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**REVIEW AND PREVIEW**

*The dollar rose on Friday, putting it on track for its strongest week against a basket of currencies in nearly 15 months as some traders piled into the greenback in a week of tremendous swings felt in stock and bond markets around the world. “Dollar Poised for Best Week in 15 Months Amid Market Turmoil,” Reuters, February 9, 2018.*

*“Additionally, February 7, +/- 3 trading days, is an MMA one-star CRD (critical reversal date). Plus, we are in the middle of two strong Jupiter squares: Venus square Jupiter on February 4 and Sun square Jupiter on February 10. We have seen the upside of Jupiter aspects over the past several years. That is, they correlated with a state of optimism and euphoria, even irrational exuberance. But now we see the downside of Jupiter when things do not go so well: hysteria, panic, and huge declines in the stock market. Just keep in mind that in both cases, Jupiter exaggerates.... Hard aspects to Jupiter are often the worst of times to make well-thought-out decisions. Additionally, the Moon is in Sagittarius, Jupiter’s homeland, on Thursday and Friday (Feb 8-9), which just exaggerates the exaggerated move even more. But, we are nearing the end of that period this weekend. There is a chance that rationality will soon re-appear, and people will again see things with greater perspective.” Special Stock Market Update Report sent to MMA subscribers on Thursday evening, outlining the immediate and near-term picture in stocks.*

I shouldn’t take weeks off from this column. Every time I do, it seems that some part of the financial world comes unglued. And when that happens, my email box gets filled with questions, more than I can answer. The stock market certainly came off its tracks last week in what turned out to be one of the wildest weeks ever. Twice, the DJIA had daily losses of over 1000 points, something that has never happened even once before.

However, the carnage was not limited to the USA stock markets. It was widespread and global. It illustrated the darker side of Jupiter transits, something we haven’t seen very much of in the past 9 years. When Jupiter aspects do not correlate with euphoria and optimism, they turn into periods of collective panic and hysteria. Just as the optimism was subject to over-exaggeration, so too the panic is subject to over-exaggeration. Last week saw two hard aspects to Jupiter: a square from Venus to start the week, as the DJIA fell a record 1175 points, and another at the end of the week

(February 10), as the DJIA fell over 1000 points on Thursday, followed by another 500 points during the day on Friday before bottoming at 23,360, then reversing to close up 330 points on the day at 24,190. Still, for the week, the DJIA was down 1330 points, to its lowest mark since mid-October. Just two weeks ago, it made an all-time high of 26,616.

The letters received this week were mostly about what the market will do next. Is this the start of a new bear market? Or will stocks come back again? I addressed that topic in detail in a Special Stock Market Report sent out Thursday night, February 8. A copy of that report is available to all subscribers of any MMA Cycles reports, as well as those who ordered a recording of last week's Forecast 2018 webinar. Call our offices if you are interested in receiving this special update report on the current status of the long-term, intermediate-term, and short-term stock market cycles, or go to our website at [www.mmacycles.com](http://www.mmacycles.com). It's timely and it gives the roadmap of what I expect over the next few days, weeks, and months. So far, it off to a good start after the first day following the report.

Last week's devastation was not limited to stocks. Treasuries fell to their lowest level in 6 years – and the specter of higher interest rates by the USA central bank was probably the catalyst for the selloff in equities. When stocks fall in tandem with interest rates rising, it becomes serious. Gold and Silver also got trounced and crude oil closed below \$60/barrel for the first time in 7 weeks. Trillions of dollars were lost in market values last week, which makes you wonder: Who made the money that the markets lost?

Very few markets did well last week, except the U.S. Dollar, which is interesting, because that means traders and investors still look to the U.S. Dollar as a safe haven. And this also makes you wonder: with the Dollar having fallen so hard in the past year, why do traders still look to it as a “safe haven?” I know Neptune is in Pisces (2012-2026), but something seems “fishy” about this belief still holding validity. But then again, Jupiter was prominent last week, and as explained in our special report sent out Thursday night, when Jupiter is so prominent, good judgement is usually missing in action. So are profits, which is why there were so many losses last week.

