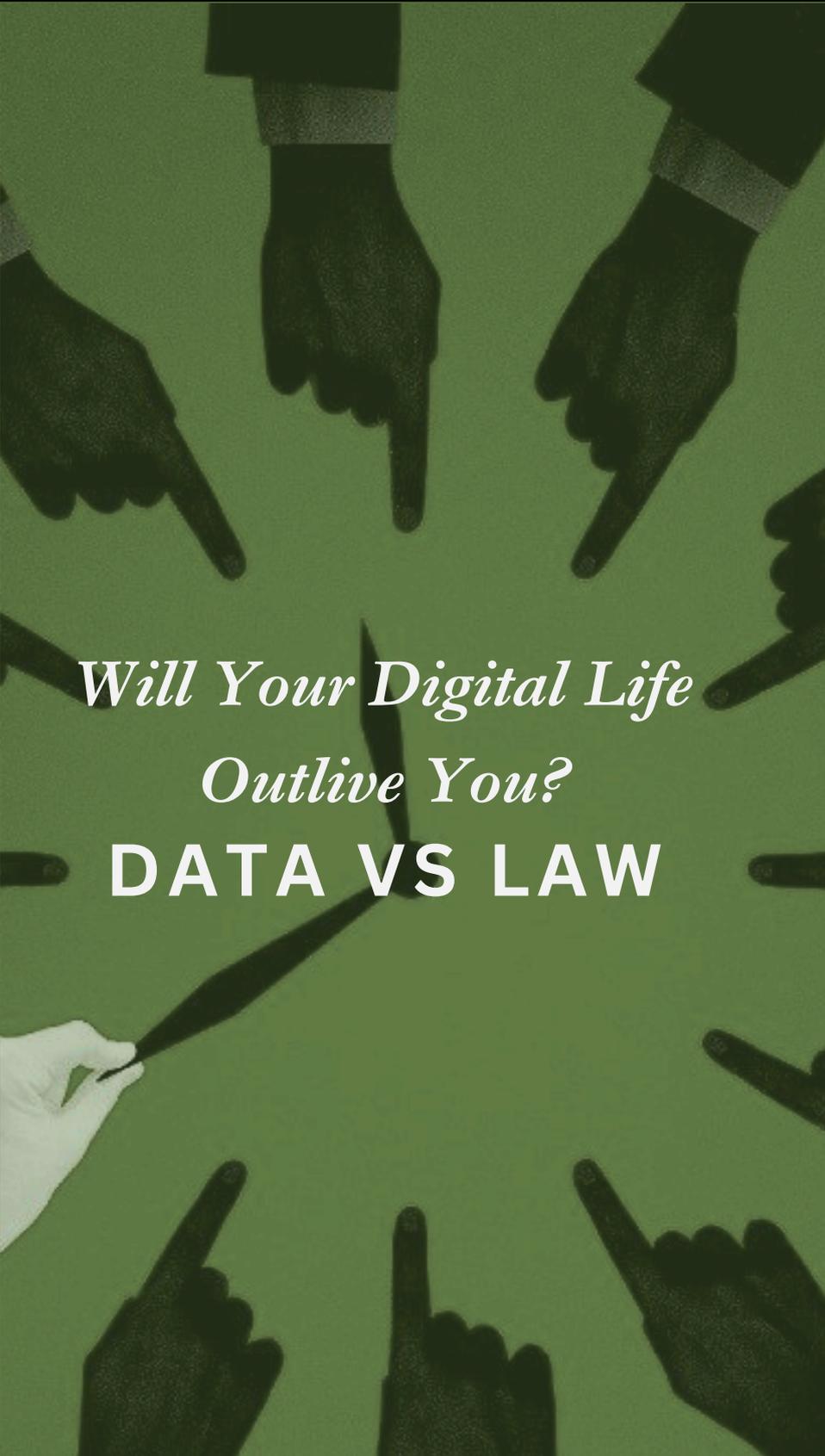
In today's world, our identities and wealth are no longer limited to the physical realm. They live online in cryptocurrency wallets, domain names, social media accounts, cloud storage, and many other digital spaces.

Our digital footprint has become incredibly valuable, often rivaling or even surpassing our tangible possessions.

This raises an important question:

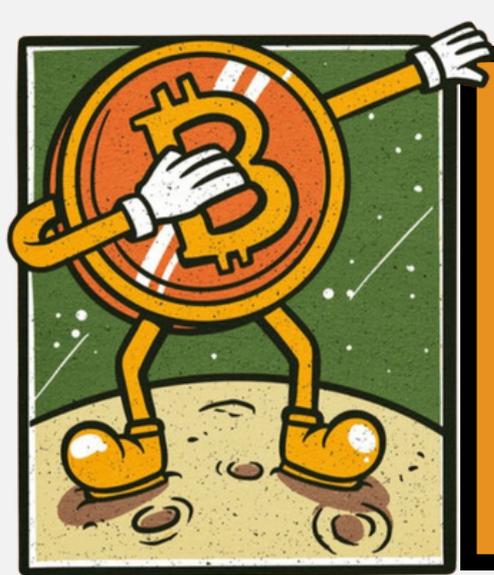
what happens to these digital assets when we are no longer here?

Can they be passed down like a house or a bank account, or do they simply vanish into the endless expanse of cyberspace?



*Will Your Digital Life
Outlive You?*

DATA VS LAW



CRYPTOCURRENCIES & NFTS

Cryptocurrencies & NFTs are now regulated for taxation and anti-money laundering purposes. The Finance Act, 2022 imposes a 30% tax on gains and 1% TDS on transfers. However, cryptocurrencies are not recognized as legal tender, creating uncertainty in their legal status.



DOMAIN NAMES

Domain names are considered intellectual property and can be inherited or protected.

SATYAM INFOWAY LTD. V. SIFYNET SOLUTIONS PVT. LTD. (2004)

In this landmark case, the Supreme Court of India recognized that domain names can function like trademarks. It held that using a confusingly similar domain name can amount to passing off, as domain names play a crucial role in business identity and goodwill.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Email accounts, cloud storage, and social media profiles are governed by the service provider's terms, not by law.

While some platforms like Facebook and Google allow legacy or memorialization options, these are contractual privileges, not statutory rights.

Heirs have no automatic legal claim unless arrangements are made in advance

PROTECT YOUR DIGITAL LEGACY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

- ✔ **Digital inventory:** Keep an updated list of accounts and passwords.
- ✔ **Wills:** Include digital assets explicitly for smooth transfer.
- ✔ **Secure storage:** Use encrypted vaults and share only with trusted people.