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Review and Preview :

The holiday shopping season officially began in the United States following Thanksgiving last week - and the Dow Jones Industrial Average promptly sold off in triple digits on Monday. That possibility was suggested over two weeks ago, as the DJIA was making all-time highs, when this report stated, "It can be stressful until Mars finishes its square of Saturn on November 29. I would not be surprised to see a couple of triple digit down days (and maybe up days too) in the Dow Jones Industrial Average between now and then." The high of this market still remains the 12,362 level of our three-star critical reversal date, November 22, the day before Thanksgiving and the midpoint of the huge cluster of geocosmic signatures that are in effect October 23-December 22.

This past week was not kind to many equity markets of the world. In Europe, the German DAX and London FTSE were down well over 200 points from the highs of the prior week. The Swiss Stock Index was down twice as much, over 400 points, from its all-time highs of two weeks ago. The Netherlands AEX

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also plummeted substantially last week.

In the Pacific Rim, Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell sharply following its all-time of the prior week. But in Australia, the All ordinaries index posted a new all-time high intraday on Friday. Also bucking the trend was Japan's Nikkei Index, which tested its lows of September on Monday, and then rallied over 700 points into Friday. This fits last week's comments, which stated, "In Japan, the situation was completely different, as the Nikkei fell all week to test its previous primary cycle low of 15,500 back on September 25. To our way of looking at things in this critical reversal period, the Nikkei is flashing buy signals while all these other indices are overbought and perhaps readying for a sell-off." Bingo!

In the America's Argentina's Merval Index soared to anew all-time last week, and Brazil's Bovespa al most did the same. The NASDAQ Composite however was down sharply all week from its 5-year highs posted just the prior Friday, November 24. It sure looks like the effects of Uranus, which rule the technology stocks and are very abundant November 20-December 4.

But the real excitement was in the precious metals, currencies, and crude oil markets. Gold and Silver soared to new multi-month highs. The Euro soared to a new yearly high. And Crude Oil exploded out of its multi-month decline when prices fell to 57.00 just a few days ago. This week they closed above 65.00. As written previously in this column, Gold, Silver and Currencies were due for a powerful rise from lows in October to a period of November 13-December 4. We are now there. And Crude Oil's 4-year cycle trough was due nearby to the Jupiter-Saturn square, which was one month ago. Price remained low since that time, and finally broke out last week.

And yet the talk is still about how strong the stock markets of the world have been since their lows of the summer. And it is true that this rally since July to new highs caught most Financial Astrologers - including myself - off guard as many indices raced to new all-time highs in October. The DJIA has appreciated a healthy 15.7% since the summer trough. However this pales in comparison to the gains made in other markets, which were also based upon Financial Astrology studies. Silver has now gained a whopping 32% since the call was made in October. Gold has appreciated just as much as the DJIA and in half the time, as it is now up over 15%. But even these stand in the shadow of Corn's advance since geocosmic studies (reported in this column) suggested a new bull market was now ready to start in August. Since then, Corn has soared over 55% to yet another new ten-year high this past week.

And yet, despite the many accurate projections signified by Financial Astrology studies, I must continually inform readers not to rely upon this column - or even Astrology itself. It is not that Astrology does not work in financial market timing. I think that if you have been reading these columns, you can see that there is indeed something extraordinary at work here. But one's interpretation of the ultimate result under any given astrological signature will never be 100%. We are dealing in historical probabilities and rates of frequency from the past. And the studies used to make these forecasts are in the 80% correlation range. That means they are off as much as 20%. And when you add the element of human interpretation applied to market charts, it can be even more. The key is to learn to trust yourself, be responsible, and utilize proper trading plans in combination with this knowledge.

Short-Term Geocosmics :

This week find the full moon in the mutable signs of Sagittarius and Gemini, forming a T-square with Uranus in Pisces. As stated last week, "All of these contacts with Uranus suggest a very unstable and volatile climate for both stocks and the mundane world. In terms of Mother Nature, this could all coincide with high winds, hurricanes, and/or earthquakes. In terms of the geopolitical climate, it likely corresponds with an escalation of violence and threats of war. In

terms of markets, Uranus rules technology stocks, and it is of importance to note that the tech-heavy NASDAQ Composite continues making new highs into this Uranus-laden time band. It suggests a reversal of great amplitude could happen." And indeed many of these dynamics are occurring.

On Wednesday, December 6, Saturn will turn stationary retrograde. This can depress some markets. So with Uranus signatures in effect early in the week, we may look for those markets that make a high now and a sudden and sharp decline into mid-week, followed by another sharp rally, perhaps into the following week when Mars will conjunct Jupiter in Sagittarius on December 11. In fact, by the end of this week, five planets will be in the usually bullish sign of Sagittarius.

