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[Chris Hedges](#) [4], who previously railed against theocracy in *American Fascists*, now calls for a matching pox against those who don't have any religious houses:

There are two radical and dangerous sides to the debate on faith and religion in America: Christian fundamentalists, who see religious faith as their exclusive prerogative, and New Atheists, who brand all religious belief as irrational. Too often, the religious majority?those committed to tolerance and compassion as well as their faith?are caught in the middle.

He does have quite a point. How is believing in invisible, supernatural creatures ? without a shred of evidence to support their existence ? in any way irrational? And have you ever [watched Richard Dawkins and company](#) [5]? In four words: danger, danger, warning, warning!

Besides, the World's Greatest Woman (or at least her magazine) knows precisely what religion is for:

"Chris Hedges reminds us that the point of religion is not to make us disdain those who think differently but rather to help us become decent, responsive, and moral human beings." - O, The Oprah Magazine

In no way is religion a means of consolidating power in the hands of a paternalistic elite, via perpetuating blatant hokum.

Really, why else but to make us decent, responsive, moral human beings would L. Ron Hubbard have given us a new and better religion? No reason at all!

Anyway, this book must be pretty good if it got Oprah to [return to her pew](#) [6].



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