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MMA WEEKLY COMMENTS AND TRADE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 27, 2018

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GEOCOSMIC CRITICAL REVERSAL DATES

These dates affect all markets. They are the midpoints of geocosmic clusters and have a normal orb of three days either side. Sometimes they expand to as much as five days. The idea is to see a new two-week or greater high or low, and then a reversal. It is especially effective when major, half-primary, or primary cycle troughs are due. These are more important than the solar-lunar reversal dates. The more stars, the greater the historical correlation with a cycle culmination. For more information, please read Volume 3 of the Stock Market Timing series. Below is the date of the midpoint and in parentheses the length of time containing the geocosmic signatures (known as a "cluster"). If the cluster is long (more than 15 days), there may be other possible reversals, based on tighter geocosmic clusters, within the greater cluster.

Aug 23*** (Aug 27*** may be more pertinent to some markets. Highs unfolding in stocks, treasuries)
Sept 10-12***

Sept 10-12*** Oct 3***

These periods are usually more important than the solar/lunar reversal zones, but not necessarily any more accurate. It is just that when they do hit, they usually correspond with major, half-primary, or full primary cycles, whereas lunar reversals need only correspond to 2.5% reversals.

Note: Mercury ended its retrograde motion this weekend of August 18-19. Mars ends its retrograde motion on this Monday, August 27. We will start resuming position trading recommendations now. It takes Mercury about a week after turning direct to coincide with more normal market activity that responds more consistently to technical and cyclical signals.

DJIA Cash: Last week's close was neutral. The close was also above the weekly trend indicator point (TIP) for the 7th consecutive week, which means it remains in a trend run up.

This week's trend indicator point (TIP) is 25,542. It will be downgraded back to neutral if this week's close is below there.

Weekly support is 25,636-25,650. A close below this support level is bearish. A trade below, followed by a close back above this range, is a bullish trigger.

Weekly resistance is 25,916-25,931. A close above this range is bullish. A trade above here, followed by a close back below this range, is a bearish trigger.

Bullish crossover zones remain in effect at 24,625-24,757, 22,938-23,108, 22,467-22,593, 20,668-20,767, 20,377-20,466, 18,931-19,018, 18,043-18,408, 17,348-17,352, 15,029-15,149, 13,717-13,760, 13,070-13,163, 12,799-12,802, 11,513-11,572, and 8266-8433. It closed below another previously at **26,249-26,296**, so this is now a resistance zone.

A weekly bearish crossover zone remains in effect at **26,080-26,296**. The DJIA closed above other bearish crossover zones previously at 24,267-24,594, 18,083-18,087, 18,318-18,367 and 16,892-17,314, so these are now support.

Trend Indicator Studies

The basic trend indicator remains bullish. A close below 23,997 will downgrade it to bearish.

The weekly moving average trend indicator remains "neutral." Prices closed at 25,790, up 121 points from the prior week's close. The close was *above* both the 25-week moving average (24,786) and the 34-week MA (24,948), but the 25-week MA remains below the 34-week moving average, which makes it "neutral." If prices fall below each MA, and the 25-week MA remains below the 34-week MA, this indicator will be downgraded to bearish. If the 25-week can turn back above the 34-week MA, and prices remain above each, it will become bullish.

The daily moving average trend study remains "bullish." The close was above both the 15-day MA (25,545) and the 45-day MA (25,101), and the 15-day MA remains above the 45-day MA, which makes it "bullish." If it closes below both MA's, it will be downgraded back to neutral if the 15-day moves back below the 45-day, with prices below each, it will be downgraded to bearish.

Leading Indicator Studies

Long-Term Cycles – still bullish.

DJIA is in the fourth month of its third and final 15.5-month cycle phase of the greater 46-month cycle following the low of 23,344 on April 2. The 46-month cycle low is due June 2019 +/- 10 months. The third 15.5-month cycle phase has an erratic historical range of 8-26 months, and measured from the low of April 2, is next due to overlap with the 4-year cycle, December 2018-June 2020. The overlap is Dec 2018-April 2020 for the 4-year cycle low.

As stated before, "In more cases than not, the last phase makes a new high, but also exhibits a bearish left translation pattern (high is in the first half of the cycle). Thus, it is entirely possible that DJIA could test or take out the high of the second 15.5-month cycle phase, which was the all-time high of 26,616 on January 26, 2018. In fact, it needs to do this to remain bullish. Geocosmics, however, suggest this may not happen (see below)."

The 50-week cycle is also important now. As stated before, "Typically, there are 3-5 of these cycles within a 4-year cycle, with each lasting 34-67 weeks (90% rate of frequency), and usually 50 weeks +/- 12 weeks. The case can be made that the low of April 2 started the 4th instance of this 50-week cycle since the 4-year cycle started in August 2015. August 20, 2018 would thus start the 21st week of this cycle, which would ideally be due to bottom March 18, 2019, +/- 12 week, coinciding with both the 4-year and 15.5-month cycle. It could expand or contract slightly, as much as 5-7 weeks, but this gives a tighter time band as to when the 4-year cycle low is likely to occur." The crest, of course, will happen first, and is due at any time. It may or may not exceed the crest of the previous 50-week cycle, which was the all-time high of January 26, 2018. Geocosmics present an argument that it may not make a new all-time high.

Long-Term Geocosmic Cycles

We are fulfilling our previous outlook of a new high, or secondary high, forming within two months of the Saturn/Uranus and Jupiter/Neptune trines of late August. Tuesday's high on August 21, was a new cycle high at 25,888, which is not a new all-time high, but certainly close enough to be considered a secondary high, and within two trading day of the Jupiter/Neptune trine of August 19 and two days before our Aug 23 three-star CRD. That is also within the 2-month orb given in our analysis since the beginning of this year.

