

~ The Fleeing Shadows ~

How will Christians know the time of our Lord's return?

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts...

1 Corinthians 4: 5

For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

Luke 12: 2, 3

The end of the Duvalier dynasty in Haiti, the flight of Marcos from the Philippines, and Russia's freeing Scharansky dominated the news in the 1980's. These events all have one thing in common. That is, corruption and evil being exposed. The *hidden things of darkness* are being made manifest.

"Papa Doc" Duvalier held the Haitian people in subjection by the superstitions of voodooism. In 1971, his son "Baby Doc" succeeded him in the office of lifetime presidency. Supposedly "Baby Doc" won a plebiscite handily – 2,391,916 to 0. Pledges of liberty and economic well being to all Haitians soon rang hollow. Also, his wife's million-dollar splurges on clothes and diamonds galled a country whose people were poverty ridden. The hidden works of darkness could no longer be suppressed. Appropriately, "Baby Doc" Duvalier and his family fled in the darkness, at 3:30 A.M. As dawn broke over Haiti, an era of darkness had finally ended.

During the Philippine election campaign, Marcos boasted that he would win by 1.5 million votes. When the official count of votes was taken, Marcos was declared winner by nearly 1.5 million votes. However, this official count was made by the Marcos controlled National Assembly. Independent vote-counting sources gave the

victory to Corazon Aquino by a large margin. Bloodshed and blatant election fraud by Marcos' forces was the eyewitness report of Reagan's watchdog committee. The works of darkness are deeply entrenched. Yes, Marcos was corrupt with assets around the world in millions of dollars. But the works of darkness could no longer be hidden. Shortly after, Reagan declared the election had been "marred by widespread fraud and violence perpetrated by the ruling party". Aquino and the Catholic bishops of the Philippines incited the people to non-violent civil disobedience and Marcos was toppled. Fleeing on a U.S. Air Force jet, Marcos and his party managed to carry with them seven million dollars of wealth.

Another evidence of the works of darkness being made manifest is that up to a few decades back, Catholic bishops in their respective countries were usually supporting right wing dictators. Now, in this era of evil practices being exposed, traditional churches are finding it safer to speak out on behalf of those who are opposing the corrupt practices of the past.

Even a totalitarian state like Russia is powerless to prevent exposure, as was evidenced by the release of the Jewish dissident Scharansky. Thirty years earlier, in the 1950's, Russia could effect a total news blackout. Today, Russia is embarrassed by news reports of its treatment of the dissidents.

Never in all the annals of history have ecclesiastics, statesmen, men in government, heads of industry, labor leaders, etc., been so cross-questioned, criticized, and exposed as now at the bar of public judgment. Notwithstanding their determined effort to avoid the examination, they are obliged to endure the trial. These worldwide exposures of corruption are one of many proofs that we are at the time of our Lord's return. Send for a free copy of *I Will Come Again*. Click **REPLY**, and send an e-mail asking for this booklet. Include the name of this publication, your name, and your mailing address. ♦