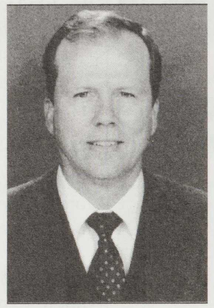
Wake up and smell the coffee!

So they finally figured it out.

Chip Berlet is an analyst at Political Research Associates in Cambridge, Mass. In a column which appeared in the February 1, 1995, *L.A. Times,* Berlet says he knows why John Salvi pulled the trigger in Boston, Mass. He says that Salvi took the advice of the vigilante slogan, "If you really think abortion is murder, then act like it." (Remember Atlanta, 1988)



Berlet's column, "How extremists try justifying violence," is a chronicle of a number of different groups that hold to one form of conspiracy theory or another. John Salvi wrote of a Freemason conspiracy in a statement released to the media shortly after he was arrested. Berlet uses that fact to springboard into a litany of other "so called" conspiracy theories that he says lead to "combative" divisions between "us" and "them."

Berlet is not squeamish about naming names either. The organizations that he says are at least partially responsible for the shooting of abortionists read, in part, like a Who's Who of pro-life activism. Human Life International, the John Birch Society, Operation Rescue, Christian Reconstructionism, and even Rush Limbaugh are just some of the individuals or groups that hold to conspiracy theories which are "infecting" a growing "right-wing social movement" and driving them to discussions about "armed resistance" he says.

Lest you think that somehow you, the reader, aren't included, Berlet even says that many Christians subscribe to a conspiracy theory, "with the Devil as the arch-conspirator and liberal secular humanist as his allies." (scary!) He goes on to point out that some actually, "believe that we are passing through the Biblical End Times that precede Christ's return to earth." (horrifying!!)

Berlet's conclusion, which by the way is shared by a great number of other pagans in our culture, is simple. These organizations that believe and teach that ***abortion is really murder*** are to blame. After all, even a pagan knows that if someone is about to be murdered that lethal force is justifiable to stop the killing.

The irony of it all is that every individual or group that Berlet mentions in his article has publicly condemned the shooting of abortionists. Virtually none of them have in any way tried to justify violence as the title of the article claims. In fact I recently heard a representative of one of the "conspiracy" groups spend the bulk of his pro-life talk condemning violence in every conceivable way possible. And yet, that doesn't seem to stop the accusations. In fact, it was that very organization that sells the book, "New World Order: The Ancient Plan of Secret Societies." Berlet suggests that it may have been the book and the "right-wing Catholic" teachings of that organization that sent Salvi over the edge.

So what's the point. Simply this—most of the world doesn't differentiate between pro-life organizations that have or haven't expressed beliefs concerning the use of force. Our crime, in their eyes, is that we publically proclaim that abortion is murder. And worse yet, it is our foundational belief that all truth comes from God and that He is in control. That really sends them into orbit.

There is a battle brewing. The forces of Darkness are mounting an attack on the children of Light. Anyone who publically expresses that abortion is murder is a target. And the more a person identifies that belief as coming from a Biblical or religious base the more they are persecuted. If you think that just pointing the finger of blame at John Salvi or Paul Hill will remove the bull's-eye from your back it's time that you wake up and smell the coffee. The big guns of the enemy are pointed at those who are perceived to be proclaiming abortion to be murder the loudest—regardless of whether they have condemned "violence" or not.

Simply saying that you are against "all the violence at the clinics" is not enough to satisfy the pro-abort forces. The only way that you can possibly have the heat taken off is to shut up about abortion altogether. That's exactly what the pro-abort forces are trying to intimidate us all into doing. The bottom line is that they want no opposition to their deadly practice whatsoever.

If we are fighting among ourselves our foes in the abortion camp need not worry—now is the time to set aside our differences and forge ahead. At a time when pro-life forces should be coming together in unity we seem to be dividing over issues that are not at the core of our beliefs.

My call to you and the entire pro-life movement is that we should put first things first. We need to continue to proclaim loud and clear that abortion is murder and that unborn children should be protected. We are all in this together, and, with God's help, we will prevail.

Serving Him for Life,

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Death himself stands before the doors of Clinton's church.

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"We serve 100%"

I just received a copy of your magazine. I did not order it; I did not pay for it, but I thank you. There are four of us missionaries here [in jail]. We gather for Bible study each evening after the evening meal. I am thankful for how God has blessed this ministry. I like to be busy serving the Lord, and I receive much joy from seeing fruit.

I have been incarcerated since June 4, 1994. [My] sentencing date is Feb. 13, 1995. I then have a 220-day sentence waiting for me at the Mil. HOC. It sure would be nice to be out of jail for awhile. All in the Lord's time.