Also, as stated before, "The Saturn and Uranus waning trine continues in effect (December 2016 into September 2018). It is a long passage and has a 100% correlation to 4-year or greater cycles in the five historical cases in which it has occurred, followed by a sharp multi-month - and even multi-year - decline." The all-time high of Jan 26, 2018 was in this time band and could be the high, although there are still 2 months remaining when it could make a new high. Interestingly enough, there were only three passes of the exact trine, and the last one ended in November 2017, two months before the all-time high. Will late August, early Sept constitute a fourth passage since these planets will be only 13-20' of a degree away from an exact trine? Or does it have to be exact? If so, then January 2018 was probably the high because in all previous cases, an all-time high formed within two months of the central time band, as was the case in January 2018.

Both the Jupiter/Neptune and Saturn/Uranus trines have a historical precedence of completing long-term highs or low within 2-5 months of their first or last passage. If the high didn't occur January 26, 2018, then it is due sometime before January 2019 at the latest, via this study. We cannot rule out the possibility that a secondary high (and crest of the third 15.5-month major cycle) is near its end now. However, it has not yet confirmed that. A close below last week's low of 24,965 could start the tumble down.

We cannot rule out a possible "bubble" occurring in stocks if the top does not form before November 9, when Jupiter enters Sagittarius. There are cases where long-term cycles top out then too (November 2018-December 2019). But with Jupiter in Sagittarius square Neptune in Pisces (Jan 13-Sept 21, 2019), the economy and equities markets may become overheated and experience a bubble then too. Likewise, equities could also experience a crash during that time, or shortly following it.

The Primary Cycle and Geocosmics

August 27 begins the 9th week of the 13-23 week primary cycle off the 23,997 low of June 28, just two days after Mars turned retrograde. One theory is that any market making a primary cycle low or high around Mars retrograde, will complete the opposite around the time of the direct. Thus, since Mars retrograde was a low, Mars direct would coincide with a high, +/- 10

trading days. We are in that time band now, which also happens to coincide with the closest passage of a fourth and final waning trine between Saturn and Uranus. As stated before, "We need to be alert now for a possible end to this secondary rally and bull market, especially since news stories are now breaking out that this is the longest bull market in history for the DJIA (which is based on specs that have no real meaning). Nevertheless, it is a news story, and news stories like that often time the end of the news event (make that "fake news event")."

Aug 27 also starts the second week of the second 5-7 week major cycle phase, or possibly the second 7-11 week half-primary cycle phase, depending on whether the 24,965 low of Wednesday, August 15, was a 5-7 week major cycle trough or 7-11 week half-primary cycle trough. Last week's report stated, "Already, in just the next two trading days, the DJIA exploded to a new cycle high as of Friday, Aug 17. That's more like a half-primary cycle behavior. It is also like Jupiter trine Neptune, where prices rally after a low nearby. It is also a "Lorusso 5-point bearish reversal pattern (higher highs interspersed with lower lows). If correct, it suggests this rally is about to end very soon — maybe within a couple days of Mars turning direct on August 27."

Last week's report also stated, "One more geocosmic point: Venus is in Libra now, August 6-September 9. The stock market is usually bullish, forming a top, during this time (and Silver a low). The DJIA is now making new 5-month highs. My view is that this rally will end within a week of Mars turning direct on August 27. That time band begins now." Venus will already be at 20 degrees Libra on Monday, so it will be 2/3 of the way through this sign where a crest is due. Thus, we are looking for a top now.

Technicals, Chart Patterns, and Price Targets

The DJIA rallied to new cycle highs last week on August 21. ESU made a new cycle high on Aug 24. NQU did not make a new cycle high, but the cash NASDAQ made a new all-time high on August 24, so there are several instances of intermarket bearish divergence setting up right here. A more perfect set up would occur if ESU took out last week's high, but DJIA did not.

But even if DJIA does make a new cycle high this week, we still need to be careful because this rally started with the primary cycle low on June 28 when Mars turned retrograde. This week it turns direct, and thus we look for a high to form within a week of August 27, and in fact, that criterion is being met.

Additionally, last week's new cycle in the DJIA occurred with a lower stochastic reading than the previous highs, thus creating a case of bearish oscillator divergence within a three-star CRD zone. All of our conditions for a top are being met.

Price-wise, if August 15 was a half-primary cycle low (or even a 7-week major cycle trough), and the market is bullish, then the upside price target for this rally would be 26,660 + 314. The all-time high was 26,616 on January 26, so you can see the resistance here and a possible double top formation if it gets that high. I have doubts that it will, but it could.

Lunar cycles for the next two weeks are as follows: Anything above 113 means there is a higher than expected probability of a reversal from an isolated high or low. The more *, the more likely a reversal. The more #, the less likely a reversal:

Aug 27-28	101.9	It changes near noon on Aug 28 to next sign
Aug 28-30	105.9	

Aug 31	63.7##
Sep 3	163.2***
Sep 4-5	68.6#
Sep 6-7	87.4

Strategy: Position traders are long from the low of May 29, with a stop-loss on a close below 23,344 after covering 2/3 for nice profits so far. Our idea has been to ride these into the August 23 CRD period and then cover if making a new cycle high. Let's cover this final long position now and stand aside, if you didn't cover last week "...if there is a case of intermarket bearish divergence with one of the other two indices where one does not make a new all-time high." Cash NASDAQ made a new all-time high, but not futures, so traders are probably still long. If so, look to exit now, as close to 26,000 +/- 200 as possible.

Aggressive traders are long with a stop-loss on close below 24,965 after taking excellent profits on 2/3 of this trade so far. Let's cover this final long position now. Let's go short if prices get to 26,600 +/- 100 or there is a case of intermarket bearish divergence with one of the other two indices, where one takes out last week's high, or one makes a new all-time high, but the others do not. We do not want to be short if all three are making new all-time highs this week. However, until then, we do want to look for a point to sell short now.

ESU (**Sep S&P e-mini**): Last weeks close was mostly bullish. The close was also above the weekly trend indicator point (TIP) for the 19th time in 20 weeks, which means it remains in a trend run up.

The weekly TIP is now 2848.75. It will be downgraded back to neutral if this week's close is below there. We are in the 18-23 week period above the TIP when cycles tend to peak.

