

ASTROLOGY POINTS THE WAY FOR OUR FUTURE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

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In the last few years most of America has been enjoying a very good economy. Astrologically it is easy to see the reasons for this rising economy.

In the early 1900's, financial astrologer, Louise McWhirter, predicted changes in the U.S. economy by using the North Nodes of the Moon. According to her findings when the North node of the Moon enters the sign of Scorpio the economy goes from 'below normal' to 'normal'. When the node reaches the sign Leo the economy is above 'normal'. When it enters the sign Taurus the economy starts to go from 'normal' to 'below normal' until it reaches the sign Aquarius when it hits the bottom. From the time that the Node is in the sign Aquarius to Scorpio the economy goes from 'below normal' to 'normal' again.

The North Node is not planet. It is a sensitive point in the sky. Its position is calculated when the Moon crosses the ecliptic going from South to North. The point moves backwards along the ecliptic through the twelve signs of the Zodiac. It takes the North Node of the Moon 6,793 days (about 18.6 years) to complete its cycle. This tells us that the U.S. economy has a cycle of a little over nine years of above average and below-average. The business world is very well aware of this 18 year business cycle as it is mentioned and referred to in many business/financial books even though the authors might not know that is actually an astrologically timed cycle.

Just look and see how well this cycle has worked in the past. On November 28, 1928 the North node entered the sign Taurus indicating that the economy was going from normal to below normal. It reached the sign of Aquarius in July of 1933 which is the time that we were exactly in the middle of the depression. Just before the second World War the Node entered the sign of Scorpio indicating that the U.S. economy movement was moving back to normal and, of course, reached the above normal phase in November of 1942. Since then the North node has twice cycled once back into the sign of Aquarius twice making the economy below. The first time that we saw its effect was in March of 1952 and the second time was October of 1970.

When President Clinton took on the Presidency of our country in January 1993 the North Node was at 21 degrees of Sagittarius. According to our graph (see below) it was a below normal economy during the first term. The economy was below normal to normal because by the time we went to the election poles for his second term the North Node was in the sign of Libra where the economy was moving from normal to above normal. I'm sure that this factor was a help to Clinton in winning his re-election.

According to McWhirter's theory the economy had reached above normal phase and peaked in September of 1998. The next cycle that shows indicates a downward movement towards a normal phase until it reaches the sign of Taurus in May of the year 2003. The next cycle moves into the sign of Aquarius making the economy at its worst in January 2008.

Since the North Node entered the sign of Scorpio in January of 1994 the Dow Jones has risen over 135 percent in just four and a half years. It has more than doubled since it began in the 1800's. Will the market continue to go up? According to McWhirter's cycle the market should not have peaked until this past September of 1998. But it is very possible

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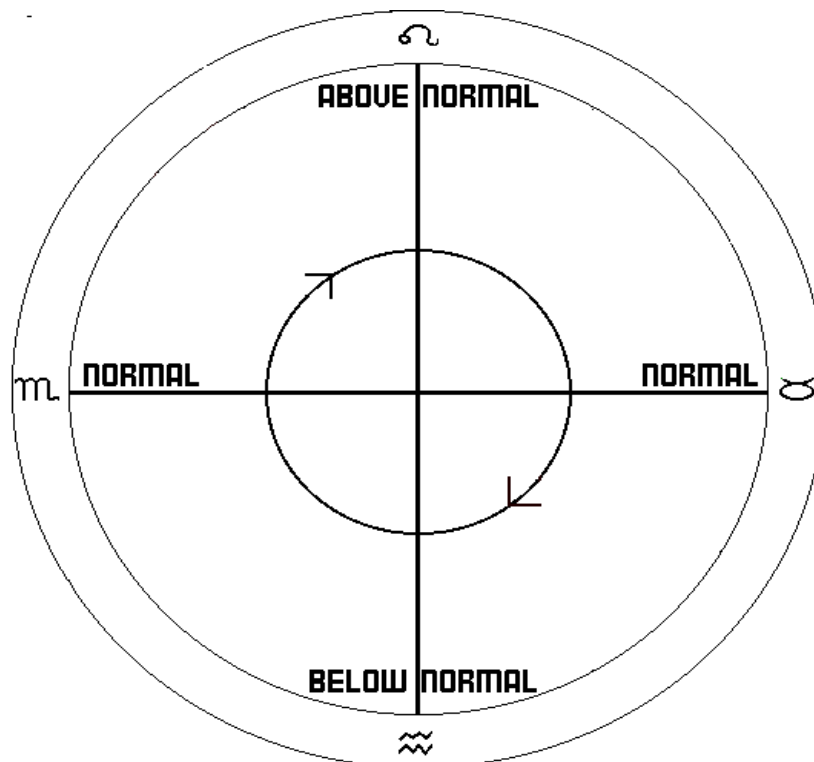
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for the market to maintain an upswing until the nodes enter the sign of Taurus which will be in May of the year 2003. However, I don't think that it will have the same gain that we had in the last four years. But it's possible that the market could continue on a slow rise for another couple of years. This year (1999), beginning in June and continuing through to the end of November the market will have to brace itself for some of its hardest aspects. I am sure that we will see a strong downswing during those months. There is still plenty of money to be made in the stock market now, at least until Saturn reaches the sign of Gemini which will be in the summer of year 2000.

In 2003 not only will the economy begin to change from normal to below normal but the United States will also have to contend with one of the hardest aspects in the natal chart. Transiting Saturn in the sky will be conjunct the United States birth Sun at 13 degrees of Cancer and in October of that year Saturn will station retrograde on the Sun of the United States chart. When Saturn falls on the Sun of a country's chart it always indicates a restricting, hampering pressure that brings up fears, changes and need to restructure the country in some manner. The Saturn/Sun aspect is always difficult time for the U.S. Under this aspect the U.S. has to deal with many crosses. In June 1945 Saturn was conjunct the Sun when we were right in the middle of the second world war. Astrologically speaking, the fear that Saturn evokes was probably a factor in making us drop the bomb on Hiroshima, which was followed by the Japanese surrender on August 15th of that year. The last time we saw the Saturn/Sun aspect afflict the United States's chart was between August 8, 1974 (the day we saw President Nixon resigned) through May of 1975. We seem to be moving into the millennium with a strong economy for a few more years and then the U.S. will have to reorganize and structure for the next few years. Between the Node going into Taurus and Saturn sitting on the U.S. Sun the economic climate in the year 2003 will most likely be a difficult year for all of us. The next five following years may also show a poor economy with little chance for immediate recovery.



McWhiter's economy graph