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Dear Ms. Preston,
As a freethinker, humanist, and atheist free of belief in any supernatural deity, and a tax-paying citizen of the United States, I must express my considerable consternation that religious organizations that indoctrinate people from such a young age through adulthood and cause such harm in this world are singled out for preferential treatment by the IRS. I am therefore submitting my comments with regard to Form 990. There is no justifiable reason for them to be exempt from paying taxes. This is, after all, a nation founded on a secular constitution.

- All non-profit organizations should be treated equally, regardless of whether they espouse an atheist position, or a religious position. Currently the IRS singles out churches for privileged treatment by exempting them from the disclosure requirements all other 501(c)(3) organizations must comply with, or lose their exemption. Taxpayers, who are subsidizing tax-exempt groups, have a right to know what entities are exempt from taxation and to review general financial disclosures. The privilege of not being taxed must come with some measures of accountability.
- Please make churches conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 501(c)(3) groups. At a minimum, the IRS should require any organizations that claim to be religious organizations, to file an annual notice with the IRS that they are claiming tax exemption.

Sincerely yours, William Adams

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