

# We're in the Money – Economic Predictions for Year 2000

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## Introduction

The first part of this lecture discusses general trends for 2000. The second part discusses the economic picture by dates. This lecture includes highlights from the booklet "We're In the Money."

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## Part 1

### **General Trends for the USA**

As 1999 closes, organizational changes within business are complete, the number "2" will lead the next millennium. The calendar we use is known to the rest of the world as the business calendar. You've heard this business aphorism, "Two heads are better than one, but someone has to be responsible for making the final decision." Corporations have a new and exciting concept: "two CEO'S". Chrysler and Daimler Benz tried it but unfortunately 1999 was a 'one year' and the concept didn't work. The current business climate is two economies working together simultaneously. The industrial age is working along its well-worn path and the information age is finding its own path.

Of course there will be those who will call it the "terrible 2's". Business and government have two problems: retiring personnel and exchanging them with competent replacements.

The U.S. labor market has always been thin and now it is demanding changes. Wages are an issue. Computer and electronic workers in particular are demanding higher wages and we have to pay it. Business will discover that the only way to get a job done is by contracting for the labor. The ranks of the self-employed will double. Women will take over the Internet with many acquiring entrepreneurial status.

American corporations are in an expansionist mood. Big is good...More is better. It looks like our stock exchanges will continue to soar in spite of the re-engineering that will be required by the new millennium.

The New Economy wins and the NASDAQ hits 5 grand. The Dow will blow away 15,000 and the S&P will try for 3 K. Wall street makes Las Vegas look like a Sunday picnic. We are still in a gambling mode and therefore the stock exchanges will continue to higher highs. The business of America is Business. We are out there creating with a flourish new ones and changing old ones. Yankee ingenuity has dominated the American way of life since 1990. We have been risking our dollars on any invention with the promise to plug into another one. If the business is risky, investors will say "so much the better."

The transiting Nodes are conjunct the natal nodes of the USA 4th-of-July chart. This means that Americans are supposed to change. If we change, things will get better. If we don't change, things will get worse. Does that mean that we need to stop throwing money at problems. Yes! We need to admit that we have been hoodwinked by a myriad of media savvy creatures and move on. We also need to lighten up a little. We need to happily accept our Yankee ingenuity and shout hurrah.

We are rapidly approaching the height of the USA Real Estate cycle. Property of major landowners is for sale. The churches, colleges and charitable foundations are finding it very difficult to maintain their properties. Cheap immigrant labor is not to be found.

Many Americans are maintaining 2 homes, and they're staying within the 50 states to do it. This means the major topic for discussion this year will be our homes in the countryside. Americans are purchasing land and building houses on it. Most are fairly substantial houses, but some are even on wheels. A lot are proposed retirement abodes; other are simply nice quiet shelters. Folks say it is for the tax advantages.

Now our well-educated work force has to play instant catch up. Education for business is in demand. Earned income is being lavishly spent on classes. The public is making time to learn how to operate the various gadgets that are awaiting their attention.

Expect a new wave of music. Probably with chatty explanations included. Also more books will include cassettes with the author's narration. People like to listen to stories while they exercise or drive.

The July eclipse is conjunct our natal Sun. And that means we are going to take on new responsibilities. Usually we add more land. We might add new friends to the mix. This is also the year of the census, therefore we could find we have more people. Migration and immigration are certainly topics for discussion among the officials concerned with such matters.

Our earned income is being spent on communications. Yes, Y2K glitches will appear suddenly all year long. We are putting a lot more of it underground. Satellites are not surviving the solar storms as well as we had hoped. The cable companies will profit.

Weather: Yes there is global warming, but what weathermen fail to take are classes in geology, oceanography, or even read the archaeological record. Today's coastal coral reefs were dry land a 1000 years ago. Volcanoes erupt, glaciers melt. This will be a windy year. Give yourself the kind of surge protector that beeps.

