

Is the Philippines under Curse?

Recently, the Magdalo faction of the military has signified their intention to participate actively in the 2010 elections joining the fray of traditional politicians, leftist –leaning candidates for national offices in consolidating their support bailiwicks and developing new ones. Each sector has its own formula to resolve our country's woes at this time but has anyone ever really wondered as to the root cause why the Filipino people is in the dire predicament it finds itself in today?

Today, more than ever, it is not unusual to see Filipino families torn apart because the parents/children, if only to provide a better future to their respective families, have to go abroad to work. Despite being college graduates, they inevitably work as maids, caregivers and other low-end menial jobs, constantly exposed to physical, sexual/emotional abuse at the hands of foreigner-employers. It is so lamentable to see our young men and women forced to prostitute themselves for measly change due to sheer poverty....so wasteful to see the bountiful natural resources of our country left untapped for decades due to the graft and corruption practices of local authorities as well as the dismal lack of peace and order in the countryside...so disturbing to see aliens in virtual control of the economy and with their unbridled wealth, wield such undaunted influence/power over a government bureaucracy whose mercenary/hireling mentality is becoming even more blatant as time goes by. Indeed, it is so sad to see an increasingly low regard for precious lives that extra-judicial killings of alleged criminal/leftist elements have become commonplace...so appalling to see hunger, thirst, nakedness and utter poverty ravage the best of our youth who in increasing numbers, turn to drugs to temporarily escape the harsh realities of life.

Interestingly enough, Deuteronomy 28 describe the above scenarios with some vividness..." ***But if you do not hearken to the voice of the Lord, your God, and are not careful to observe all His commandments which I enjoin on you today...The Lord will put a curse on you, defeat and frustration in every enterprise you undertake...You will be oppressed and robbed continually with no one to help you...Your sons and daughters will be given to a foreign nation while you look on and grieve for them in constant helplessness...A people whom you do not know will consume the fruit of your soil and of all your labor...the alien residing among you will rise higher and higher above you while you sink lower and lower. He will lend to you, not you to him. He will become the head, you the tail...Since you would not***

serve the Lord, your God, with joy and gratitude for abundance of every kind, therefore in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and utter poverty, you will serve the enemies whom the Lord will send against you..."

Some people may contend that these verses do not apply to Filipinos but only to the Israelites. However, Galatians 3:29 reminds us that...***"And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise."*** This being said, it is most urgent for the Filipino people who profess to be Christians, to be critically aware of these biblical exhortations once and for all. With all due respects to other well-meaning candidates for national offices including the traditional politicians, the leftist or even the Magdalo faction of the military, each nation-loving Filipino must begin to realize that as the first and only Christian country in the Far East, the ultimate solution to our country's current social, economic and political woes, does not rest in any worldly approach or wisdom which have utterly failed in the past. Rather, it lies in the establishment of a Christ-centered, Holy-Spirit-inspired dimension/perspective to the social, economic and political arena diligently implemented by a resolute national leadership imbued with the same biblical/spiritual persuasions. After all, as Abraham's descendants, we are not only heirs to the divine promises but also heirs to the damaging curses as well...Di ba?

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