[The] Dec. *Life Advocate*, pg. 26, "Randall Terry Jailed" — "Federal prisoners serve at least 85% of their sentence." From the information I have been told by other federal inmates, we serve 100% of the sentence up to one year and one day. Then we serve 85%.

Ron Brock
Waukesha, WI

Ignorant of abortifacients

Thank you for being so determined— in the midst of attacks from both sides—in proclaiming the ugly truth of the real war that we are engaged in. I think more needs to be stated about the unwanted facts about the abortifacients pills used by so many misinformed and willfully ignorant Christians and, I'm sure, many pro-lifers in our midst. I am afraid this issue is largely ignored and, I believe, a big reason why we are losing this war — or at least not making much progress. I tried without success to get Dr. James Dobson to talk about this issue.

Mike Steil
Omaha, NE

Had to renew

Although my husband and I enjoy the *Life Advocate*, due to increasing financial difficulties I have been unable to renew most of my subscriptions to reading material that we enjoy. However, after the recent clinic shooting I heard so many pro-aborts hysterically denouncing your magazine. I just had to find the money to renew! Keep up the good work.

Steve and Teresa Jones
Durham, NC

Good work

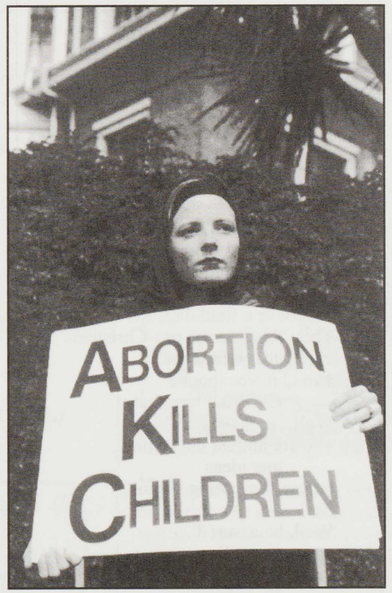
Please renew my subscription to *Life Advocate*! Thank you for your honest, consistent pro-life position. I want to praise Cathy Ramey's article [Jan. '95], "Decision making by the Book." The truth of God's Word is above the emotion of feeling on every issue of our life. Keep up the good work.

John Rogers
Spanish Fork, UT

In Loving Memory

Craig Allen Casteel Hartkopf
Born 6-13-94
Died of SIDS 8-14-94

This photo was taken only two days before Craig went to rest in the arms of the Lord.



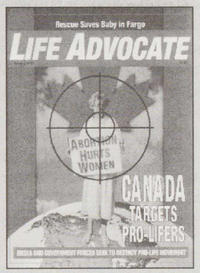
News from the Outback

The photo is of me on a recent Life Chain outside New Zealand's largest abortion site (pictured in the background). It's called the Epsom Day Unit and is in the grounds of Greenland Hospital. The abortion unit occupies the third floor. An IVF unit occupies the second floor. [They] also freeze and kill their "excess" children by flushing them down the sink. The first floor is gynecology—read: abortifacients distribution center—where IUDs, Depo Provera, etc., are disseminated. I hold a daily morning prayer vigil here, and some rescues (one person) have been done recently.

At the EDU in 1993 (most recent figures available) 4,119 children were reported killed. [There were] 11,725 in total in New Zealand.

Joanne Phimester
Auckland, New Zealand

More questions for Hill



I just read [Cathy Ramey's] article in the Jan. '95 *Life Advocate*, as well as the interview with Paul Hill. It was well worth reading, and a good idea in having a wide variety of Christians ask questions. However, they were mostly softball questions. I wish you had gotten more substantive questions for Mr. Hill.

One question might be: You say you acted in order to defend the unborn babies who would have otherwise died that day. But in the days prior to the shooting you carried a large sign at the clinic saying 'Execute abortionists." This strongly suggests that you had another motive: a Phinehas-like desire to execute judgment. Do you think such a motive is biblically defensible in the present circumstances? Biblically mandated? If so, precisely why? If not, why not?

Another question might be: As a Presbyterian, you are no doubt aware of Calvin's doctrine of the lesser magistrate. This is a doctrine that lays out a way for Christians to use force in the cause of justice when the prevailing authorities sanction injustice. Are you familiar with Calvin's doctrine? What do you think of it? Did you consider it? In light of [the apostle] Paul's writings, what is your justification for acting on your own?

I'm sure there are other Christians who could ask substantive questions that have not come to my own mind. I wish Paul Hill had been asked such questions. But perhaps you will have another opportunity to present them. In the meantime, I think *Life Advocate* [is] to be commended for providing one of the few forums where such matters can be honestly discussed.

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