## **Part 2**

### **Pertinent Mundane Aspects**

- December 22, 1999, Winter Solstice...Plan to have a terrific time at the Party.
- December 30, 1999, Pluto Chiron conjunction...The Devil is in the details. The Wizards of Whatyoumaycallit have patched the Y2K glitch! Buy a few dozen gallons of spring water and 100 pounds of rice. Remember Chiron's over protective mother?
- January 6, 2000, Uranus is square Saturn. Important stuff, like financial institutions have their act together and their systems will work. Other folks will have to face the obvious fact that if it is broken, replace it; half of everything works. Truckers can't keep up with their delivery schedules.

Most of the dates given below are for **New Moons and Eclipses**. The following is my technique for predicting the events of the time period each covers.

- Feb 5, 2000, Aquarius Eclipse...All those quick fixes at the end of 1999 have quit working. The Millennium bug has given everyone the flu. Stress and long working hours have finally caught up with the population. Retirements and resignations proliferate.
- March 6, 2000, Necessity is the mother of invention and it has attracted the attention of investors. The exchanges are overwhelmed.
- March 16, 2000, Jupiter squares Neptune. Prior to that date expect to be deceived and expect deception to make headlines.
- March 20, 2000, Equinox Farmers are having problems getting into the fields; commodity prices are up. The prices of old and new equities is up and going higher.

- April 12, 2000, Congress has decided to cut taxes. No, they did not grandfather the cut.
- May 4, 2000, Every problem in the world is plaguing the home construction business. Y2K patches have messed up everything. No supplies, no labor, and stop reading the newspaper, none of the previous sentence is true. Everyone has just decided to stay home.
- May 13, 2000, Saturn is square Uranus and...
- May 20, 2000, Jupiter is square Uranus. If it breaks throw it away.
- May 28, 2000, Jupiter Saturn conjunction. The old ways don't work anymore. Now explain that to your accountant! This is a global economy that refuses to allow any time off. The Internet wins and new management styles are in order. Retail is a mess; competitive financial institutions try to give away the store. The ad agencies are hiring linguists, and everyone is working as hard as they can.

May will be an exhausting month with material possessions causing all sorts of problems. Weather, however, is the major cause of the problems. The result in the market place is to hold what you own and save your cash.

- June 2, 2000, Solar winds hit the communications industry. New computer glitches are discovered. Wall street reacts. Everyone is preaching "Long Term" and they are right.
- June 21, 2000, Solstice. Finally Y2K is conquered. International money is marching onto Wall Street. Commodity and Equity markets are very volatile.
- July 1, 2000, Cancer Eclipse. International trade is the topic of discussion. Wall Street is finding new highs for their averages. The markets promise to be very volatile; if you have nerves of steel stay the course.
- July 30, 2000, Leo Eclipse. All kinds of Bad Bills slip through the system.
- August 29, 2000, Retirements are very fashionable. Financial institutions have finally recovered and corporate personnel recruiters are infiltrating every campus.
- September 22, 2000, Foreign cash has moved to Wall Street. The markets are not taking their October vacation. The Federal Reserve raises interest rates. The media is having lots of fun exposing scandals among high profile CEOs and political candidates. The public is apathetic.
- September 27, 2000, Earnings have been great. Now sell the equities you are tired of holding while people are still buying investments. Mergers are everywhere. Politicians have discovered the internet. The public is still apathetic.
- October 27, 2000, The markets are really tired. They start a slow decline. Bargain equities shoppers start your research but it isn't time to buy. Oh...the Republicans win. (I say that because I'm a Republican!)
- November 25, 2000, If you can hold a pencil steady and count to five you have a job. Everyone who can is working and shopping during their off hours on the internet. The traffic is awful!
- December 21, 2000, Solstice. The markets will trade with moderation until February. Financial markets are nervous about the new administration, but anticipate that they will like it.

- Christmas Eclipse. Venture capital its rule; everyone has found welcoming the 21st Century is a good excuse for a party.