Weekly support is 2856-2861.75. A close below this range would be bearish, whereas a trade below and a close back above is a bullish trigger.

Weekly resistance is 2887.50-2892.25. A close above this range would be bullish, whereas a trade above and a close back above is a bearish trigger.

Bullish crossover zones remain in effect in the nearby contract at 2472.50-2481.75, 2362.75-2365.75, 2325.25-2328.75, 2206.75-2219.25, 1661.25-1663, 1405.50-1418, 1381.75-1382.75, 1263-1263.25, 1184.25-1196.75, 889.55-902.40, and 791.10-791.25.

The S&P closed above bearish crossover zones recently at 2828.25-2837.50 and 2683-2731.50 so these are now support.

This starts the 9th week of a newer 15-23 week primary cycle off the 2693.25 low of June 28, just two days after Mars turned retrograde. This also begins the 4th week of the second 5-8 week major cycle off the low of Aug 2 (three-star CRD) at 2791. As one can see, it is getting late in the 5-8 week major cycle, and this is Mars direct period, and a new cycle high is forming. The stock markets have been very bullish since the low nearby to the Mars retrograde date. That's why we are looking for a top right now. Given that it is Mars direct that is highlighted, and Mars is quick action, the turn may come very suddenly. Usually it happens within a week of the direct date, August 27 in this case, although it can be up to two weeks difference.

Previously we stated, "We would look to the August 23 three-star CRD period (+/- 1 week) for that low, or even September 10-12... The upside price target is 2947.25 +/- 30 if it can close above the current cycle high of 2863.75 made on August 7." It did close above there, and it could continue higher to the next price target. But, we are going to go with the Mars retrograde correlation of a low at the retrograde and a top at the direct.

Strategy: Position traders are long with a stop-loss on a close below 2693 after covering 2/3 so far for profits. Cover this last position at 2900 +/- 15, or if there is a case of intermarket bearish divergence to any other index, where one makes a new cycle or all-time high, but not all three.

Aggressive traders were stopped out of shorts on the close above 2863.75 with the DJIA trading above 25,728 after covering 1/3 previously for a nice profit. Traders may look to sell short at 2900 +/- 15 with a stop-loss on a close above 2920 or sell short if one index takes out last week's high, or makes a new all-time high, but not all three.

NQU (**Sep e-mini NASDAQ**): Last week's close was bullish and follows the prior week's bullish trigger, which is a bullish sequence. The close was also above the weekly trend indicator point (TIP) for the 19th time in 20 weeks, which means it remains in a trend run up.

The weekly TIP is now 7427.75. It will be downgraded back to neutral if this week's close is below there. It is in the 18-23 week overbought zone when reversals are due.

Weekly support is 7398.25-7421.75.

Weekly resistance is 7546.25-7569.75.

Bullish crossover zones remain in effect at 5711-5745, 5482-5516.50, 5259-5275, 5085.75-5093.50 and 4410-4418.

Prices closed above bearish crossover zones that had formed previously at 6816-6976, 4747-4756, 4437-4540.25, 4410-4419, and 4176-4178, so these are all now support zones.

This starts the 9th week of a newer 15-23 week primary cycle off the low of 6956 on June 28. It rallied to 7499.50 on Friday, which is getting close to the all-time high of 7530 on July 25. The cash index did make a new all-time Friday, for a potential case of intermarket bearish divergence if prices close below support before making a new all-time high.

Like the other indices, NQU made a cycle low on July 28, just two days after Mars turned retrograde. Thus, we expect a high within a week of Mars turning direct, which happens to be this Monday, Aug 27.

This also starts the 4th week of the second 5-8 week major cycle trough following the low on Monday, July 30, at 7166.25. It is getting late in that second major cycle. However, as stated last week, "One reason to be bullish is that Mars retrograde coincided with a primary cycle trough, and thus the Mars direct on August 27 could coincide with a primary cycle crest (and maybe a new all-time high)."

I continue to think that the full moon on Sunday, Aug 26, combined with Venus square Pluto on the same day and Mars turning direct on Monday, Aug 27, is a powerful geocosmic set up for a sudden reversal this week. I know the technicals all look bullish, pointing to higher prices. But our timing models are flashing a strong alert right now that, despite the bullish technicals, something could happen to alter the bullish momentum here.

Strategy: Position traders are flat and may sell short if either index makes a new all-time high this week, but not all three take out the high of last week. For instance, if NQU exceeds 7530, but DJIA cannot exceed 25,888, go short.

Aggressive traders are short with a stop-loss on a close above 7530 if the DJIA also exceeds 25,888, after taking nice profits on the first 2/3 of this trade so far.

EUC (Euro Cash - The ETF for longs is FXE): Last week's close was bullish and follows the prior week's bullish bias, which is a bullish sequence. And the close was also above the weekly trend indicator point for the 1st time in 5 weeks, which means it is upgraded back to neutral.

This week's trend indicator point is 1.1472. It will be downgraded back to a trend run down if it closes below there this week.

Weekly support is 1.1462-1.1497. Note that TIP is here too, which is usually bullish. A weekly close below this range, however, is bearish. A trade below followed by a close back above is a bullish trigger.

Weekly resistance is 1.1709-1.1744. Note that TIP is here too. A trade above followed by a close back below is a bearish trigger.

A new bullish crossover zone just formed at 1.1489-1.1497. Others remain in effect at 1.1230-1.1286 and 1.1012-1.1058.

Bearish crossover zones remain in effect at 1.3071-1.3101, 1.3332-1.3358, 1.4386-1.4409, and 1.5322-1.5458. It closed above one previously at 1.1087-1.1128, so this is very deep support.

This starts the 13th week of the 23-37 week primary cycle off the 1.1506 low of May 29 three-star CRD, or the 2nd week of a newer primary cycle off the 1.1297 low of August 15, which would have been a 40-week expanded primary cycle and the end to the 17-month greater cycle. I like this later idea – that this is a new primary and longer-term cycle. If so, the Euro could be headed for a new yearly high soon (above 1.2555).

