



“...Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.” Hebrews 12:1

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“The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises. The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course.

...What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

Is there anything of which one can say, "Look! This is something new"? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time.

There is no remembrance of men of old, and even those who are yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow."

Ecclesiastes 1:5-6 & 9-11
(New Int'l Vers. ©1986)

The 17-Year Cycle has so many facets to it (just as **Focus 5768**) that it is difficult to address them all at once. From the perspective of the Stock Indices, July 13-16, 2007 & October 11, 2007 recently gave powerful validation to this cycle. 17 years ago, October 11th pinpointed a major low before a multi-year bull market. 17 years later, October 11, 2007 may have just pinpointed a major top before a multi-year bear market.

The next key **Validation Point** is on January 15/16, 2008 and could provide more confirmation to analysis for 'a 2-3 year bear market with potential equity market losses of 20-50%'. In an eerie parallel to 1999 (1/2 of a complete **17-Year Cycle**), another bear is emerging that demands intense focus. As stated earlier this year, this 'bear' also has a profound **17-Year Cycle** (of transition) coming into play between August 2007 - December 2008 (watch 12/08/08)...

The 17-Year Cycle: The Big Bad Bear...

5-29-07 - “17 years ago, Aug. 1990 - Dec. 1991 had a monumental impact on Russia’s government. Could Aug. 2007 - Dec. 2008 be similar? “

10-31-07 - “Last month, we examined the growing conflict between Iran & Israel as well as developing relationships between Venezuela/Iran/Syria & Russia/Iran/Syria. Very little of this is new, other than Venezuela’s entry into this mix. Instead, it is the escalating intensity of the relationships and frequency of antagonistic events that demand equally intense focus. Nowhere is this truer than in Russia...

A Premier by any other name...

Vladimir Putin might be pulling off the ultimate coup in Russia without a shot being fired... and with the blessing of many of her citizens (and the ignorance or naivete of the rest).

Several months ago (June 2007 **INSIDE Track** - 5/29/07), I pointed out cycles in Russia - in particular the **17-Year Cycle** - that should create a monumental change in Russia's government between Aug. 2007 - Dec. 2008. Right on schedule, the seeds for that change have been sown... and the harvest is just a season away.

Putin hand-picked an obscure Russian politician - Viktor Zubkov - to fulfill the post of Prime Minister (just vacated by a sudden resignation) and likely step into the role of Premier when Putin's constitutionally-mandated, maximum time in office ends. He did this on Sept. 12th - the day before 5768 began.

... could actually be a Prime Minister

A few weeks later, Putin announced his intention to top his party's ticket - for elections in December - as the nominee for Prime Minister.

Though Prime Minister is CURRENTLY a lesser position, Putin has made some comments leading observers to believe he might try to switch that.

It would be as if President Clinton in 2000 (or Bush, upon the completion of his second term) submitted his name to be the nominee for the House of Representatives in a Democratic stronghold district and knew that his party would control Congress AND appoint him Speaker of the House upon his election.

In this hypothetical scenario, he could then wait until after the election in November 2000 (or even until after Congress convenes in early January 2001, to make sure of his fate) and - just before the Executive transfer of power later in January - issue an Executive Order that

...Willing to Know the Whole Truth...

"But different men often see the same subject in different lights; and, therefore, I hope that it will not be thought disrespectful to those gentlemen, if, entertaining as I do opinions of a character very opposite to theirs, I shall speak forth my sentiments freely and without reserve.

This is no time for ceremony. The question before the House is one of awful moment to this country. For my own part I consider it as nothing less than a question of freedom or slavery; and in proportion to the magnitude of the subject ought to be the freedom of the debate. It is only in this way that we can hope to arrive at truth, and fulfill the great responsibility which we hold to God and our country. Should I keep back my opinions at such a time, through fear of giving offense, I should consider myself as guilty of treason towards my country, and of an act of disloyalty towards the majesty of heaven, which I revere above all earthly kings.