Long-Term Thoughts :

Mars will be moving into the Sagittarius-Capricorn part of the zodiac from December 6 through February 26. This is usually an extremely volatile time for Crude Oil, when historically there are an unusually large number of "Big Rang Days," as noted in our FAR for the Galactic Trader software program (a good holiday gift for that special trader in your life). In prior studies reported on this timing indicator, this transit coincided with a very dangerous time for Israel and her neighbors. That is usually the fundamental reason why Crude Oil experiences such wide price swings. It is clear that the situation in Iraq is deteriorating. It is also now clear that other countries (like Lebanon and Syria) are on the verge of serious turmoil. The whole region is becoming more and more unstable, and the transit of Mars through February does not imply any improvement to that condition. This does not bode well for the United States, which continues to be mired in circumstances eerily similar to the days of the Viet Nam conflict. And it is no wonder from a Mundane Astrology perspective. Then, like the first part of this decade, transiting Pluto was hitting the square between Mars and Neptune (20-22 degrees of Gemini and Virgo) in the chart of the United States. One can only wonder what happens in 2008-2009 when Uranus and Saturn oppose one another in these same degrees of mutable signs. Does it make any sense to suggest that we (United States) should seriously try to wrap this conflict up by then, lest this turns out worse than Viet Nam for the United States? There is a chance for progress on this front in 2007, according to my understanding (and hope) of progressions in the U.S.A chart after February. But if squandered (again), the consequences are not attractive.

Announcements :

To all of our European readers, and especially German-speaking audience, please note that I will be giving a talk in Cologne, Germany, titled: "Forecasts for 2007: A Mundane Astrological and Financial Markets Overview." It will take place **January 20, 2007**, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, at the one-day symposium, sponsored by DAV (largest German Astrology organization) and MMA-Europe, at the Maritim Cologne Hotel. The title of the symposium is "Signs for the Future: An Astrological Look at World, Economic, and Individual Conditions for 2007 and Beyond." Guest speakers include Claude Weiss (Switzerland), Christoph Schubert-Weller (Germany), Antonia Langsdorf (Germany), Alexandra Klinghammer (Switzerland), and Raymond Merriman (USA). Cost is 75 Euro for pre-registration. For further information, contact 49-221-6800050, or go to <http://www.mma-europe.de>. Or email info@mma-europe.de.

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The Forecasts for 2007 Book goes to the printers this week, and all

pre-ordered books will be mailed on December 15 (or hopefully a day or two earlier). This year's book is a little larger than previous year's (8 pages longer), but as always, it shapes up to be another exciting year. All years of this decade are significant due to the "Triple Saturn" oppositions which started in 2001. Utilizing the study of cycles and geocosmic factors, the annual Forecasts book outlines forthcoming trends pertaining to political, economic, and financial markets throughout the world. Special sections included on The United States and its President, Interest Rates, Stock Markets, Precious Metals, Currencies, Crude Oil, Weather, and Grain markets. And of course: the all-important *Critical Reversal Dates* for financial markets in 2007. To order this [year's book](#), or call us at 1-800-MMA-3349.

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The "SOS Stock Market Cycles Report" and will come out this week, December 5 and 6. These reports come out every 6-8 weeks to subscribers of these reports. This report is in two parts. The first report - "SOS Stock Market Cycles" - focuses purely upon the long-term cycles in the U.S. stock market, specifically the Dow Jones Industrial Average, followed by discussions on both intermediate and short-term cycles. It is the "big picture" ahead. The second part is the "SOS Global Stock Markets Report." This covers the German DAX, London FTSE, Netherlands AEX, the Australian All Ordinaries, Hang Seng of Hong Kong, the NASDAQ Composite Index, and the XAU Gold and Silver Mining index. For ordering information, please go to <http://www.mmacycles.com/services.htm>.

Due to the work required for this year's Forecast Book, the newly revised **The Sun, The Moon, and The Silver Book** will not be ready for print until late December-early January now. This popular book is now completely revised with 25 years of daily prices studied for correlations between the Sun and Moon signs of isolated highs and lows in COMEX Silver (1981-2006). Instead of 3% reversals as explored in the first edition, this new work examines 4% reversals, and which signs have the highest (and lowest) correlations to such reversals. It also identifies correlations between Sun-Mercury and Sun-Venus signs for further support to high probability trades. And a new section has been added that examines "Big Range Days" - those days in which Silver has a range of at least 3.5% of the value of the low of that day. This is a fabulous tool for those who wish to be day-traders of this volatile precious metal. All in all, this book provides the maximum benefit that all traders seek: high probability trades with minimal market exposure, making it a great reference book for short-term traders (1-7 day positions). For details on [ordering](#). The cost is \$125.00. For ordering either of [these two books](#).

We expect to have available CD's of last week's "MMA Market Timing" conference in Phoenix, which was a great success. You will be able to order the 12-hour course on CD, plus the 100+ page workbook that goes along with it, for \$1500.00 + postage. If you are interested, let us know at ordersmma@msn.com. This is a great way to learn how to time turns in any financial market. And it comes with the two beginning books, titled "Basic Principles of Geocosmic Studies for Financial Market Timing," and "Merriman on Market Cycles: The Basics," plus a 2-issue trial of the "MMA Cycles Report."

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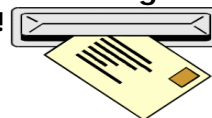
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