One reason I like this is because the Euro has moved back well above the 1.1500-1.1525 support zone that broke down August 10. As long as it remains above there, this has to be considered a new 17-month cycle. As stated last week, "If this is to be a normal 17-month cycle low, with an expanded primary cycle, then support is in the corrective price target zone of 1.1444 +/-.0261 or 1.1203 +/-.0160. Note the overlap at 1.1183-1.1363. It fell to 1.1297 on Aug 15 (last week), so it is nearing this ideal price range.... There is also the extension of a former downward trendline that was broken a year ago that comes in around 1.1290-1.1300. That could also support this decline.... That indeed stopped the free fall last week."

If this is a newer primary cycle, then the low of August 15 was an 8-12 week major cycle (it fell in the 11th week). The high last week was 1.1639, right to the 69-day moving average, which is important resistance. Yet that high was also a Fibonacci 61.8% corrective retracement of the prior move down too. If this week's close is up, then it favors the idea that this is a newer primary cycle. If not, it could be the 2nd week of the second 8-12 week major cycle in a bearish primary cycle that will not bottom for another 11-24 weeks. In that case, the Euro could be skipping the 17-month cycle and going straight for a 26-month half cycle to the 4.125-year cycle. If so, a decline to a 26-month half cycle low to the 4.125-year cycle would be unfolding and due March 2019 +/- 4 months.

We are going to go with the bullish labeling. That is, I think this is the 2^{nd} week of a new primary and 17-month cycle ands the Euro will challenge the yearly high of 1.2555 soon. A close back below 1.1300 or even 1.1350 would probably negate my bullish bias. A normal corrective pullback right now could see the Euro falling back to 1.1468 +/- .0040. We would buy there.

Strategy: **Position traders** are flat and may buy at 1.1490 +/- .0050 with a stop-loss on a close below 1.1300.

Aggressive traders are long from the low of the prior week with a stop-loss on a close below 1.1300. Traders were advised to ".... *Cover the first 1/3 on a rally to 1.1500* +/- .30." So, we got a decent first 1/3 profit.

Sep Euro (UROU): Weekly support is 1.1488-1.1523 and resistance is 1.1729-1.1765. The weekly TIP is 1.1499. The difference between cash and futures is .0023 to Sep futures.

JYC (**Dollar/Yen Cash**): Last week's close was mostly bullish. And the close was above the weekly trend indicator point for the 1st time in 5 weeks, which means it is upgraded back to neutral.

This week's trend indicator point is 110.82. It will be downgraded back to a trend run down if prices close below there this week.

Weekly support is 110.16-110.36.

Weekly resistance is 111.88-112.08. A weekly close above this range is bullish. A trade above followed by a close back below is a bearish trigger.

Bullish crossover zones remain in effect at 110.88-111.12 (went below, closed above), 108.03-108.07, 94.23-94.88, 84.68-84.79, 76.90-76.97, and 76.22-76.25.

Bearish crossover zones remain in effect at 112.27-112.43, 122.31-122.46 and 123.40-123.62. It closed above others recently at 1.0443-1.0491, so that now acts as support, and held last week's low nicely.

This starts the 22nd week of the 26-40 week primary cycle off the low of 104.55 on March 26. It also starts the 1st week of the third and final 9-14 week major cycle trough off the low of August 21, another 3-star CRD period, at 109.76.

So far, all the major cycle lows and highs are consecutively higher then the previous one, which is a bullish characteristic. But this is now the third phase, and the steepest decline in a bullish primary cycle happen from the crest of this phase. A normal price target for this crest would be 114.82 +/-.79. But sometimes it only tests the high of the second phase, which was 113.16 on July 19, and there is another upside target in effect at 112.88 +/-.57.

Our strategy will be to look for a top in the 112.50-113.50 range.

Strategy: Position traders are flat and may stand aside.

Aggressive traders are long with a stop-loss on a close below 109.35. Cover all and go short at 112.90 +/- .50 with a stop-loss on a close above 114 or 115.50, depending on your risk allowance.

Japanese Yen SEP (JYU): Weekly support is 89.34-89.51. Weekly resistance is 90.74-90.90. The weekly TIP is 90.26.

Euro/Yen Spread – Cash: Last week's close was very bullish and follows the prior week's bullish bias, which is a bullish sequence. And the close was above the weekly trend indicator point for the 1st time in 5 weeks, which means it is upgraded back to neutral.

This week's trend indicator point is 127.21. It will be downgraded back to a trend run down if it closes below there this week.

Weekly support is 127.09-127.60. A weekly close below this range is bearish. A trade below followed by a close back above is a bullish trigger.

Weekly resistance is 130.41-130.92. A weekly close above this range is bullish. A trade above followed by a close back below is a bearish trigger.

A new bullish crossover zone just formed at 127.27-127.60. Others remain in effect at 124.94-126.19 (that held the low again) and 118.24-119.92.

Prices broke above bearish crossover zones previously at 125.52-126.20 (that held the low) and 116.61-116.91 recently, and both are now support.

This starts the 13th week of the 24-37 week primary cycle off the May 29 low at 124.61. It also starts the 2nd week of the second 8-12 week major cycle, following the double bottom low of 124.89 on August 15. Last week's report stated, "If last week's low was a major cycle trough, then we would expect prices to challenge the 128 area. Stochastics exhibited a case of bullish oscillator divergence at last week's low, so I think it might rally for 1-3 weeks." It shot up well above 128, reaching 129.38 on Friday, Aug 24, confirming this is a new major cycle. Stochastics are pointed straight up, suggesting even higher prices this week.

Strategy: Position traders were long after taking excellent profits on 2/3 of this trade before, and then advised, "Let's exit at 128 +/- .40 and stand aside." So, we are out with nice profits and will look to re-enter from the long side at 127 +/- .50 with a stop-loss on a close below 124.89.

