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I have been aware for some time of the fact that Form 990 can be avoided by any group calling itself "religious." In effect this enables them to avoid the oversight of the IRS. Why, in a nation that so values the separation of Church and State, do we grant this exceptional favor to self described religious groups? On the other hand would it not save considerable time and money for both the IRS and the 501(c)3 organizations if no one had to file Form 990? Either way, treatment of religious groups and nonreligious ones ought to be the same.

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