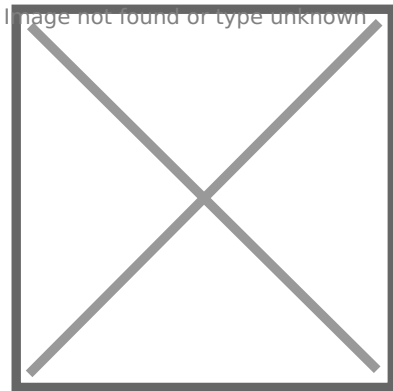


Pros and Cons Of Considering Epicurean Philosophy To Be A "Religion"

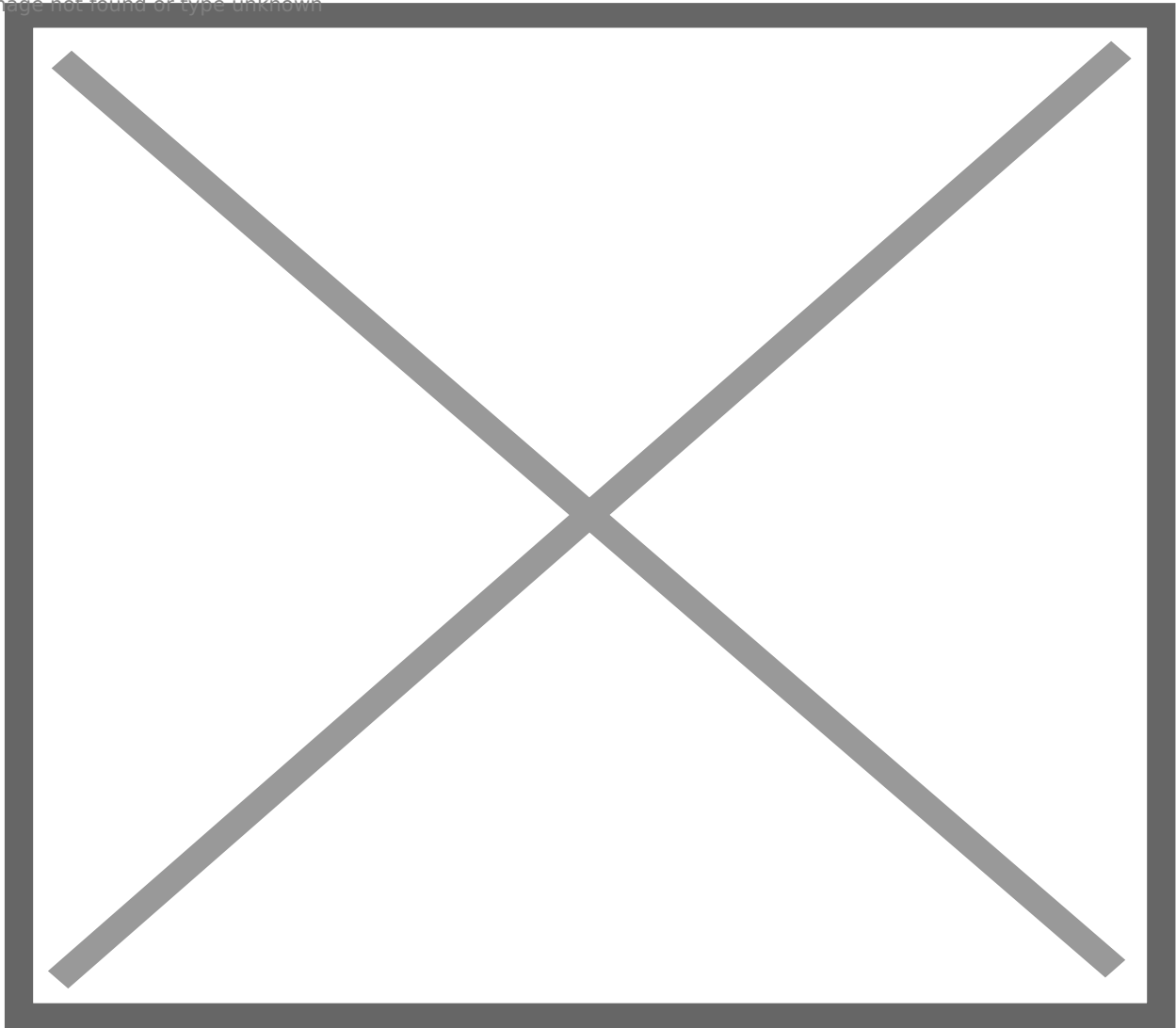
Post by "Don" of January 25, 2024 at 5:58 AM