Aggressive traders are flat and may go long at 127 +/- .50 with a stop-loss on a close below 124.89 or 125.50, depending on your risk allowance.

Swiss Franc Sep (SFU): Last week's close was bullish. The close was also above the weekly trend indicator point for the 1st time in 3 weeks, which means it remains neutral.

This week's trend indictor point (TIP) is 1.0108. It will remain neutral unless this week's close is sharply up or down.

Weekly support is 1.0091-1.0109. Note that the weekly TIP is here too, so this level is important. A close below is bearish. A trade below followed by a close back above is a bullish trigger.

Weekly resistance is 1.0253-1.0271. A trade above followed by a close back below is a bearish trigger.

Prices closed below bullish crossover zones recently at 1.0222-1.0242 and 1.0517-1.0538 in the nearby contract, so these are now resistance zones.

This starts the 16th week of the 23-37 week primary cycle off the .9972 low of May 10 (1.0055 in the Sept contract), a three-star CRD zone. It also starts the 7th week of the second 8-12 week major cycle phase following the low of .9984 on July 13. Last week's report stated, "*The Swiss Franc remains under an intermarket bullish divergence signal as the Euro fell to a new yearly low, but the Swiss Franc did not. It needs a close above resistance, however, to support this bullish signal.*" It did that. The concern now is that it is rising into Mars stationary direct this Monday. Another close up this week would look good, and even suggest that this is a younger primary cycle off the low of July 13.

Strategy: **Position traders** are long with a stop-loss on a close below .9942. Let's cover 1/3 at 1.0200 +/-.20.

Aggressive traders are long with a stop-loss on a close below .9942 after covering 1/3 for a nice profit earlier, but then buying back. Let's cover another 1/3 at 1.0200 +/- .20, and another 1/3 at 1.0275 +/- .0030.

British Pound Cash (GBPUSD) by MMA Analyst Ulric Aspegrén: Last week's close at 1.2843 was bullish. It was an up week and the close was below the weekly trend indicator point (TIP) for the 6th consecutive week. Hence, the TIP remains in a trend run down.

This week's trend indicator point is 1.2805. It will be upgraded to a neutral trend if next week's close is above there.

Weekly support is 1.2735-1.2739. A trade below followed by a weekly close back above is a bullish trigger.

Weekly resistance is 1.2944-1.2948. A trade above followed by a weekly close back below is a bearish trigger.

The bullish crossover zones (support) remain in effect at 1.0880-1.1320; 1.0725-1.0802.

The bearish crossover zones (resistance) remain in effect at 1.2915-1.2928; 1.4849-1.4859; 1.5284-1.5315; 1.6130-1.6182; 1.6506-1.6553; 1.6913-1.6921; 1.8110-1.8247; 1.9510-1.9662.

August 27, 2018, starts the 26th week of the 25-week primary cycle, off the March 1 low at 1.3710. We are now in the 13th week of the second 12.5-week half-primary cycle, where its low (and thus the primary cycle low) is expected sometime July 24-September 25.

Previous weekly report stated: "Last week's low on August 15 at 1.2660 could have been the primary cycle bottom we are looking for. The stochastics are oversold and starting to curl upwards. But, we have the 3-star August 23 CRD, active this and next week, so be alert for the possibility of a last push down."

To get a first signal that the August 15 was indeed the primary cycle low, the prices need to take out the 27-day MA for at least three consecutive days. So far, the 27-day MA, right now at 1.2942 and has acted as resistance, as the weekly high was 1.2936. We do also have resistance with the bearish crossover zone at 1.2915-1.2928. Let's see if we can get sustainably above this resistance next week. Otherwise, the August 23 CRD is still active this week and we could get a lower low with higher stochastics.

Strategy: Position traders. Previous recommendation still holds: "We should now look for opportunities to go long at the primary cycle low, anticipated sometimes July 24-September 25 at 1.257-1.326". You could look to buy on a close above weekly support, if prices first trade down to it or below during the week. Your stop-loss should be below the new low.

Aggressive traders. "Follow the same approach as for the position traders". However, you may look to go long in weekly support with a stop-loss based on a close below it.

TYU (Sep T-Notes): We will be switching to December contract at the end of this week. Last week's close was mostly bullish. And the close was above the weekly TIP for the 3rd consecutive week, which means it is upgraded to a trend run up.

This week's trend indicator point is 120/04. It will be downgraded back to neutral if it closes below there this week.

Weekly support is 120/09-120/09.5. A trade below followed by a close back above is a bullish trigger.

Weekly resistance is 120/23.5-120/24. A trade above followed by a close back below is a bearish trigger.

Bullish crossover zones remain in effect at 119/26.5-119/28, 118/02-118/12 and 117/00-117/03. It closed below others recently at **121/24-121/25**, and 129/30-130/01, so these are now resistance.

Bearish crossover zones remain in effect at **121/15-121/27**, 125/09-125/10, 126/28-127/02, 129/04-129/22.5 and 130/26-130/27.

This starts the 15th week of the 15-21 week primary cycle off the 117/30 low of May 17 in the September contract. It also starts the 4th week of the second 8-11 week half-primary cycle off the 119/02 low on August 1, exactly on our most recent three-star CRD.

As stated last week, "A move above 121/03 will create a bullish right translation primary cycle. Stochastics are flattening out at an overbought level, which means the top is in, or there is one more pop up and then the reversal. We are still looking for the top in the Aug 23 three-star CRD, +/- 1 week." On August 22, it made a secondary high at 120/24. That could be the high we are looking for, especially if this market is still bearish as I think. A close below 120 would strongly suggest this is the case. With Mars turning direct on Monday, and Mercury having already turned direct last week, markets may start behaving more normally now.

Strategy: Position traders are short with a stop-loss on a close above 121/03 after covering 2/3 for nice profits.

Aggressive traders are flat and may sell short at 120/20-120/28 with a stop-loss on a close above 121/03.

SX (Nov Soybeans): Last week's close was bearish. And the close was below the weekly trend indicator point after being above it last week, which means it remains neutral.

