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Review and Preview :

Most equity indices of the world had an inside week last week, which means their high and low were within the range of the prior week. But there was eventful news of interest to Mundane and Financial Astrologers (see "Long-Term Thoughts").

In Europe, both the Netherlands AEX and Swiss Stock Market remained between their recent highs and lows. But the London FTSE and German DAX rallied well last week following their intermediate lows of last Friday, December 1, Both, however, were well off their highs of November. Keep in mind that unlike the U.S. stock market, the indices of Europe made their last 4-year cycle low in March 2003. Their 4-year cycle trough is still on schedule for 2007.

In the Pacific Rim, the All ordinaries of Australia had an inside week. But Hong Kong made a lower low last Monday, while the Nikkei of Japan made a new multi-week high on Thursday. Japan continues to look to be the stronger index in

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the past two weeks, and may continue to be for several weeks and even months now following its primary cycle trough of November 27.

In South America, both Argentina's Merval and Brazil's Bovespa stock indices soared to new all-time highs late last week. The S&P in North America did the same on Thursday, but it was not matched by either the Dow Jones Industrial Average or the NASDAQ Composite. The DJIA tested its all-time of November 22 on Thursday, December 7, but just missed, thus creating a potential case of Intermarket bearish divergence. Still within the huge time band of geocosmic clusters that remains in effect October 23 through December 22. The midpoint was November 22, so far still serving as the high in several indices.

Gold and Silver fell rather steeply from their highs of December 1 and December 5 respectively. In the case of Silver, the high was on Tuesday's full moon, a solar-lunar cycle that has the highest of all weighted values to reversals in Silver at this time of year, as demonstrated in the forthcoming Silver Book (due out in January). Both are now leaving their time bands identified previously as correlating with significant crests (November 13-December 4).

Short-Term Geocosmics :

This week finds Mars conjunct Jupiter in Sagittarius on Monday, December 11. Previously I thought that this could coincide with a strong rally in many stock indices. Several did rally to new highs, or tests of all-time highs, late last week, especially in the Americas. With several planets in Sagittarius this coming week, we could see higher prices. But we also note that time is running out cycle's wise, as it is very late in the time band for the 4-year cycle to top out. I expect these highs to all be completed anytime by January 20, when Mars leaves Sagittarius. Sun, Mercury and Venus will leave much before then - in December. Already we are seeing technical signs of deterioration in many of the world's stock indices, even as they continue to rise into this seasonally bullish period. They do so with less and less technical strength underneath.

The next set of geocosmic signatures comes into play December 17-22, highlighted by the powerful Mars-Uranus waning square on December 22, and the new Moon conjunct Pluto (and the Galactic Center) December 18-20. If the market continues higher this week, it may extend its rally into that time frame. If it tops out now, it may decline into that time frame. As always, geocosmic signatures tell us where the collective psychology peaks out, and then reverses. Whether it is a high or low depends on what the market is doing at that time. .

Long-Term Thoughts :

Sometimes, you really do read the news here before it happens. Last week this section of the column stated, "The whole region (Middle East, Iraq) 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?" On Wednesday, the long-awaited report from the bi-partisan Iraq Study Group came out with their appraisal of the U.S. involvement in Iraq. According to the Wall Street Journal, the "Baker-Hamilton panel sees most troops out in 2008: 'Situation is Deteriorating'. Iraq is going badly and may be beyond fixing." A day later, headlines from the Gannet News Service proclaim "Iraq Report Aside, U.S. Must Stay, Bush Says."

Now let's look at this from the perspective of a Financial Astrologer, and particularly the study of Mundane Astrology. First, consider that the Earth is about to enter the powerful Saturn-Uranus opposition phase from November 2008 through July 2010. As detailed in this year's Forecast for 2007 book, this 45-year cycle correlates with major political upheavals, changes of governments, and even changes of boundaries between nations - not to mention its correlation with the end of long-term bull and bear markets in stocks, and a reversal that can last several years. In addition, this is the peak of the time when "fear sells, starting from the time of the first quarter cycle (1999) and peaking at the opposition (2008-2010) of Saturn-Uranus.

A study of voters' attitudes in the November mid-term election revealed the White House and Republicans rated highly in one major category: ability to deal with Terrorism and National Security. And yet they still lost. According to Mr. Bush, they lost because a few Republican Congressmen violated ethical standards and let down their constituents. In his (their) mind, the loss was not a reflection on his (their) handling of the Iraqi War. It was due to ethical lapses of some of their Republican colleagues. Which I think implies this leadership will try to drive home harder this idea that the country is in a national security crisis in order to win in 2008.

Now let's look at the U.S.A horoscope, whether for July 4, 1776 as most people accept, or July 2, 1776 which represents the date the U.S. officially began the vote for Independence (and the date I use). In either chart, Neptune is at 22 degrees of Virgo and Mars is around 20 Gemini. Now here comes Uranus, crossing 20-22 Pisces from April 2008 through December 2009, in T-square to the U.S.A. Mars-Neptune. And here comes Saturn, in opposition to Uranus at 20-22 Virgo, November 2008 through August 2009, and conjunct the U.S. Neptune, square its Mars. You see the picture? The world is in a heightened state of tension (Saturn opposition to Uranus) and the United States is right in the middle with this aspect touching off its own military and war signatures (Mars square Neptune). And it is all happening as we go right into the 2008 elections.

The Baker-Hamilton Party may it right, from the perspective of this Financial Astrologer. The United States has to get out by 2008. But will they? Or will the political drives of national leaders (who may wish to remain in power) sound the horn of "more fear" in order to convince voters that national security is under threat? And how will they do it? By withdrawing from the Middle East and Iraq? Or expanding the war to new fronts, to say Iran, Korea, or wherever and whoever U.S. citizens fear the most danger in the world currently resides? And all at the time that progressed Mars in the U.S. horoscope is turning retrograde, near natal Saturn square Sun.

Mars rules war. In the U.S. chart, Mars is stationary and turning retrograde in 2008. The U.S.A. Mars is being conjunct by Saturn (classical war aspect), and opposed by Uranus. Mr. Bush's progressed Mars is conjunct his natal Moon and Jupiter. And the Saturn-Uranus opposition means the peak of "fears sells." It can also mean "rebellion against authority and tradition." The last time this aspect happened was - guess when? - 1965-1967. Can it happen again? Why not? Or better yet, where is the evidence to the contrary. Planetary cycles repeat themselves. So do cycles of human activity. And until we learn from past mistakes, it seems we are prone to repeat them. And what about this current Saturn-Neptune opposition and all the political (Russian) assassinations by poison? Political assassinations are on the rise, just as they were in the mid-1960's, which is a topic for another column.

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

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The Forecasts for 2007 Book will be out 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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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](#).

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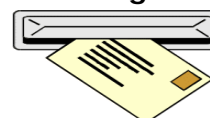
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