

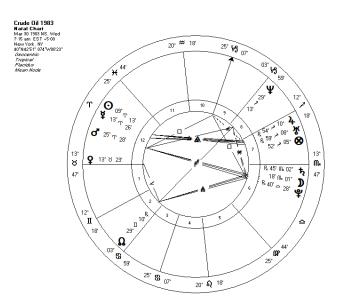
The Astrology Letter

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Oil



Finally – cheaper gas prices at the pump where I live. I burn "Extra" – 89 octane in my vehicle and believe me...\$1.64 per liter is a welcome relief. For those of you in America – I am paying nearly \$6.50 per gallon at current prices. Not that long ago I was paying \$7.50 per gallon. What are you paying these days? European subscribers – what are you paying per liter?



WTI Oil first trade horoscope

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WTI Crude Oil futures started trading in New York on March 31, 1983. Note how Moon, Neptune, Mars, and Node form a rectangle pattern in the horoscope wheel. Events of Sun and Mars passing these key points very often align to trend shifts on Oil futures. Mars has just finished transiting past the Node point in the 1983 natal horoscope. This explains the sharp V-bottom pattern. The next aspect will be Sun passing the Moon/Saturn point in the 1983 horoscope in the last part of October.



WTI Crude and Planetary Aspects



WTI Crude and Slow Stochastic

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The %K line has crossed over the %D line on the Slow Stochastic indicator. The True Strength Index has <u>not</u> yet crossed over to show a bullish trend. Once the trend starts to show as bullish, then it will be time to take long positions in oil stocks. This could happen very quickly...

Here is an excerpt from the 2025 Almanac (Chapter 7) on the subject of Crude Oil:

West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil futures started trading for the first time on the New York Mercantile on March 30, 1983.

A unique alignment of celestial points can be seen in the horoscope in Figure 7-22. This is assuming a first-trade time of 7:15 a.m. Notice how Mars (25 Aries), North Node (29 Gemini), Saturn/Moon (1 Scorpio), and Neptune (29 Sagittarius) conspire to form what appears to be a rectangle shape. The Mid-Heaven point is 25 of Capricorn and Venus is situated right at the Ascendant point. The choice of this date to commence trading WTI Crude Oil futures was carefully chosen.

In the 2025 Almanac I have probed deeper than in previous editions. I have discovered that there is a connection not only to the first trade horoscope of the individual commodity but also to the natal horoscope for the Exchange where the commodity trades.

Recent S&P 500 Price Action



S&P 500 and Planetary Aspects

The above S&P 500 chart has been fitted with letters denoting planetary aspects. In addition, the chart has been fitted with a series of red dashed lines. These denote geocentric 34.5 degree intervals of Venus starting from the high-reversal point in July. **October 8** and **November 16** are the next intervals. These align with the fact that two cycles that underpin the S&P 500 will be reaching their terminal ends in this same timeframe.

If W.D. Gann were looking at this chart, he would very likely advise waiting for price to take out the pivot point at F before taking a long position.

All eyes are now on the Federal Reserve and its Sept 18 rate announcement. How will the market interpret the cut in rates that is widely expected?

Quantum

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S&P 500 and Quantum Lines

The above chart has been fitted with a series of Quantum Lines. You will notice I have added two yellow dashed lines with arrows to the chart as well. In a recent issue of this Letter I speculated that from the July peak the S&P would follow one of these yellow dashed lines to record either a 38.2% or a 61.8% retracement of the April-July move higher.

What I did not anticipate is that the trajectory would give a deeper 78.6% retracement.

The Jupiter 3rd Harmonic acted as support and thanks to the other factors discussed in this Letter, price action quickly clawed its way back above the Quantum Line.

Note also that the reversal off the 78.6% retracement came right at the Venus maximum latitude point. This is one of Georg Bayer's old rules from the 1930s.

Here and now, a Neptune 8th Harmonic line is now providing overhead resistance.