This week's TIP is 877-1/4. It will remain neutral unless if it closes sharply up or down this week.

Weekly support is 828-1/2 - 836-3/4. A weekly close below this range is bearish. A trade below followed by a close back above is a bullish trigger.

Weekly resistance is 882 - 890-1/4. A weekly close above this range is bullish. A trade above followed by a close back below is a bearish trigger.

Bearish crossover zones remain in effect at 940-950 and 995-1007.

This starts the 16th week of the 15-21 week primary cycle off the low of 1002 on May 17. It also starts the 6th week of the second 7-11 week half-primary cycle off the 826-1/4 low of July 16. As stated last week, "That was lower than the start of the primary cycle, so it is likely that Soybeans will fall to, or below, that price again. Given that we are now entering the season when long-term cycles low tend to form (August-February), and given that we are looking for a long-term cycle low in this season, we will be looking for prices to break to 825 or lower, possibly in the next 6 weeks." We are on target.

Strategy: Position traders are flat and will stand aside.

Aggressive traders were flat and advised to "…look to sell short at 920 +/- 15 with a stoploss on a close above 930 or 960, depending on your risk tolerance." Got it. Cover 1/3 at 825 +/- 12 if offered.

CL (**Crude Oil nearby contract**): Last week's close was bullish and follows the bullish triggers of the past two weeks, which is now a bullish sequence. And the close was above the weekly trend indicator point for the 1st time in 6 weeks, which means it is upgraded back to neutral.

This week's trend indicator point (TIP) is 67.34. It will be downgraded back to a trend run down if it closes below there this week.

Weekly support is 66.44-66.86. A trade below followed by a close back above is a bullish trigger.

Weekly resistance is 70.16-70.58. A weekly close above this range is bullish. A trade above followed by a close back below is a bearish trigger.

Bullish crossover zones remain in effect at 63.86-64.47, 59.04-59.32, 52.31-52.58 and 46.78-47.50. It closed below another at 70.77-70.79, so that is now resistance.

Bearish crossover zones remain in effect at 107.56-112.19. It closed above another previously at 51.62-52.44, so that is also a support zone.

August 27 will start the 10th week of a new 15-23 week primary cycle off the 63.59 low of June 18. It also starts the 2nd week of the 5-8 week major cycle or 8-12 week half-primary cycle off the low of 64.43 on Thursday, Aug 16, just two trading days before Jupiter trines Neptune (Aug 19, Sunday).

Previous reports pointed out that, "The danger from the long side is that a 17-month and 3-year cycle crests may have formed on July 3 at 75.27, and the decline has begun to their low. The 3-year cycle low is due February 2019 +/- 6 months, and the 17-month cycle trough is due November 2018 +/- 3 months, which means any time between now and February. If the high is in, the price target would be 50.66 +/- 5.81 or 58.66 +/- 3.92."

Last week's report also stated, "If the market can close above 66.50, it could get back to 70 or higher for the next major or half-primary cycle crest. With Jupiter trine Neptune in effect now, and with the market falling into this aspect, there is reason to think it could start a rally at any time, if it didn't already begin August 16." It did begin then. Now we see if this can make a new high or start to stumble with resistance at 70.00-73.00. This could run into the week of Sun opposition Neptune on September 7.

Strategy: Position traders are long with a stop-loss on a close below 64.40 after covering the first 1/3 for an excellent profit previously. Cover another 1/3 at 73.00 +/- .60. if offered.

Aggressive traders are also long with a stop-loss on a close below 64.40 after covering the first 1/3 for an excellent profit previously. Cover another 1/3 at 71.00 +/-.60 if offered. Cover all at 73.00 +/-.60 if offered and go short with a stop-loss on a close above 75.50.

BTC (Bitcoin cash): We use the cash bitcoin market for our weekly analysis, based on prices as of the close Saturday afternoon (5 PM EST, 10 PM London time). We use the futures front month for daily analysis, based on its close around 5 PM EST. The cash market closes too late for us to provide analysis in a timely manner on daily reports.

This week we are using the price of Saturday afternoon, EDT, when cash Bitcoin was trading at 6707. The weekly close was mostly bullish. Also, the close was below the TIP for the 4th consecutive week, but it was an up week again, which means it remains neutral.

This week's TIP is 6551. It will be downgraded to bearish if it closes below there this week. Weekly support is 6044-6104.

Weekly resistance is 7370-7430.

A bearish crossover zone remains in effect at 9037-9289. This is also major resistance.

This starts the 9th week of a newer 15-21 week primary cycle off the June 24 low of 5762. It also begins the 2nd week of the second 5-7 week major cycle after the low (and double bottom) of 5876 on August 14. Something peculiar – suspicious – happened between 4:05-4:15 AM on Sunday morning, EDT, when Bitcoin jumped from 6707 to 7550, and then came back down again. If those quotes are accurate, then that may have been the crest of this second major cycle. A corrective rally of the recent down move would yield a price target of 7180 +/- 310. This was above that, but it only lasted a few minutes.

Our view discussed last week was that a rally could end August 21-22, and sure enough, the weekly high was on August 22 at 6875 — until Sunday's madness hit Bitcoin. We do note that the primary cycle low started on June 24, just before Mars went retrograde. And this sudden surge up may be making a high as Mars turns direct on Monday +/- 1 week.

Last week's report stated, "So, here we are. Bitcoin is forming a downward sloping triangle, and the base is about to break. If that happens, the decline could be sharp, and not be completed until the end of this primary cycle, which is not due for another 7-13 weeks, and probably to our long-term price target of 1235-4450. At that price and time, we would start to be aggressive buyers. For now, the support is at 5750-5875. As long as that holds, it can still rally. But I am not sure it will do so unless it can start to break above 7600 and continue higher beyond this week." Well, it stopped just short at 7550 if the quotes are to be believed on Sunday morning. If it can break above there this week, it will look very bullish.

