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Review and Preview :

Our thought that the equity markets would top out September 15-19 under the transiting Venus translation of the Jupiter-Uranus trine of August 29 was incorrect. The markets did come down for two days from a high on September 15, but by Wednesday, September 20, they soared right back up again to new multi month highs. Maybe we are 1-2 days off. Maybe they will continue even higher in the days and weeks ahead as many people believe. Does this mean that astrology does not work? No, not at all. But it does mean that the astrologer's (my) interpretation of the celestial mechanics and how they would affect world equity indices on a short-term basis was wrong by at least 1-2 days. I wish it was possible to say that I am always correct in my forecasts, but after nearly 30 years of analyzing financial markets, it is just not so. Yet, as a trader, one has to be pleased that we had such a long run of correct forecasts for this year, particularly the highs in many financial markets forecasted for early May, and the lows in many markets forecasted for June 13-14. Those highs and lows are still standing in many markets, including precious metals.

In world equity markets, not all indices performed so well last week as the U.S. markets did. In Europe, the Swiss stock index continued to be the stellar performer, rising to 8384 on Thursday, its highest level in over 6 years. Even its currency, the Swiss Franc, broke out of a multi-week slumber and soared by the end of last week suggesting that the bullish phase of its 4-year cycle is

end of last week, suggesting that the bottom phase of its 4-year cycle is resuming. The Netherlands AEX also was strong, rallying to over 480 on Thursday, its highest mark since May 2002. Not as strong, but still doing well, was the German DAX, reaching 5979 on Thursday, which is a multi week high, but still far below the 6100-6200 level of the previous Jupiter-Uranus trine passage in early May 2006. And the weakest of the Euro indices was the London FTSE, which actually closed near its low of the month at 5822, a far cry from 5991 mark of September 5. There is a clear case of Intermarket Bearish Divergence going on in Europe equity markets now.

In the Pacific Rim, we see the same problem. The Hang Seng of Hong Kong was spectacular, soaring to 17,663 on Thursday, its highest mark since September 2001. But in both Japan and Australia, the major indices were down, with the Nikkei falling to its lowest level of the month on Friday, and the All Ordinaries close to the same.

In the Americas it was very similar. The Dow Jones Industrial Average sailed to 11,630 on Thursday morning - its highest level since the 6-year high of May. But then it began a sell-off into Friday. The NASDAQ Composite went to 2261, its highest level since May also, but then it too sold off into Friday, with a rather bearish momentum reading as we closed the week. But in Brazil, the opposite happened. The Bovespa was down all week, falling even below the primary cycle low of July 18, and still pointed lower. The Argentine Merval looked a little more positive, even though it didn't post any new monthly highs. At least it wasn't making new lows, and actually it looks to be the strongest index of Americas as we start this new week.

In other markets last week, Crude Oil continues to plummet, falling to 60.20 on Friday, its lowest level since February and off nearly 25% from its all-time of just a few weeks ago. In the case of Gold, we held the test of the lows formed last June 13-14, and started rallying smartly in to the end of the week. And Corn also started breaking out of a multi-week congestion zone, giving support to our view that a major new bull market is about ready to unfold. That will be one of the special themes at the MMA Financial Market Timing conference in three weeks.

Short-Term Geocosmics :

We are now entering the end of a rather unusual planetary cluster that is in effect September 15-25. Venus completed its translation to the Jupiter-Uranus trine, with the favorable sextile of Venus to Jupiter on September 19. A powerful total solar eclipse unfolded on Friday, September 22, in the last degree of Virgo, just hours before the autumnal equinox (official start of the fall season in the northern hemisphere). And then on Sunday, September 24, Jupiter will form its third and final waning square to Neptune, followed by Venus in waning square to Pluto (September 25). This period therefore had the potential to coincide with cyclical crests or troughs in various markets. It appears to have coincided with lows in some currencies, precious metals, and perhaps even crude oil, as Jupiter and Neptune both rule this market and it is falling to new multi-month lows. As stated before, and even in this year's Forecast Book, I think this decline is consistent with a 4-year cycle bottom, from which Crude Oil will rally to triple digits by 2008. If it isn't forming now, then we can look to the Jupiter-Saturn square at the end of October.

Our attention will now shift to the ingress of heliocentric Mercury entering Sagittarius (September 25 - October 6), as well as the "Sagittarius Factor" that unfolds Wednesday-Friday of this coming week. The combination could produce very wild markets, with very large price swings, especially in precious metals, currencies, and crude oil.

Long-Term Thoughts :

We will return to our analysis of the 36-year Saturn-Neptune opposition, currently in effect August 2004 through June 2007, next week.

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Some readers have also written to express their concerns that the 4-year cycle trough in stock markets doesn't appear to be unfolding by the end of this year, as previously forecasted. That is correct, as discussed at length in last week's *MMA Cycles Report* (subscription service). That doesn't mean the 4-year cycle has been "trashed," as one observer complained. Not at all. Cycles, like aspects between planets, have orbs of time when they may manifest. The four-year cycle has a historical range of 36-56 months. It can bottom anywhere in that time band and still be considered a "hit." In fact, it can even expand, in some cases, as it did 20 years ago. The 4-year cycle trough of 1982 didn't bottom in 1986. It expanded to October 1987, and when it did hit, it fell with a vengeance, as many may remember, with the stock market crash of October 1987. I bring this up for two reasons. First, this market looks a lot like that of 20 years ago, which was the last time a Republican President sat in the office for two consecutive terms. Secondly, as pointed out by subscriber Gary Cohen, that crash of 1987 followed a total solar eclipse on - guess when? - September 22 that year. This is the first total solar eclipse in that same degree. Solar eclipses tend to happen near the same spot of the zodiac every 19 years. That also followed a Jupiter-Uranus trine just a couple of weeks before. Not that a crash will necessarily happen again, as it did in mid-October following the 1987 eclipse, but we do have to be aware that some important geocosmic signatures are repeating. And many world equity markets are exhibiting overbought technical conditions and/or Intermarket Bearish Divergence patterns - in all sectors of the globe.

Announcements :

LAST CHANCE to guarantee a spot at the "MMA Financial Market Timing" course (at the best price) that will take place October 14-15 at the beautiful Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix, Arizona! The Hilton will release any unused rooms reserved on Monday back to public - which means that instead of the special \$169.00/night rate we have, they will then reserve the right to charge you the normal (and higher) accommodation rate. Their direct line is 1-800-876-4683 or 1-602-870-2722. It looks like a good group will be attending - approximately 20-25 people. And the attendees are usually an equal amount of active traders and astrologers, which makes for a good mix. This seminar also has a couple of rather well-known traders and analysts coming, which is an honor for me personally. At this seminar, attendees will learn the MMA method of market timing and how to project future prices and critical reversal dates in financial markets, with emphasis upon the U.S. stock market, Gold and Silver, and the coming bull market in Corn. **Seminar Fee** : The cost of this 2-day, 14 hours, MMA Market Timing Seminar is \$1995.00, but only \$1500.00 if registered prior to Monday. **Registration** : You may register for this MMA Market Timing Seminar via credit card by calling 1-800-662-3349 or 1-248-626-3034, or faxing registration to 1-248-538-5296. You may also register via e-mail at ordersmma@msn.com, or by website at www.mmacycles.com, or by sending check or money order in US funds to MMA, P.O. Box 250012, W. Bloomfield, MI 48325 U.S.A. For further information, [have a look](#)

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