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Review and Preview :

Financial astrology is, in my experience, the most accurate market tool that I know of. Yet like all tools of market analysis, it is not infallible, nor does it work best as a "stand-alone" system. It works best in combination with other tools of market analysis, whether technical studies, pattern and chart recognition studies, and even fundamental analysis.

For the past several weeks (since mid-August), there have been a series of geocosmic "cluster zones" that historically have had a high correlation with reversals in financial markets. In each case they worked, but only for a few days, after which equity indices resumed their rallies to new highs. And now the U.S. stock market (Dow Jones Industrial Average) has reached the point where it is testing its all-time high. Friday's high was 11,742. The all-time high of January 2000 was 11,750. When it breaks convincingly above 11,750, it will confirm one of the two long-term cycles' labelings as outlined in our subscription reports: namely, that the low of October 2002 was a longer-term 18-year cycle trough, and not just a 4-year cycle. From our study of cycles, we know that the early stages of any cycle are always bullish and later stages of older cycles are usually very bearish. And this sure looks like the first four-year cycle phase of a longer-term 18-year cycle, and not the last stages of an older 18-year cycle. We have to re-adjust our bias now to reflect this new bullish development for applying one's

to adjust our bias now to reflect this new common development, for applying one's knowledge of astrology to a bull market is different than applying it to a bear market.

But the question I am most asked about lately in regards to stock market rally is: "Why didn't financial astrology foretell the power of this rally?" With the shorter-term 4-year cycle ideally due by the end of this year, there was a preponderance of reasons to believe the highs of May 10 would remain intact as the crest of the 4-year cycle, from which a 20+% decline would follow. And for the next two months, as the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped nearly 1000 points from 11,670 to the 10,683 low of mid-July, it looked like it was unfolding as expected, within the context of an older (bearish) 18-year cycle. But then the rally began that now seems like it will never end. Did financial astrology fail? Or was it the failure of the financial astrologer to accurately interpret the strength of this market within the context of geocosmic signatures? It was the later - as always. With the belief that the 4-year and 18-year cycles had topped out, the theory of cycle's analysis suggested (to me) that the highs of January 2000 and May 2006 would hold. But they didn't, and so it is necessary to re-label these cycles, especially the 18-year cycle, which I will now postulate to top out within 4 months of May 2008, just around the time of the next UAC gathering (United Astrological Conference, www.uacastrology.com). However, even before then, I continue to believe that the 4-year cycle trough will occur, still dropping these indices 20% sometime within the next year. The 4-year cycle didn't skip a beat. We are still within its normal time frame of 36-56 months from the last occurrence of October 2002.

So from a financial astrology point of view, is there anything that can account for this rally to new stock market highs in the past week? The one thing I can suggest is that this continuation rally is a spillover of the euphoric and "irrational exuberance" principles of the Jupiter-Neptune square that occurred last Sunday-Monday, September 24-25. In my experience, it is not uncommon to see a market rally strongly into aspects like this, and continue "spilling over" for up to ten trading days. Sad to say, the market is capable of exhibiting "irrational exuberance" far longer than my pocketbook can wait for rational logic to return to the markets. In retrospect, we see that the Dow Industrials have rallied less than 4% from its monthly low on September 8. As a point of comparison, we also note that Gold has rallied 6% and Silver nearly 12% since their monthly lows of September 15, only two weeks ago, as we were bullish here as well. Corn - another market we have suggested investors now buy - rose to its highest level on the nearby contract in two years last week. A month ago the December contract was at its lowest price of the year. It simply points out the importance of diversifying one's portfolio, taking all the trades suggested (and not just one market), and the possibility that all this euphoria in stocks may simply be a spillover of Jupiter-Neptune principle.

Short-Term Geocosmics :

As stated last week, "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." Indeed we saw this, as Gold soared to above \$610.00, Silver to \$11.80 on Thursday, from their lows of 576 and 1055 just two weeks ago. And Crude Oil has soared from a low of 59.65 last Monday to 64.00 by Thursday. Not bad for a double dose of Sagittarius influences on Wednesday and Thursday! This week finds Venus ingressing into Libra on Saturday, September 30, where it will remain through October 24. Venus rules Libra, so one would think this is a positive for equities. At then same time, we look for an important low to form in the precious metals (especially Silver) during this period. From October 4 through October 10, Mars, Sun, and Venus all form a trine aspect to Neptune. This is likely to affect crude oil prices, and possibly interest-rate sensitive markets too. In a mundane sense, this could correlate with greater efforts for peace in the world, for Neptune in trine aspect is the desire for peace and beauty. It may be a good time to experience infatuation.

Long-Term Thoughts :

Despite the run up to new multi-year highs in many of the world stock indices, we are still in the time band of the very important Saturn-Neptune opposition (August 2006-June 2007). Despite the fact that Saturn-Neptune in opposition continues to put on display an abundance of news reports on governmental leaks, harmful spying activities, fraudulent business activity, corruption and scandals in government and businesses around the world, the stock markets continue to rally. When we go back into history and examine the 6 previous instances of this 36-year cycle in the U.S. stock market (as done in *The Ultimate Book On Stock Market Timing, Volume 2: Geocosmic Correlations to Investment Cycles*), we will see that 4-year or greater cycle crests are much more common than 4-year cycle troughs (4 crests, only 1 trough), even though each of these periods coincided with some rather outstanding scandals. Take for instance the last time, June 1971 through April 1972. The stock market rallied during most of this period and beyond, to a new all-time high in January 1973, even after the aspect ended. But it was also during this period that the Watergate burglaries took place, which was finally discovered and brought to the public's awareness in 1973 - after the elections - leading to the downfall and subsequent resignation of then-President Richard Nixon.

As stated in *Stock Market Timing* book referred to above, "In most cases, the bigger cycle (in stocks) did not unfold within the central time band (of the aspect). More often than not, the long-term stock market cycle unfolded within one year *after* the aspect. This tendency (of the aspect) to unfold before the cycle is completed may be consistent with Neptune's character of "hiding the negative facts" while the aspect is in effect. Maybe the truth of the difficulties in the economy, government, or market in general is not realized (or believed) until the aspect is completed. While it is in effect, it seems to camouflage those difficulties."

Let's see what this week brings. The end of the quarter earnings and "portfolio dressing" is now over as September ends. Now we will see if the "spillover" of the Jupiter-Neptune square ends as well - or if this rally in stocks is for real.

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