Strategy: Position traders are long with a stop-loss on a close below 5700 after covering 1/3 for profit. Traders were advised last week to "...*Cover another 1/3 at 6950 +/- 200 if offered.*" So, we got that.

Aggressive traders are long with a stop-loss on a close below 5700. Last week advised, " $Cover\ 1/3\ at\ 6950\ +/-\ 200$, and another $1/3\ at\ 7650\ +/-\ 200$." We got both of those for profits too. We will now stand pat and see what happens this week as Sunday's behavior could distort our cycles' work.

GCZ (Dec Gold): Last week's close was neutral. And the close was right on the TIP after being below it 17 of the prior 18 weeks, which means it remains in a trend run down.

This week's trend indicator point is 1206.20. It will be upgraded back to neutral if it closes above there this week. It is overdue and entering the 18-23 week period where important reversals tend to happen.

Weekly support is 1196.10-1199.40. A weekly close below this range will be bearish. A trade below followed by a close back above is a bullish trigger.

Weekly resistance is 1222-1225.20. A weekly close above this range is bullish. A trade above followed by a close back below is a bearish trigger.

Bullish crossover zones remain in effect in the nearby contract at 1132.20-1144.30, 1070.50-1078.10 and 1014.80-1018.10. It closed below others recently in the nearby contract at 1245.60-1247.40, 1287.90-1289.10 and 1325-1326, so these are now resistance zones too.

Bearish crossover zones remain in effect at 1404.70-1418.20 and 1535-1547. It closed above another previously at 1117.40-1126.80, so this is an additional support zone.

Trend Studies

The basic trend indicator is bearish. It needs to rise above 1313, to be upgraded to neutral and 1375 to become bullish.

The weekly moving average trend indicator study remains "bearish," as Dec Gold closed the week at 1212.30, up 20.50 from the prior week. That was below both the 25-week moving average (1281.50), and the 37-week MA (1293.90), and the shorter MA remains below the longer MA, which makes it bearish. If the price rises above both moving averages, it will be upgraded back to neutral. If the shorter MA moves back above the longer MA at the same time, it will be upgraded to back to bullish.

The daily moving average study is upgraded from "bearish" to "bearish-leaning-neutral." The Dec Gold contract closed above the 15-day MA (1203.60) but remains below the 45-day MA (1234.70), and the 15-day MA remains below the 45-day MA, which is "bearish-leaning-neutral." If prices close back below the 15-day moving average, it will return to fully "bearish." If prices close above both the 15-day and 45-day MA's, it will be upgraded to neutral. If at the same time, the 15-day MA also moves above the 45-day MA, it will turn bullish again.

Leading Indicators (cycles, primary cycles, and geocosmics)

The 30.5-month cycle is due June 2018 + -5 months (we are here now). This is comprised of three 10.5-month cycles, and measured from the low of December 12, 2017, the next one is due October-November +-2 months. We have now entered that time band when both cycles are due. It could very well have happened on August 16 when prices fell to 1167.10.

August 27 starts the 14th week of the 15-21 week primary cycle, starting from the primary cycle low of 1299.60 (December contract) on May 21, or the 2nd week of a newer one off the 11676.10 low of August 16. As stated last week, "Since the longer-term 30.5 and 10.5-month cycles are due, we must remain on guard for a contracted 11-14 week primary cycle trough to unfold here. It is possible it happened on August 16, the 12th week, at 1167.10, especially as that occurred within a week of our current August 23 three-star CRD, which will involve Jupiter trine Neptune... Gold doesn't seem to do well under Jupiter aspects, and that is a big one, and also falls right into the time band for a contracted primary cycle trough that we would love to see."

But there is still time for that contracted low to happen this week, the 14th week, as Monday, August 27, finds Mars turning direct. Last week's report stated, "Gold will often make yearly low or high within a week of either the retrograde or direct Mars when it happens. Additionally, Venus is now in Libra (Aug 6-Sep 9), which is a time when primary or greater cycles often happen in metals, especially Silver. We are there too. The most bullish set up would be for that low to have happened last week (Aug 16), or this week, or the week after (no later than August 31)."

My bias is that the low formed on August 16, and then a Lindahl Wiggle (4-9 days later) formed on Friday, August 24. That's when you get a pullback 4-9 days later. That was six trading days later, and it reversed from there, intraday, to form a new high since Aug 16. Stochastics are pointed straight up too, implying higher prices ahead.

However, at the low of August 15, we did not see either intermarket bearish divergence to Silver, or bullish oscillator divergence. This means the low of Aug 16 may have only been the second of three major cycle troughs in what will become a normal 15-21 week primary cycle. If this is the case, then this rally could end any time, with a price target of 1222.60 +/- 13.10. It is in that range as of the close Friday, and Monday finds Mars changing directions. For Gold to be bullish, it has to 1) exceed that corrective price range just given, and 2) continue higher past this week.

Technicals, chart patterns, and price targets

The low of 1167.10 on August 16 met our price target given before as, "...The price target for the low, basis the weekly chart, is 1168.40 +/- 23.40. The daily chart points to 1180 +/- 17.20 as a possible primary cycle low."

Last week's report stated that, "Gold would have to close above the 15-day moving average to start looking more positive. That average is now at 1212.30." It did that and closed right at 1212.30. The report also stated, "It would also help if there was a case of either intermarket bullish divergence to Silver, where one took out the low of last week but not both, or bullish oscillator divergence, where a new low is not accompanied with a new stochastic (or CCI) low. Right now, neither of those conditions are in effect, but they could develop either this week or next, and when they do, we will be sending out a special alert to all subscribers to get long (if not already long)." Those signals did not manifest last week, so there was no special report, but we will try to get one out early this week in any event.