## **SHORT-TERM GEOCOSMICS AND LONGER-TERM THOUGHTS**

*A leaked EU memo suggests that the EU is threatening dire consequences if the UK tries to become more competitive after leaving. The EU wishes the UK to be as uncompetitive as the rest of the EU. Or else. – Paul Donovan, “Dodgy Data. Shocking!” UBS Morning Audio Comment, February 1, 2018.*

*“The last time it was in this sector of the zodiac was April 1932-February 1934, the heart of other Great Depression.” Page 66, Forecast 2018, describing the transit of Uranus to the NYSE chart that is in effect through early 2018.*

When I see markets fall as hard as stocks did last week, shortly after a run of consecutive record-breaking new highs, I think of only one planet's correlation or influence: Uranus. No other planet correlates with such dramatic behavior. Yet, when I look at the heavens, the only aspect involving Uranus is its trine from Saturn, which is hardly the stuff of such drama. True, the 45-year cycle of the Saturn/Uranus waning trine has – in all five historical cases so far – correlated with new all-time highs in the U.S. stock market, after which bear market declines have begun. But the amplitude of the decline, and the hysteria and panic that have accompanied this decline, suggest that something more dramatic, by the language of geocosmic studies, was involved with Uranus. The answer is quite clear, to me, if one examines the chart of the New York Stock Exchange, specifically the “Buttonwood Agreement” chart of May 17, 1792. Here, one will find that today's

stationary transit of Uranus at 26 degrees of Aries, falls right on the NYSE natal Saturn, in opposition to the NYSE Jupiter/Neptune conjunction in 23-27 of Libra. That says it all. That describes exactly the picture of a market soaring to new all-time highs of the past two years, and then suddenly collapsing in record-breaking daily declines.

The good news is that this transit ends shortly. The not so good news is that both the Saturn/Uranus and Jupiter/Neptune waning trines will end this August 2018, +/- 2 months. The eggs that the Golden Goose (Federal Reserve and other world central banks) has laid, have cracked. They will try to put it back together again, just as they did when a similar crack first happened in January 2008. It worked for a while then. But a few months later in 2008, there was a more serious crack that all the king's men couldn't put back together again. They had to create a new golden goose to lay new golden eggs, and they named her ZIRP. But ZIRP (Zero Interest Rate Policy) is mature now and not able to inspire such a comeback as was possible in those days right after her birth. Oh, she will probably have some sort of a comeback. But this time she has less arrows in her quiver to use to secure the fuel and food to support everyone (all the politicians) who depend upon her. And her weight (debt) continues to grow. Soon, she may even become a lame duck.

Welcome to the start of "The Great Reset." It promises to be quite an unusual three-year period.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NOTE 1: RAY MERRIMAN'S 2018 WORLDWIDE "FORECAST 2018" LIVE WEBINAR** took place on Saturday, February 3, 2018. The MP4 recording are now available. It came out very well. This broadcast addressed subjects from this year's Forecast 2018 Book, with updates on several financial and commodity markets such as Bitcoin, the U.S. stock market, Gold and Silver, Currencies. Crude oil and Live cattle (Uranus in Taurus). Cost is \$45.00, and includes the slides of the presentation. To reserve a copy of this live broadcast, contact us directly at 1-248-626-3034, 800-MMA-3349, or email at [customerservice@mmacycles.com](mailto:customerservice@mmacycles.com), or go to our website at [www.mmacycles.com](http://www.mmacycles.com).

In addition, all purchasers of this recording will receive a free copy of MMA's Special Stock Market Report that was issued on Thursday evening, February 8. Or, if you subscribe to any MMA Cycles Reports, you will also receive a free copy of this report. Otherwise, the cost for this special report is \$50.00.

