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REVIEW


Last week, it was the failure to repeal the Affordable Care Act that troubled USA equity markets. This week, it was the increasing clouds of investigations into the Trump campaign’s potential ties to Russian election interference, versus the Trump campaign’s claim that the Obama administration illegally spied on Trump and his advisers with wiretaps in order to keep track of his campaign’s movements. There are so many leaks, but everything remains mostly anonymous and hidden. Welcome to the second passage of the Jupiter/Pluto waning square (March 30), where the deeper you dig, the greater and darker the mysteries become. With Pluto, there is no bottom to the pit. It’s like a black hole in time and space, a void that seems to go on without end. The further you probe, the more that is revealed, but it is still a bottomless pit of more secrets, espionage, and dead ends. Along the way, there may be dead bodies too, or ruined reputations, but secrets will remain buried, just as they were in late 2007 and 2008 when the conjunction began this cycle between these two planets - and still to this date, no one has been found guilty or imprisoned for illegal acts that led to the greatest financial and housing crisis since the Great Depression. Its only legal if you don’t get caught…

Venus is also still retrograde (March 4-April 15), so equity markets continue to behave rather strangely. In alignment with the benevolence and good fortune usually associated with Jupiter, several stock markets were very bullish last week, such as the Australian ASX and German DAX, which soared to their highest levels since April 2015. However, it was more Plutonian in Japan and the USA, where stock markets fell to their lowest levels in over a month.

That was nothing, however, compared to the Plutonian experiences taking place in Venezuela, Brazil, and South Korea. In Venezuela, inflation is now above 400% and the president has stripped Congress of its powers. In Brazil, “… the former House Speaker who orchestrated the impeachment of former President Dilma Rouseff last year, was sentenced to more than 15 years in prison on corruption charges” (Wall Street Journal, March 31, 2017). And in South Korea, former President Park Geun-hye was arrested and confined to prison on accusations of bribery.
With Jupiter in square aspect to Pluto, it was certainly a week of reports of corruptions, espionage, and allegations of wrong doing akin to high treason. With Venus retrograde, one wonders if these conditions will stick or be reversed. In the meantime, don’t take anything as being finally determined, for under Venus retrograde, the narrative can change. Take the healthcare repeal initiative for instance. A week ago, it was considered dead. This week, it is being resurrected – a perfect combination related to Venus retrograde and Jupiter square Pluto. In the end, however, universal medical coverage may carry the day, for Neptune is in Pisces (until 2026). Despite the recent trend towards nationalism and conservatism, themes of socialism are probably stronger until Saturn and Neptune cross over into Aries together in February 2026. Then it swings back again.

SHORT-TERM GEOCOSMICS AND LONGER-TERM THOUGHTS


Here is why Obamacare is imploding. The insurance regulations – mandated benefits and a prohibition on medical underwriting – ensure that individual policies will be expensive and a bad deal for anyone who is healthy. Obamacare policies were attractive only to those who were heavily subsidized or seriously sick... The individual health insurance market under Ryancare would have imploded even quicker than it is under Obamacare.


I have my principles. And if those don’t work for you, I have others.” The Marx Brothers.

Just in case you were wondering why the Health Care Repeal and Reform Bill is needed and didn’t pass…

Of course, it may also have something to do with Venus retrograde and moving into the compassionate healthcare sign of Pisces on Monday, April 2. Venus will start slowing down as it approaches its direct station on April 15, in square to a stationary Saturn that turns direct on April 8. The square between these two planets will be exact on April 5 and April 21. That means the next three weeks will highlight issues related to Venus and Saturn – in square aspect. That is not an easy combination of dynamics to wrestle with. In fact, this is not a favorable time to wrestle with others at all, for there are no easy winners or solutions.

Consider that Venus rules the principles of agreements and support, whereas Saturn pertains to the themes of repression, denial, and criticism, especially when in a hard aspect, like a square. You need the support of others in order to finish the job (Saturn desires the completion of efforts). But you are dealing with people who are demanding and critical (Saturn too), who don’t necessarily want you to succeed, and hence you don’t look forward to engaging and interacting with these people. With Venus retrograde, you have a hard choice to make: do I want to get this job completed, this project accomplished, or not? If so, you may have to swallow your pride and principles, and make compromises with people who don’t share your values. You may not enjoy working with them. This can be especially difficult for a perfectionist or purist, and Saturn can be rather heavy with perfectionist and purist qualities.

Like people, markets also struggle under these planetary combinations. One of our “rules” is that any market declining into a hard aspect between Venus and Saturn is a good candidate to reach bottom and reverse back up. The same is true in life, too. If you feel beaten down during this
period, cheer up. You are ready for a reversal back up. You will deserve it if you have worked hard and honestly on your project, for Saturn ultimately rewards those kinds of efforts. He doesn’t reward those who don’t earn it. That’s Saturn. You get what deserve, according to the effort and intention behind the effort. It is not a time to give up and dig your feet in as if you are going to stand your ground and hold the line rigidly, no matter what. It is a time to be patient, open-minded, flexible, and willing to compromise. It may not seem like it as you go through these next couple of weeks, but it is actually a time of opportunity for those who apply these suggested attitudes and keep their eyes wide open for a breakthrough.

Once Venus turns direct and makes her last pass of the square to Saturn (April 21), don’t be surprised if the idea of health care reform (and repeal) comes back with a new twist. But then, Mercury will be in retrograde (April -May 3), so there is still likely to be a lack of all the facts and information necessary to make an informed and wise decision. However, it won’t necessarily stop an impulsive decision, wisdom or not. Patience is still, unfortunately, in short supply when it is most needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERVIEW WITH RAYMOND MERRIMAN BY FXSTREET.COM. One of the world’s leading forex market groups has just conducted an interview regarding Raymond Merriman’s Forecast 2017 outlook. The interviewer, Goncalo Moreira, CMT, focuses upon Merriman’s latest thoughts involving the U.S. Dollar, the U.S. stock market, and the U.S. political situation affecting these and other markets. To read this intriguing interview, go to their homepage until Sunday at https://www.fxstreet.com, or afterwards, to https://www.fxstreet.com/analysis/usd-is-the-key-to-understanding-markets-in-2017-raymond-a-merriman-2017033111111.

Noted “Volume Reversal Survey” editor Mark Leibovit also conducted an interview with Raymond Merriman last week that will be broadcast on www.GCNlive.com at 10 AM Saturday and Sunday (MST, or PDT). This interview delves into the methodology of market timing used by MMA, and then addresses the current USA stock market.

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update on the outlook for the stock market, precious metals, US Dollar, crude oil, soybeans and possibly other markets and other economic and geopolitical matters of interest at this time, including the forthcoming solar eclipse, conjunct Mars on August 21, that will fall on Donald Trump’s natal Mars and Ascendant (and opposite Janet Yellen’s natal Moon). The cost is $45.00. All webinars have sold out in the past, so register early to make sure you have a place reserved in this special live webinar event. For further information or sign up, go to our website at visit http://new.mmacycles.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=64_69 or call 1-248-626-3034, 1-800-662-3349, or email ordersmma@msn.com.

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EVENTS

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the primary goal is to both educate and alert the reader as to the psychological climate we are in, from an astrological perspective. The hope is that it will help the reader understand the psychological dynamics that underlie (or coincide with) the news events and hence financial markets of the day.

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