Mr. President, it is natural to man to indulge in the illusions of hope. We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth, and listen to the song of that siren, till she transforms us into beasts. Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty? Are we disposed to be of the number of those who, having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not, the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation?

For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth -- to know the worst and to provide for it. I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided; and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past. And judging by the past, I wish to know what there has been in the conduct of the British ministry for the last ten years, to justify those hopes with which gentlemen have been pleased to solace themselves and the House?

...I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

Patrick Henry - March 23, 1775

the Speaker of the House was now the most powerful position in America and that the President and VP were a subordinate role. Is this really possible?

Other speculation has emerged as to whether Putin might step down before the end of his 2nd term (after being elected Prime Minister?), thereby making him eligible for being elected Premier a few months later (since he did not complete 2 **full** terms)... or he could make sure that Zubkov serves for a few months and then steps down (voluntarily or involuntarily, politically or physically), also enabling Putin to circumvent term limits.

Other corroborating signs are necessary to give this speculation credence. However, it is widely accepted that Putin played a similar game of politics with Boris Yeltsin in the late-1990's.

The difference is that he was the figure being groomed as a successor. Speculation has it that Putin offered Yeltsin the option of going away quietly and retiring comfortably (Dec. 1999) or being brought up on multiple corruption charges and spending the rest of his days in a gulag. We know which 'door number' Yeltsin chose in this Soviet-style brand of 'Let's Make a Deal'.

Mr. Putin is a former KGB agent and we know that they (like the CIA) were masters in disinformation. So, why would things suddenly change now?

In 6-12 months, we will know how this plays out (or is playing out). However, it is the ramifications of this that are so crucial to our ongoing discussion. Most of these are ultimately - directly or indirectly - linked to oil.

With their advanced technology on ultra-deep drilling techniques, Russia is reaping the rewards of decades of focused efforts on the most efficient and effective means of extracting oil from the Earth. They are using this advantage to cultivate relationships with key nations, many of which have been alienated from/by America and the West. Vietnam has already benefited and N. Korea could be next.

With Crude Oil approaching \$100/bbl, Russia - the world's 2nd largest oil producer and an exporter of 60-70% of her own oil - has been growing wealthier and wealthier - and consequently more powerful, since 1998.

Iran, the world's 4th largest oil producer and an exporter of over 50% of her own oil, has also been growing wealthier this decade. Much of the

"The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; prophesy against him and say:

'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. **I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army**—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords.

Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you."

Ezekiel 38:1-6 (New Int'l Vers. ©1986)

profits have been poured into military upgrades and related hobbies like nuclear development... financed by the West.

The problem is that Russia & Iran - although agreeing on common enemies & aspirations - do not see eye to eye on diplomatic measures. Iran likes to take a much more intransigent stance on many issues.

The last 1-2 months reinforced this reality with Vladimir Putin nixing UN plans for more sanctions against Iran and then traveling to Tehran to propose a solution to the nuclear-development standoff. Putin proposed that Iran use Russia - a tried and trusted ally - to do all the uranium enrichment for Iran's nuclear program. This would allow the West to monitor the level of enrichment and guarantee that it would be used

for energy-generating purposes and not weapons development.

Putin went 'over Ahmadinejad's head' to the real leader of Iran - the Islamic Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (who rarely meets with political leaders) - and is proclaiming to the West that '**Any attack on Iran is an attack on Russia**'. (See http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Middle_East/IJ26Ak06.html... and thank you to subscriber Richard R. for this article.) I don't think that statement needs any explanation. However, it might benefit from a review of some context...

About 3,000 years ago, diverse individuals - recognized in Israel as prophets of God - wrote about a coming period of time that would represent a form of culmination in Israel's history. They did not have the benefit of the internet to compare notes, some lived in different generations, and others lived in different countries (due to events like the Babylonian captivity of Israel). So, there was not collaboration among them.

They described this future time as being when Israel was re-inhabited after a long period of desolation, when Jerusalem would become the concern of the entire world, when Damascus would be decimated and when the leader of the nations in the far north would be drawn into an attack on Israel, even when he really didn't want to. [See Ezekiel 38 quote on page 3.] The destruction of Damascus (see Zechariah 14 and Obadiah 18) is a near-perfect description of a nuclear strike. Coincidence?

