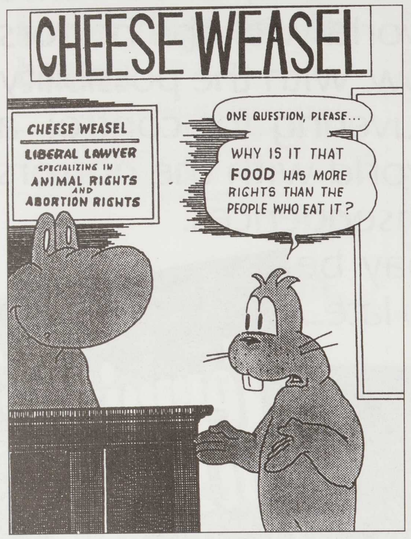


"If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefield besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches."

Martin Luther.

"A public official who would deny unborn children the protection of laws enjoyed by other citizens is guilty of grave injustice. Ordinarily it is morally illicit to help such a person achieve an office in which he or she will be in a position to do such an injustice. Those who assist such candidates because of their position on abortion are guilty of complicity in the abortions their election would make possible."

Bishop John Myers of Peoria, IL - 1990

"The Church must take the right ground in regard to politics. Politics are a part of a religion in a country such as this, and Christians must do their duty to the country as a part of their duty to God."

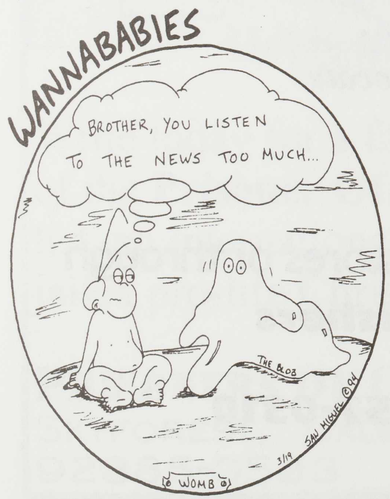
Charles Finney

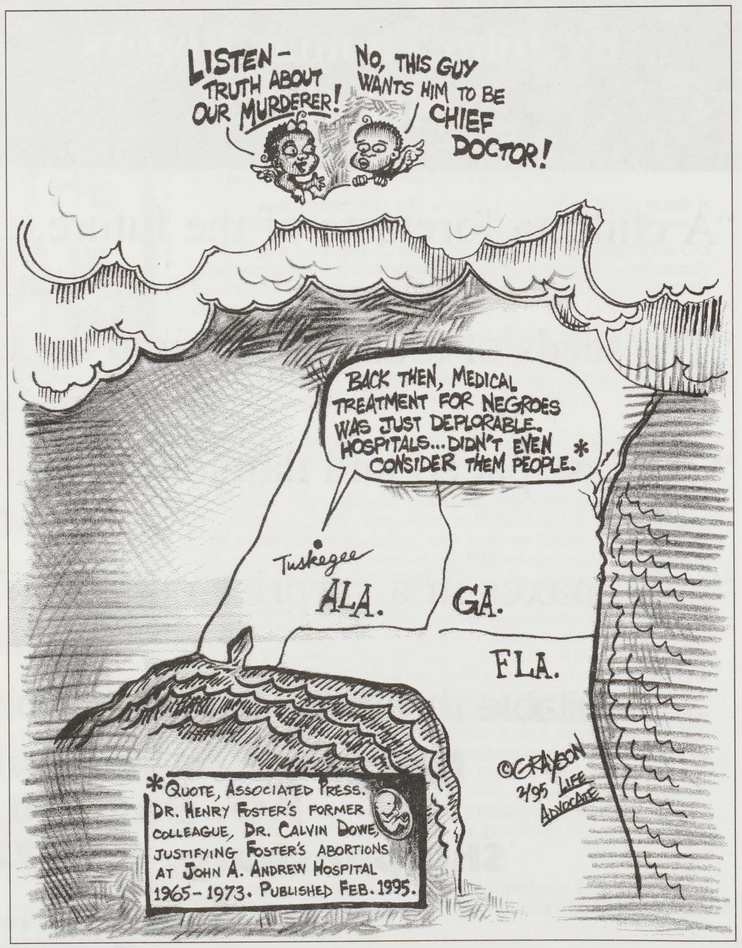
"Paradoxically, I have angry feelings at myself for feeling good about . . . Doing a technically good procedure which destroys a fetus, kills a baby."

New Mexico abortionist, American Medical News, July 12, 1993.