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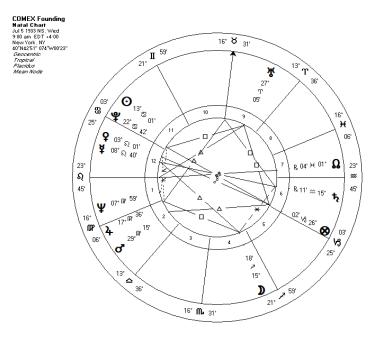
Jupiter remains in the sign of Gemini which lends a favorable undercurrent to the economy. In early October, Jupiter will turn retrograde and its impact on the economy will ease slightly. Will the Federal Reserve cut rates by 25 bps in anticipation? Remember – the Fed likely understands this 18.6 year cycle very well. In February 2025, Jupiter will turn direct again. From March through May 2025, Saturn will make a 0-degree aspect to the Node. This will put a damper on the economy, despite Jupiter still being in Gemini. Uranus will be 60-degrees to the Node which will provide favorable energy. Finally in June 2025, Jupiter will move out of Gemini and into Cancer. While this is generally supportive of the economy, the overall Nodal Cycle at that point will have Node in Pisces which points to the end being in sight for the 18.6 year cycle. How this will be reflected by the equity indices remains to be seen.

Case Study

Consider the following case study to help you sharpen your astrology skills. This is taken from the 2025 Almanac:

The Commodity Exchange was started July 5, 1933 with the merger of the National Metal Exchange, the Rubber Exchange, the Raw Silk Exchange, and the Raw Hide Exchange. This exchange eventually came to be known as COMEX.

On July 5, 1933 the Sun was at 13 of Cancer. This is very nearly the same degree point as the Ascendant was at on May 17, 1792 when the NYSE was founded. The choice of July 5, 1933 was not a random selection. Moreover, on July 5, Neptune, Mars and Jupiter are all in the sign of Virgo which throughout history has been connected with the ancient Egyptian female goddess Isis. Once again, the choice of July 5 was not an accident. A few days later and Sun would have been past 13 of Cancer and Mars would have been out of the sign of Virgo.



COMEX Natal Horoscope

Figure XX illustrates the planetary placements at July 5, 1933. Assuming a 9:00 a.m. start time, notice how Mid-Heaven (16 Taurus), Jupiter (17 Virgo), Moon (15 Sagittarius), and Saturn (15 Aquarius) trace out a 4-sided parallelogram.



Silver Futures and Planetary Movement

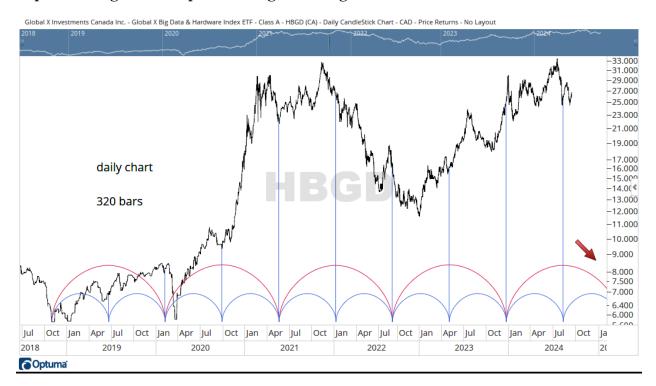
As the above chart shows, there is a correlation between price inflection points and transits of key points in the COMEX natal horoscope. Combine these points with a trend indicator (Stochastic, True Strength Index etc...) and you have a powerful tool that few others have or even know about.

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Big Data and Hardware

The "Mag 7" have been center stage for far too long now. This narrow theme is getting long in the tooth. So – what next? Maybe it is time to look at the applications of the high-performance chipsets currently being made by TSMC, NVDA and others. This was the suggestion of a guest on Bloomberg recently.

I have found a product called the *Global X Big Data and Hardware ETF*. The ticker is HBGD, it is priced in \$Canadian dollars, and it trades on the Toronto Exchange. The website for the ETF is https://www.globalx.ca/product/hbgd#holdings.