Last week's report also stated, "If this is to be a normal primary cycle, then last week may have just been the second 5-7 major cycle low. Gold could now rally 3-8 days back to 1215 +/-10, and then tumble once more into a final and normal primary cycle trough, due in the next 4-8 weeks. However, since the risk/reward is so high if a long-term cycle low is forming by August 31, we need to probe the long side this month." Well, last week's high was right there at 1215.40. Gold is thus at a very critical point, about to conficrm or negate that it is just beginning a new longer-term cycle. If it is, then I expect Gold to test \$1500. If not, then Gold will be topping out right about now and starting another swoon to lower prices. The high solar/lunar values of last Friday concern me in this regard, as the market made a new high since Aug 16. Still, I favor the more bullish outlook.

The following solar/lunar days are from our studies published in The Gold Book: <u>Solar-Lunar Reversal Keys for Trading Gold</u>. (These are the lunar cycles for the next two weeks, per these initial studies). These numbers represent potential for reversal, where anything above 114 has a high probability of an isolated top or bottom to trade opposite of, for a 3% reversal. * represents a strong reversal possibility. The more * the stronger it is. # represents a low likelihood for a reversal. The more #, the less likely a reversal or big range day.

Reversal 4% Reversal 3% Big Range Day

The solar-lunar cycles for Gold for the next few days are as follows:

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Aug 23-24	151.6**	140.3**	87.5	
Aug 27-28	73.6#	86.7	133.6*	It changes near noon Aug 28
Aug 28-30	36.8####	37.2###	72.9#	
Aug 31	125.2*	120.4*	94.4	
Sep 3	93.4	113.1	110.9	
Sep 4-5	127.0*	97.7	83.8	
Sep 6-7	92.1	99.1	109.3	

Strategy: Position traders are flat. Let's go long at 1190 +/- 6 with a stop-loss on a close below 1167

Aggressive traders were flat and advised to ".... buy at 1185 +/- 6 with a stop-loss on a close below 1167.10." The low was 1189.50, so we are now long.

GLD (the SPDR ETF for Gold): Weekly support is 112.67-112.98. Resistance is 115.03-115.31. The weekly TIP is 113.54.

Position traders are flat and may buy at 112.75 +/- .30 with a stop-loss on a close below 111.

Aggressive traders are flat and may buy at 112.75 +/- .30 with a stop-loss on a close below 111.

SIU (Sep Silver): We will switch to the December contract by the end of this week. Last week's close was neutral. And the close was below the weekly trend indicator point for the 10th consecutive week, which means it remains in a trend run down.

The weekly trend indicator point is now at 1496.50. It will be upgraded back to neutral if prices close above there this week.

Weekly support is 1453-1457. A weekly close below this range is bearish. A trade below followed by a close back above is a bullish trigger.

Weekly resistance is 1495.50-1500. A weekly close above this range is bullish. A trade above followed by a close back below is a bearish trigger.

Bullish crossover zones remain in effect at 1453-1460 (went below, closed back above), and 1096-1103. It closed below another recently at 1553-1574, and others previously at 1733-1745 and 1797-1805, so these are also resistance zones.

A bearish crossover zone recently formed at 1744-1747. Others remain in effect at 1871-1887, 3072-3112, 3665-3974 and 4337-4533.

This now starts the 17th week of a 13-21 week primary cycle off the 1607 low of May 1. It could also be the 2nd week of a newer primary cycle off the 1431.50 low of August 17.

If this is an older primary cycle, then it also begins the 6th week of the second 7-11 week half-primary cycle, which means 1431 is likely to be tested again as the primary cycle bottoms in the next 1-5 weeks. If this is a newer primary cycle, then it won't go back there again. The low is in and prices are going higher.

Supporting the bullish camp is the CCI. As stated last week, "There is a chance the low occurred last week on Thursday, August 16, when Silver collapsed to 1431.50. The day before, the CCI fell to -331.... Anytime it falls to -200 or lower, it often means a low will happen within 7 trading days, followed by a 9% or greater rally... Last week's low of 1431.50 also fell right into the price target given last week as a possibility in case of collapse... a lower downside price target is in effect, down to 1432 +/- 37.... One geocosmic point to mention here: Venus is in Libra now (August 6-Sept 9). Our studies show that Silver often makes a primary or half-primary cycle trough during this period. Since a half-primary cycle low is not due, but a primary cycle trough is due, we expect it to happen in this period. An excellent time for this low to occur would be nearby to the Jupiter/Neptune trine of Aug 19 and the Mars direct of August 27." All that set up has occurred which is why I favor the bullish outlook. But it needs a close above 1500. If so, then a 9% rally takes us up to 1560 or higher.

Strategy: Position traders were flat and advised to "... go long at 1425 +/- 30 with a stop-loss on a close below 1380." Got it.

Aggressive traders were flat and advised to buy " ... at 1440 +/- 20 with a stop-loss on a close below 1380." The low was 1445 so we got that too. Cover 1/3 at 1550 +/- 15 if offered.

Lunar cycles for this week (from <u>The Sun, Moon, and Silver Market: Secrets of a Silver Trader</u>). First numbers represent potential for reversal, where anything above 120 has a high probability of an isolated top or bottom to trade opposite of, and the second column represents "Big Range Day" potentials in which Silver could have a range of at least 2% (probably more these days) – good for day trading. * represents a strong reversal or big range day. The more * the

stronger it is. # represents a low likelihood for a reversal or big range day. The more #, the less likely a reversal or big range day.

The solar-lunar cycles for the next few days are as follows:

	Reversal	Big Range
Aug 27-28	73.9#	50.0### It changes near noon on Aug 28
Aug 28-30	120.4*	71.4#
Aug 31	101.1	114.1
Sep 3	77.3#	69.7#
Sep 4-5	75.5#	153.4**
Sep 6-7	108.2	174.5***

SLV (**I-Silver Trust**): Weekly support is 13.70-13.74. Weekly resistance is 14.07-14.10. The weekly TIP is 14.08. Note that TIP is in the weekly resistance zone.

Position traders were flat and advised to "... go long again on a drop to 13.60 + 1.12 with a stop-loss on a close below 12.80." Bingo! The low as 13.62.

Aggressive traders did the same. You may cover 1/3 on a rally to 14.70 +/- .20 if offered.

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