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...is rampant in this country which was designed by the framers of the USCON to be secular. There can be NO argument about that.

But the Religious Right will not accept that. They have a plan and an agenda. I. and millions of atheists, agnostics, free thinkers and even believers are quite frankly sick and tired of the special status religion occupies in this country...ESPECIALLY the CHRISTIAN faith.

The USCON is a SECULAR GODLESS document for several well-documented reasons, all of which have been upheld by the SCOTUS since 1879.

Therefore...let's see the IRS (1) DO ITS JOB by rescinding tax exempt status to religious organizations who preach politics from the pulpit and (2) change the laws so that ALL non-profits must play be the same rules, including and ESPECIALLY religious ones.

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. - See more at: http://ffrf.org/news/action/item/23948-ask-irs-to-stop-favoring-churches-over-other-non-profits.

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