HBGD ETF

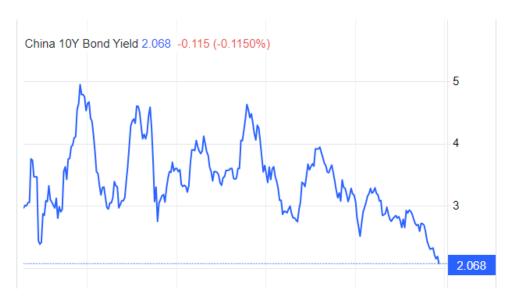
Periodogram analysis shows that the dominant cycle on the daily chart is 320-bars. On the chart on the previous page, I have shown this cycle as 'red' arcs. I have further added the 160-bar harmonic cycle shown as 'blue' arcs.

We recently passed by the peak/crest of a 320-bar cycle. This cycle will end in **late January 2025**. Keep an eye on this ETF and as the cycle ends in January 2025 give some thought to perhaps buying. I will discuss this ETF again as we get into the January timeframe.

Can't Live Without It

The next time you are at the grocery store, take the time to read the ingredients list on some packaged products. You will notice that so many products contain high fructose corn syrup. The bottom line is, the corn farmers in America are an essential part of the economy. The food industry could not survive without them. The next time you fuel up at your local gas station, the fuel likely will contain up to 10% ethanol which has been made from corn. The fuel industry needs farmers...

So why then do corn prices appear so weak on the daily chart? The answer is – China.



China 10 Year Bond Yield

The Chinese economy is struggling. A recent article in the publication Foreign Affairs made it clear that President Xi is charging full steam ahead to keep manufacturing goods. He realizes he is sitting on a powder keg. He has to keep people gainfully employed or else risk social upheaval and blowback against the Communist Party. So he keeps factories running at capacity, making goods.

Flooding a market with manufactured 'stuff' where demand for that 'stuff' is waning leads to a deflationary scenario. As an example, the article in *Foreign Affairs* showed a picture of an area the size of 50 football fields full of unsold electric vehicles.

The deflationary scenario is further illustrated by the falling bond yields on the Chinese 10-year bonds. As of here and now the yield has dropped to 2.07%. This is an all-time low. The above chart starts in 2001 and extends to September 2024 at the right side of the chart. A struggling China has not been importing as much U.S. Corn as it has in years gone by. Hence, there is a surplus of Corn in the marketplace and prices have fallen. In fact, prices have fallen to the cost of production for most Corn farmers. As Bloomberg's commodity analyst Mike McGlone recently noted, when a commodity falls to its cost of production, a buying opportunity exists.

China is headed for trouble. President Xi will soon have to demonstrate some action or else face unrest from 1.3 billion people.



Corn Futures Cycles

Periodogram analysis shows there to be two cycles that define Corn futures on a daily chart – a 529-bar cycle, and a 265-bar cycle.

The 265-bar cycle recently ended and the 529-bar cycle will end in mid-October. Notice that the price of Corn futures is trading right at/near the cost of production.

Russell Small Cap Stocks

Small cap stocks have trended mainly sideways since the Fed started hiking its key lending rate in 2022. If the Fed starts to ease up on its key rate, small cap stocks could respond favorably.

Periodogram analysis suggests that the dominant cycles that underpins the daily chart of the Russell 2000 are a 399-bar cycle (red arcs on chart) and a 288-bar cycle (blue arcs on chart).

Both of these cycles are set to end/start anew in late November. The P/E ratio on the Russell 2000 is currently around 27 times. This is probably a bit too high. I will be looking for the Russell 2000 to decline a bit heading into the November timeframe.

Russell 2000 Cycles

A buying opportunity could be in the making for the Russell 2000. There are many ETF's out there that follow this Index.

