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Review and Preview :

The astrological shift referred to in recent weekly reports has now taken place. The Sun, Venus, and Mars have all joined Mercury and Jupiter in the tropical sign of Scorpio as of Monday and Tuesday, October 23-24. Although many of the stock markets of the world did not top out and reverse then, several other markets did exhibit reversals. Gold and Silver, for example, bottomed early on October 24 at 576 and 1135 respectively. By the end of the week, Gold had closed above 600.00, and Silver had traded up to 1228 on Tuesday. The Euro currency had fallen back to the mid 125's on Tuesday, but by Friday they were trading in the mid 127's. And Corn prices dipped back to a temporary low on Monday, but then continued to soar, with the December contract closing the week above 330. Just a month ago Corn was trading in the mid-230's. It has appreciated over 40% in this period, thus supporting our forecast for a new bull market made late summer. Even Crude Oil seems to be getting into the act as it dropped below 59.00/barrel for a new low in the nearby contract on Monday, but rose well above 61.00 by Thursday. With Jupiter now leaving its square to Saturn (and the mid-term national elections almost upon us), Crude Oil may be free to rally once again, perhaps to the \$100.00 barrel we have been forecasting with Uranus in Pisces (2003-2010), and even while Saturn is in opposition to Neptune (2006-2007).

Some stock indices did make new multi-week tops early last week too, like Japan's Nikkei Index. But others continued higher into at least Thursday. In

the case of all European indices, new multi-year highs were attained by Thursday. The Swiss Stock Index even made a new all-time high last week. So did the All Ordinaries in Australia and the Hang Seng in Hong Kong. And of course the Dow Jones Industrial Average did too. There were also strong rallies in Argentina's Merval and Brazil's Bovespa indices, as well as the NASDAQ Composite in the U.S. But none of these three indexes made new all-time highs.

Short-Term Geocosmics :

As discussed last week, "... we are now about to enter the most heavily populated time band of geocosmic signatures of the year, stretching from October 23 through December 22. There are no more than 6 consecutive calendar days separating any two geocosmic signatures during this period, a very rare phenomenon."

We just witnessed the big ingress of the Sun, Venus, and Mars into Scorpio last Monday and Tuesday, and the powerful Jupiter-Saturn square last Wednesday. Now we see Mercury turn retrograde this weekend, October 28, followed by Neptune turning stationary direct on Sunday. Right away this tells us we are in a period when all information (Mercury) may be subject to distortion (Neptune), and perhaps this is done intentionally to project an overly inflated view of oneself, or an overly unflattering (and even damaging) view of someone else. Mercury and Neptune correlate with the phenomenon of rumors and false information, and that makes this last week before the mid-term U.S. national elections particularly dangerous. In fact, on Election Day itself, Venus will be in a waning square to Neptune, followed by the Sun in the same relationship to Neptune two days later. With Mercury in retrograde through November 18, these combinations seem to suggest more than the usual irregularities in the vote counting - or at least allegations of such. It is quite possible that the results of many elections will not be known for several days, and/or like Mexico, many candidates may dispute vote results for several days, even weeks. It may not be the case that they are really wrong, but rather a case that 1) cheating will be alleged and 2) losers may have a particularly hard time accepting the truth. With Neptune so strong, denial is indicated the heavens. The shock of reality (loss) may lead many to tears.

But how will these signatures affect financial markets? With Neptune so strong, so too is the case for "irrational exuberance." Do not expect the markets to behave rationally during this period. Do not expect support or resistance area to hold. But expect an abundance of "fake-outs," where the market suggests it wants to start a new trend, even a break-out, only to be followed by a sudden turn in the opposite direction. And even that turn may be short-lived, for during Mercury retrograde, it is not unusual to see any trend lasting more than 1-4 days before swinging back in the opposite direction.

Long-Term Thoughts :

Scandals, ethical lapses, hypocrisy, corruption... will they ever end? Not likely while Saturn remains in opposition to Neptune (August 2006-June 2007). First, we are "going to stay the course in Iraq." Then the denial that this was ever said, or meant literally. Of course this followed the bill to punish sexual predators of young people via the internet by a Congressman who himself was a sexual predator of young people by the internet. The challenge when Saturn and Neptune are in hard aspect (which happens about every 9 years) is for leaders to merit the trust of the people they are suppose to be leading. The last time Saturn and Neptune were in hard aspect (1998) President Bill Clinton wagged his infamous finger at the American TV audience and proclaimed: "I did not have sex with that woman." A few days later he was proved correct. He had sex with her dress.

It doesn't matter whether it is in government, or business (think Hewlett Packard), or religion, or any walk of life. If you have been entrusted with leadership within that group, you are expected to exemplify ethical principals and behavior relative to that position. But during Saturn-Neptune, it is oftentimes revealed that these leaders (saviors) are in fact false saviors. They make claims

or threats that cannot be justified, or are in contradiction with earlier positions. We see this in the leaderships of Iran, North Korea, Venezuela, Israel, certainly here in the United States, and many other parts of the world. The sad thing is that these leaders begin to believe their own stories, and are getting bolder and bolder in their pronouncements and threats. But eventually they will get caught in denials, and then become the brunt of a backlash by a populace that feels betrayed. That is the history of this aspect. That is what happened the last time they were in opposition in 1971, at the time of the Watergate break-in. This is why this election is all about impeaching George W. Bush, despite the latest ranting that this is not the case. Come on: Mercury and Neptune are also changing directions this week. This is not a period when one can believe anything one reads or hears. We read reports that over 650,000 Iraqis have been killed in this war in Iraq, only to find a couple of days later the design of this university study was seriously flawed. We read a *Wall Street Journal* editorial by former FED Chairman Paul Volcker on the huge problem of corruption all over the world, in which he concludes "My impression is that the corruption problem may be getting worse." He is referring to the problems within the World Bank and its lending practices and experiences, but it applies to other areas of human activity as well.

As Financial Astrologers, we know that the Saturn-Neptune aspect is historically associated with corruption. It is part of the "fear sells" hysteria that will reach a crescendo when Saturn and Uranus enter into opposition in 2008-2010. But as Financial Astrologers who study the history of planetary cycles related to human activity, we also know that these are periods that will lead to fantastic new trends and incredible investment opportunities. Play the card that says: corruption will be revealed, and those involved will lose. Don't bet on the corruption continuing unabated, despite how bleak it may seem today, one week before the mid-term U.S. elections. It may take 1-2 years, until Saturn finally reaches its opposition to Uranus, for all of this to "come out." And efforts will be made to subdue and even scandalize the revolution in thought that is being birthed. But if the history of the Saturn-Uranus is any indication, there is a force that will grow stronger and stronger over the next decade. This period of 2001-2010 is a lot like 1965-1974 to a Mundane or Financial Astrologer. The planetary signatures of the Viet Nam conflict and the Iraq conflict are eerily similar to a Mundane Astrologer. And the Pluto transit of each period to the chart of the United States is even more eerily similar.

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