To add to [DavidN](#)'s post (not that I'm advocating one direction or another, just providing references):



["Churches" Defined | Internal Revenue Service](#)
www.irs.gov

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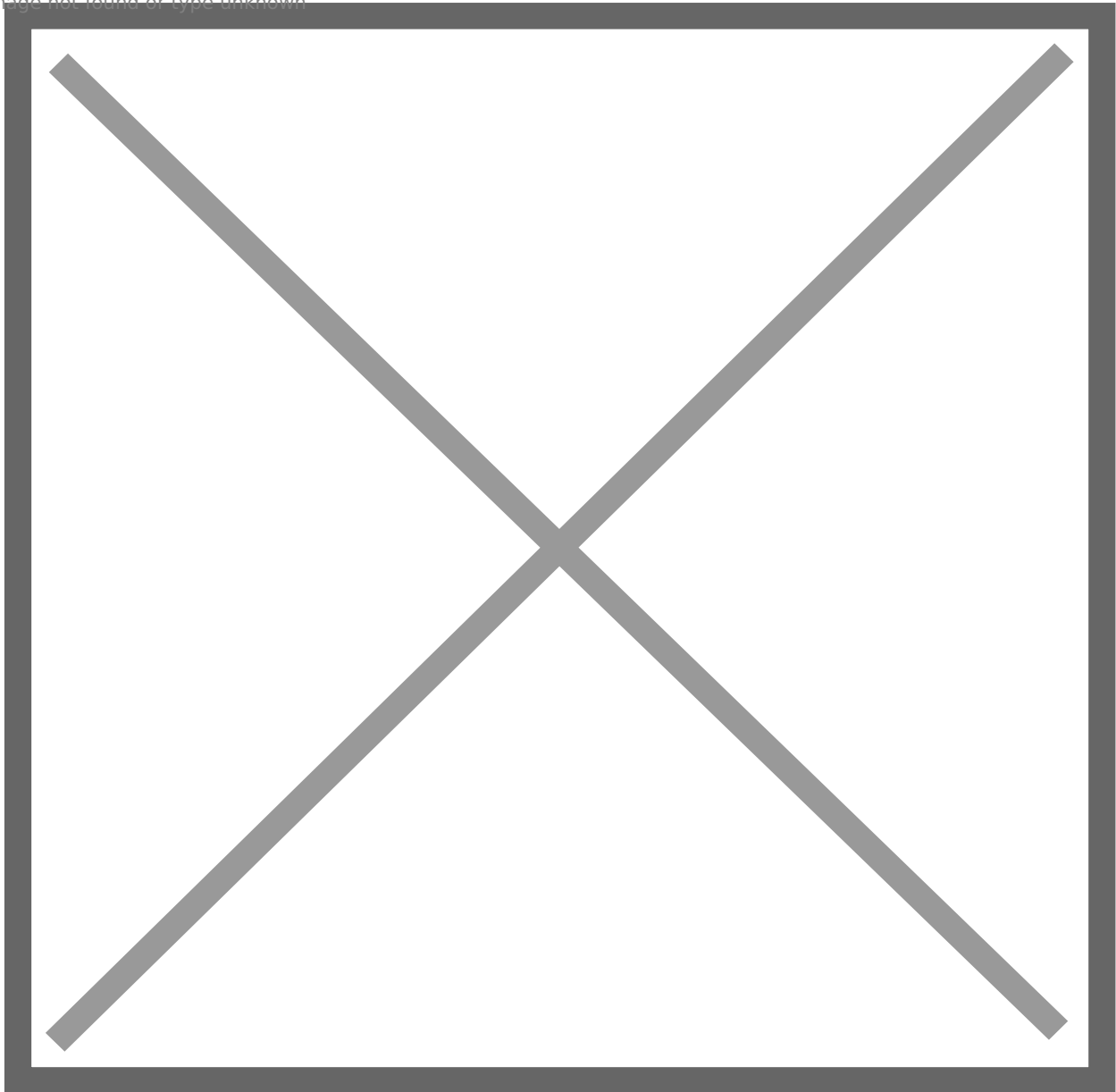
[Religious Nonprofit Organizations and Churches](#)

Understanding differences between the terms “churches” and “religious organizations” is important for religious groups seeking 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status.

www.score.org

So, 501(c)(3) is the broad category of tax-exempt charitable organizations. And it's relatively easy to start your own tax -exempt "church", as John Oliver demonstrated:

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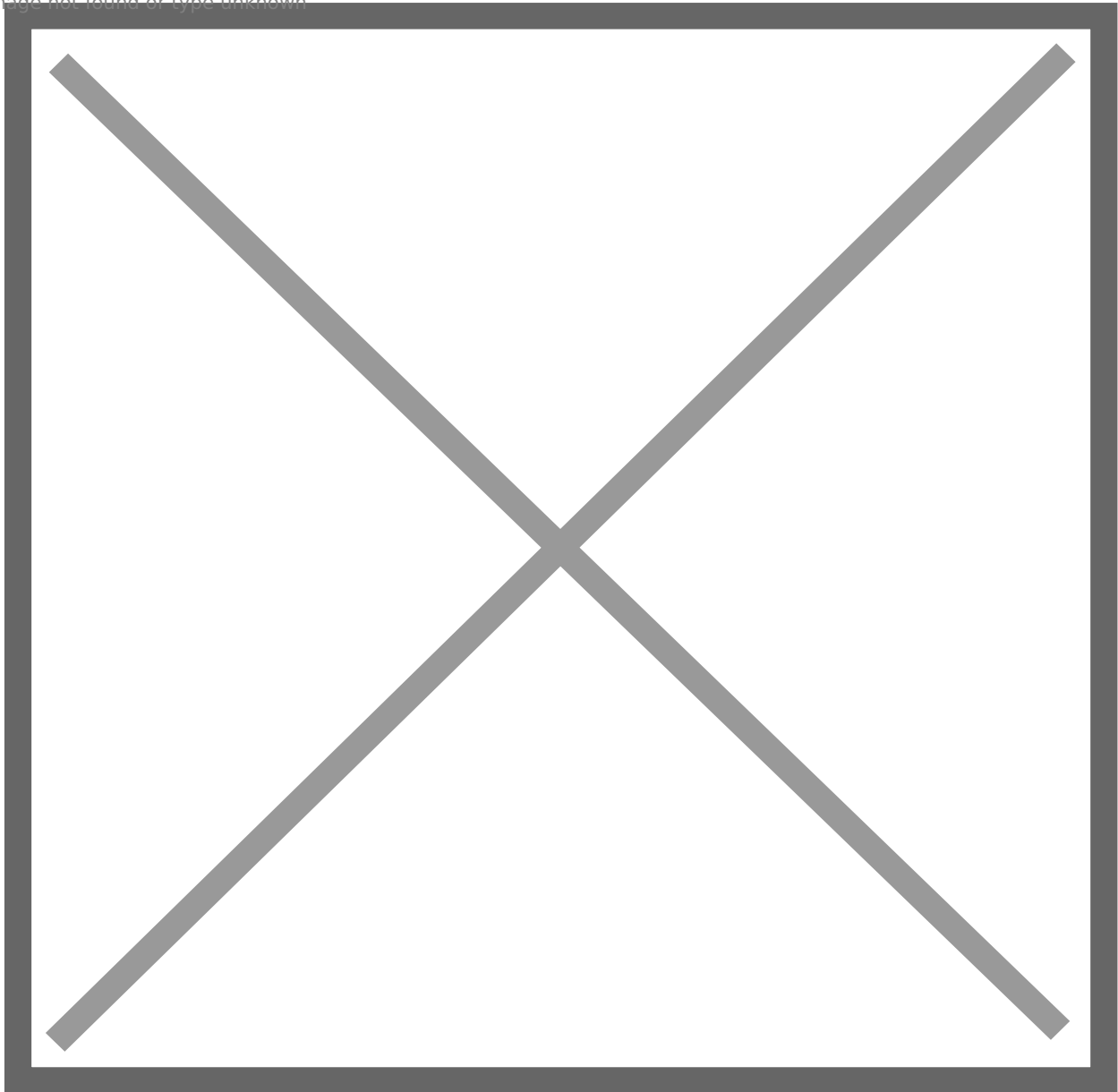


[It's Surprisingly Easy To Start Your Own Church](#)

If you're hoping to start your own IRS-approved religious organization, look no further than the guidelines below.

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[John Oliver Exposes Televangelism, Then Forms His Own Tax-Exempt Church](#)

Call 1-800-THIS-IS-LEGAL for a special message from a "megareverend."
www.huffpost.com

Note: I want to add that I understand that Nate and others (and myself in some ways) are not using "religion" in relation to Epicureanism in a satirical or flippant way like the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster or John Oliver's "church." I respect the "taking back the word idea" but these links show how broad and ill -defined the word is from a legal and secular perspective.

<http://www.epicureanfriends.com/thread/3664-pros-and-cons-of-considering-epicurean-philosophy-to-be-a-religion/?postID=28834#post28834>