2020s

S&P 500 – 28 Bar Cycle on the Weekly Chart

2010s

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The dominant cycle underpinning the S&P 500 remains the 28-bar cycle on the weekly chart. The mid-point/crest of the 28-bar cycle came at the recent July 15 pivot point as the chart on the following page illustrates. The 'end' of this current 28-bar cycle will come in **early October**.

Nasdaq - 26 Bar Cycle on the Weekly Chart

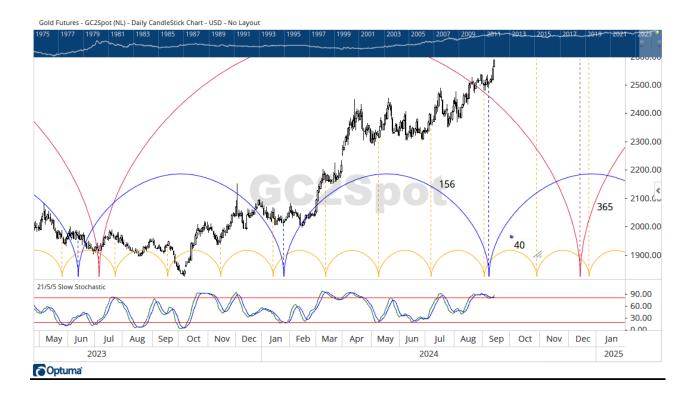
The dominant cycle underpinning the Nasdaq 100 remains the 26-bar cycle on the weekly chart. The mid-point/crest of the 26-bar cycle came immediately prior to the recent July 15 pivot point as the chart on the following page illustrates. The 'end' of this 26-bar cycle will come in **mid-October**. Have the large institutions rebalanced their big name tech holdings? Will the Nasdaq broaden out from here?





October could present some interesting buying opportunities.

Gold



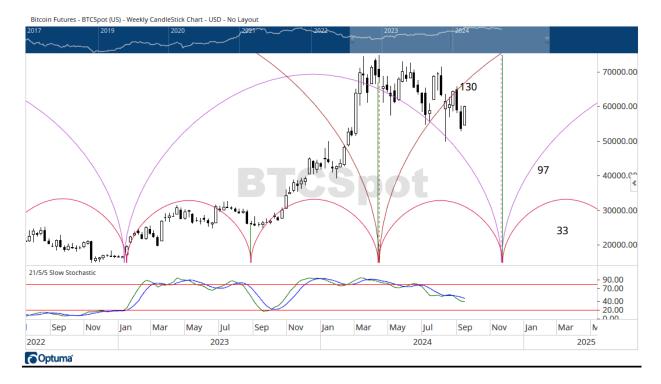
Gold price continues to function on a 40-bar cycle on the daily chart. Related to this are 156-bar cycles (think of this as a 4^{th} harmonic, $4 \times 40 = 160$). Also related are 365-bar cycles (think of this as a 9^{th} harmonic, $9 \times 40 = 360$).

A 40-bar cycle and a 156-bar cycle have now made their end points just recently. The bullish trend on Gold did not even flinch. This is a classic example that illustrates how not all cycle end points result in a trend change.

The 21/5/5 Stochastic remains above the upper boundary line.

Gold is now probably headed to the \$3000/oz level. On any temporary weakness, look to add to positions in gold mining stocks or gold miner ETFs

BitCoin



The trend on BitCoin (weekly chart) is <u>bearish</u> right now after having peaked at over \$73,000 per Coin in March 2024.

BitCoin futures function according to a 33-bar cycle on the weekly chart. Harmonically related 97-bar (3rd Harmonic) and 130-bar (4th Harmonic) cycles are also evident.

The important timeframe to watch is November when we will see a confluence of the 33-bar and 97-bar cycles. November will also mark the ¼ interval of the larger 130-bar cycle. I am assuming that the bearish trend will continue until November and then turn bullish.

I encourage you to do an on-line search for a report entitled *The Future of Money and Payments*. This report was written in 2022 at the behest of President Biden. The report lays out the way forward for a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).

November *could* see a buying opportunity on crypto miner stocks and on BitCoin itself.



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