Now, put it together with the recent Israeli strike on Syria's chemical - and possibly nuclear - weapons program and Russia's 'marriage' to Iran (Persia) as well as the US Congress's intentional - but ridiculous - alienation of Turkey (Togarmah and part of ancient Magog), which may have been done for no other reason but to worsen conditions in Iraq.

Suddenly, you have the makings for a future (but not too distant future) alliance between Russia, Iran & Turkey against Israel with Syria recently crippled by a 'plague' (that has caused the victims' flesh to 'consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall con-

sume away in their mouth' - Zechariah 14:12). Is it all just a giant coincidence that these events are finally possible - and appearing imminent - at the exact same time in history??

In the next few weeks, the world will concern itself with Jerusalem. Another coincidence???

Goldilocks vs. the Three Bears

IN THIS CORNER... WEIGHING IN AT 60 MONTHS...IN THE RED, WHITE & BLUE TRUNKS... IS... GOLDBLOCKS (AKA The US bull market and happy-go-lucky economy).

LURKING BEHIND THIS CORNER... AND THAT CORNER... AND THAT CORNER... WEIGHING IN AT A COMBINED 3,000+ YEARS... IN THE RED AND RED AND RED TRUNKS... ARE... THE THREE BEARS.

While most of the talking heads assure the masses that the Goldilocks economy remains on track, it is as if they are in the middle of a boxing ring and **only** looking directly at **one** corner. Each time they hear some growling coming from one of the other three corners, they take a step closer to the corner of their choosing - that of Goldilocks - and just start talking a little louder to drown out the warning signs.

The growling intensifies... and so does their focus on that **one** corner. Like the ostrich who sticks its head in the sand & pretends there is no danger, so do the talking heads ignore the looming & growing threats to America's national security... and economy.

Of course, this is the safest course for obvious reasons: Anyone who says otherwise is a 'pessimist' and an 'alarmist'. If those 'alarmists' turn out to be right, they will be castigated as instigators or opportunists ("How in the world can you profit from this problem with a clear conscience?") AND the crowd of cheerleaders will all wash their hands of their blind ignorance and say "How could anyone have anticipated a surprise event like this?"

The masses will accept that explanation - and band together to resent the few that kept their eyes open - and perpetuate the Grand Illusion. In contrast, one of America's greatest patriots had a

different approach to awareness. In his most famous speech, at a time when America was forced to acknowledge the looming threat to her very existence, Patrick Henry vocalized the convictions copied on page 2.

It is amazing how many of the conditions to which he refers are prevalent today. For many years, those involved in the Middle East Peace process could have asked the exact same thing of Yasser Arafat or Saddam Hussein ("I wish to know what there has been in the conduct...to justify those hopes with which gentlemen have been pleased to solace themselves and the House?") The more things change, the more they stay the same.

From a cyclic standpoint, 2009 (-2011) draws together cycles related to Russia, Iran and nuclear development... as well as the Battle for the Kingdom of Jerusalem. I will explain the identity of the '3 Bears' next month...IT [\[INSIIDE Track will continue to update and elaborate on the 17-Year Cycle & its application to Russia, et al.\]](#)

Presidential Cycles II...

Previously, we gave some examples of the correlation between the **17-Year Cycle** and the history of US Presidents. As stated then, the **17 & 34-Year Cycles** have pinpointed many 'firsts' (or 'onlys' AKA anomalies) in America's history of Presidents, coinciding with financial panics and/or crashes. The following 3 were already cited...

The 1973-1974 Bear Market (stocks dropping 50% in less than 2 years) coincided with the only time a U.S. President resigned.

34 years prior to this, the 1939-1942 Bear Market (stocks dropping 35% in the ensuing 3 years) coincided with the only time a U.S. President exceeded an 8-Year term in office.