"How can anyone justify the murder of children for anything?"

Randy Ledger, a survivor of the Oklahoma City bombing.





German abortionist to pay child support

Karlsruhe, GERMANY — A doctor must pay child support to a woman who gave birth even after he had performed an abortion on her, a German high court ruled on March 28.

The federal court in Karlsruhe ordered the doctor to help support the child who was born healthy despite an abortion the mother underwent in 1979.

The woman had sought to abort the child because she felt financial and marital problems would make it difficult to raise a third child. ■

ORN Holy Week protests held in Louisiana

New Orleans, LA — In 1992, at the last week-long anti-abortion demonstration in the area, about 1,700 Operation Rescue/National (ORN) supporters protested outside a Baton Rouge clinic every day. Sixty-one people were arrested.

Then, ORN drew thousands of followers to Louisiana for a week-long anti-abortion protest. This year, the daily turnout during the Holy Week observations has been measured in dozens.

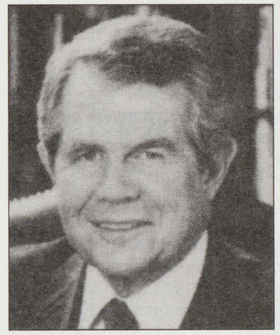
"We've had almost as many police as demonstrators all week," Police Major Howard Robertson, of the Baton Rouge police, said Saturday. "We were prepared for the worst, but it's been a real low-key thing."

Saturday, the final demonstration of the week, about 80 pro-lifers showed up at one clinic, along with about 50 abortion enthusiasts.

Rev. Bill Shanks, a Louisiana organizer for the demonstrations, said fears of violence kept many of the religious Operation Rescue supporters off the streets this week, although demonstrations were orderly.

At least 80 police officers and two dozen sheriff's deputies kept watch throughout the week at three clinics and two doctors' homes, at a cost to the city of $140,000.

ORN supporters sang, prayed and preached Saturday on one side of a clinic, and abortion-rights supporters stayed in another area. Police stood in a neutral zone in between. ■



Robertson says a pro-life amendment try now is a "meaningless exercise," but rejects back-off on principle

Washington, D.C. — Christian broadcaster, Pat Robertson, says he does not want the Republican party to abandon its pro-life stance, but admits attempting a constitutional ban on abortion right now would be "a meaningless exercise."

"There is no way, given the present makeup of Congress, that we could get a two-thirds vote for a constitutional amendment banning abortion. It's just not possible," Robertson said in an appearance on CNN's "Evans & Novak."

"This whole thing at this point in time is a meaningless exercise," he said.

Robertson said he doesn't think the GOP should abandon a call for an abortion ban on the Republican platform for 1996, as some conservative Republicans have suggested, but he does realize the ban is a long-term goal. Such a call was part of the GOP platform in the past three presidential campaigns.

"I think it's language of principle, and I would hate to see the Republican Party go away from that principle," Robertson said. "But any thinking person must realize that we're talking 10 or 15 years down the road, possibly."

Two GOP candidates, California Govenor Pete Wilson and Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, are "moderates" on most social issues and have not adopted the anti-abortion positions taken by other Republican hopefuls.

Conservatives say Wilson's support of abortion could sink his chances of winning the GOP nomination. But Robertson said the GOP is not likely to put forth a candidate for president or vice president who is pro-choice, because that may turn off key conservative supporters.

"They're not serious candidates, in my opinion," Robertson said. "I think their lack of enthusiasm could bring the ticket down. We really need to keep that conservative wing of the party active. And I think any seeming retreat from key moral issues would cause some defections." ■

ACLA leaders change addresses

Two regional leaders of the American Coalition of Life Activists (ACLA) have new addresses:

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Southeast District
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Norfolk, VA 23505
(804) 587-8678 ■

Pope's encyclical blasts "death culture"

Vatican City—"It is this century's Magna Carta proclaiming and defending human life," said Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony, chairman of the U.S. Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities, commenting on an encyclical from Pope John Paul II in which he used his strongest language ever to condemn abortion and euthanasia and hardened the Roman Catholic Church's stance against capital punishment.

The divine commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," is at the heart of Pope John Paul II's new encyclical, Evangelum Vitae, assailing what he calls a "culture of death" that violates human dignity.

Evangelum Vitae, or "The Gospel of Life," integrates the biblical commandment with other scriptural passages to maintain that the most innocent victims of all are those who will never be born because of abortion.

"There's never been an en-