**NOTE 2: February 17, 2018: "FORECAST 2018 AND THE GREAT RESET." 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Nova Southwestern University, Carl DeSantis Bldg/Business Sales Bldg, 3301 College Ave, Rooms 3032 and 3034,** This lecture/workshop will outline the major geocosmic signatures in effect in 2018 (and beyond), and their correlation to the political and economic trends for the year, both globally and nationally. The cosmic patterns of 2018-2020 are especially relevant to the leadership of the USA and its Federal Reserve Board. The decisions to be made will likely have long-term consequences, for better or worse, to the US Dollar, interest rates, stocks, and precious metals. In turn, this could have a direct impact upon the financial condition of both businesses and individuals. For more information, go to <https://www.meetup.com/Astrologers/events/240846998/> or call [954-296-1211](tel:954-296-1211) or [954-249-7620](tel:954-249-7620) for more info. You may also contact the local chapter of the National Council of Geocosmic Research at [mysticmimi@gmail.com](mailto:mysticmimi@gmail.com) and put RSVP Merriman in Subject Line.

**NOTE 3: LEARN THE MMA MARKET TIMING METHODS FOR FINANCIAL MARKETS!!!** We have recently begun making recordings for the MMA Financial Market

Timing course that will be converted to an MP4 format. Each class will be 1-2 two hours long, and will be packed with information on how to understand the language of cycle studies, chart patterns within cycles, and trend analysis. There will be 8 classes in each course. If you are interested in learning about cycles and market timing methods of MMA, this is a course – and these are classes - you will want to take. The cost will be \$145.00/class, or \$995 for all 8 classes in each course, as they become available. This is a savings of over \$1000 from Course 1 of the MMTA courses taught three years ago. Watch this column for further information on ordering, just as soon as the recording and conversion of the first classes are completed, due in about three weeks now.

**MMA’S weekly, and especially daily, subscription reports** are hot. Currency markets have been especially profitable as of late, and Gold traders have done extremely well, getting in as Mars entered Scorpio near the low of 1238 December 12, and exiting near the high of the move of 1365 last Wednesday-Thursday. And now, we are starting to analyze **Bitcoin** in the full Weekly as well as the Weekly Currency reports, with an eye on entering this market in the next two weeks! If you are an active short-term trader, or even if you are an investor who likes to keep up with our current thoughts on financial markets, you will be interested in MMA’s Weekly or Daily Market reports. The weekly reports give an in-depth analysis of the DJIA, S&P and NASDAQ futures, Euro currency (cash and futures), Dollar/Yen cash and Yen futures, Euro/Yen cash, T-Notes, Soybeans, Gold and Silver, and Crude Oil, and the British Pound The daily reports cover all stock indices listed above, as well as the Euro Currency, Japanese Yen, T-Notes, Gold and Silver, plus GLD and SLV (the Gold and Silver ETF’s). Both reports provide trading strategies and recommendations for position traders and shorter-term aggressive traders. Subscription to the daily report also includes the weekly report. For further information, visit [http://new.mmacycles.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=65\\_62](http://new.mmacycles.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=65_62), or call 1-248-626-3034, or 1-800-MMA-3349.

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**May 23-29, 2018: The UAC (United Astrology Congress), Chicago, IL.** The largest and most exciting conference for astrologers in the world takes place then. 15 tracks, over 200 of the world’s top astrologers making presentations. Visit [www.uacastrology.com](http://www.uacastrology.com) for more information.

**June 21-24, 2018: AAGB (Astrological Association of Great Britain’s) 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference.** Ray Merriman will be presenting a morning and afternoon workshop on “Cosmic Cycles are Forever” - valuable tools for timing trends and changes of trends in financial markets. In this masterclass, the historical correlation of currency and gold prices to certain planetary cycles are present in today’s cosmos will be examined, with an eye on what to anticipate between

2018 and 2020. For more information, or email [office@astrologicalassociation.com](mailto:office@astrologicalassociation.com). Or, visit <https://www.astrologicalassociation.com/pages/conference/2018/merriman.php> and register before February 28 for only £199 and save big bucks!

**July 12-15, 2018: GLAC (Great Lakes Astrology Conference), Ann Arbor, MI.** I will be there, conducting a special pre-conference workshop on “Mundane Astrology and The Great Reset.” Plus, the Keynote speech. For more info, contact [glac@greatlakesastrology.com](mailto:glac@greatlakesastrology.com), or call 734-434-0804.

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