34 Years prior to this, the 1906/1907 stock market crash (a drop very similar in scope - both time and price - to 1973-1974) coincided with the term of the youngest U.S. President ever to serve in office (JFK was youngest elected while Teddy Roosevelt was youngest in office).

This **34-Year Cycle**, however, dates back even farther as evidenced by the following events:

34 years prior to 1906/1907, the *Panic of 1873* occurred. This followed a rather bizarre anomaly in American politics, leading to Ulysses S. Grant's 2nd term in office.

On November 29, 1872 - after the popular vote but before the electoral college vote - the Democratic candidate, Horace Greeley, died.

Electors ended up voting for 4 different Presidential candidates and 8 different VP candidates on the Democratic side (Greeley even received 3 votes that were disallowed by Congress).

Imagine the fun that today's lawyers would have had with that election.

Grant had won the popular vote by a landslide and - consequently - won the electoral college vote in one of the most lopsided victories in U.S. history. However, it was another intriguing anomaly in the *U.S. Presidential Cycle*. *4 x 34 - or 136 - years from 1872 is 2008.*

34 years prior to that, the *Panic of 1837* - and Depression lasting into 1842 - occurred. This overlapped the election of 1940 and another anomaly... the shortest term of any U.S. President (1 month). This took place during William H. Harrison's very brief term.

Whether they occurred before, during or after, the US markets (in particular, equity markets) experienced sharp declines and/or panics at the same time the US Presidency experienced unusual anomalies... on a **34-Year Cycle**.

So, the shortest term, the longest term, the only resignation, the quickest death of a President, the quickest death of a Presidential nominee and the ascension of the youngest President all coincided with the **34-Year** (and therefore the **17-Year**) **Cycle**.

The 68-Year Cycle...

Just as there appears to be closer similarities in stock market drops at 34-year intervals, there also appears to be a closer parallel between stock market - and economic - drops at a 68-year interval... all linked to the **17-Year Cycle**.

The **68-Year Cycle** includes the secondary top in stock market in 1939 and subsequent 35%

drop into 1942. **68 years** later, many indices topped in 2000 and are putting in secondary tops in 2007 (68 years from 1939 top).

In 1939, all the seeds were being sown for a major war. In 2007, the geopolitical outlook is uncannily similar. (Watch Russia & Iran closely.)

68 years prior to 1939 - 1942 was the *Panic of 1873*. Economic troughs - in 1874 & 1942 point to 2010 (see bailout discussion for corroborating cycle) for the next important low. *That means that 2007 - 2010 could see a significant 'downdraft'.*

The intervening moves of 1973-1974 & 1906-1907 were also close parallels to each other, separated by **68 years**. There are many other cycles (including the **17-Year Cycle**) - linking banking, the US Dollar & US government - converging in 2013 - 2014 (a separate discussion).

However, it is intriguing that the seeds for this culmination are being planted 7 years earlier... **in 2007**.

And, the upcoming election of 2008 has the greatest synergy of **17-Year Cycle** multiples and factors coming into play (including a **136-Year Cycle** and an **8-Year Cycle**)...

136 years (8 x 17) from the death of Democrat Greeley.

68 years (4 x 17) from only 3rd term of a U.S. President.

34 years (2 x 17) from only resignation of a U.S. President.

8 years (1/2 x 17) from 2000 election (another anomaly).

...And all the other **34-Year** cycles discussed previously. The 2008 election is bound to be an unpredictable one!

It is ripe for other 'firsts' with the potential for the *first* female U.S. President, the *first* African-American U.S. President or a combination ticket of both. Of course, 'surprises' are not usually anticipated, so a true 'surprise' or 'first' could be something even more out of the ordinary. *IT*

The 17-Year Cycle is taking hold in Stock Indices, even as it appears in so many other arenas. January 15/16, 2008 is the next important date to watch. After that, February 23, 2008 and mid-April 2008 are significant.

The 17-Year Cycle is just one of MANY cycles converging at this time. Focus 5768 I-V & The Grand Illusion I & II detail other cycles. It is the synergy of all of these - more than their individual impact - that demands close attention. More to come... IT

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