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Good morning,

It has long been an issue that religious organizations have little to no tax accountability. Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple claimed tax exemption (gads!!!!!!) as well as megachurches that bring in millions of dollars for their pastors. And although they are supposed to refrain from participating in political campaigns, you are well aware that more than 1,600 Christian pastors openly endorsed candidates in the recent 2014 general elections.

This has made me wonder if a Shakespeare organization can be accounted a "faith" organization and escape tax liability since Shakespeare was long ago deified, and the belief in Shakespeare as "the God of my idolatry" is truly and sincerely held. Plus he wrote a Big Book (called the First Folio) of lessons and precepts and aphorisms that are very useful in living a righteous life. If it weren't for the fact that I am pathologically honest, I would start a faith-based Shakespeare organization and be delightedly tax exempt. dang.

It seems quite obvious and only fair to the American people that all non-profit organizations should be treated equally, no matter which position they take on which god of their idolatry.

Please make churches conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 501(c)3 organizations. At a minimum, the IRS should require any organization that claims to be religious to file an annual notice with the IRS that they are claiming tax exemption.

Sheesh, knowing that I wouldn't even have to account for BEING tax exempt makes me wonder if I should reconsider the Church of Shakespeare. Hmm . . . At least it would be a faith-based organization that does not include racism and bigotry and homophobia and shame and exclusionary principles (except that in the First Folio the rich people are always better than the poor people). Wow — I should reconsider the Church of Shakespeare since I would not be breaking any laws at all! I'll keep an eye on what the IRS is doing with tax exemption for churches. This might be my megachance! :-) Golly, my congregation might buy me a $65 million jet like the Creflo Dollar Ministries bought their pastor, and I could live in a $6.3 million mansion on my $20 million a year income, **TAX FREE,** like Kenneth and Gloria Copeland! woo hooo! I'm going to go check the guidelines at irs.gov right now! Yay! Thank you!

Sincerely,
Rosalind Arden