

The Astrology Letter

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Oil Tariffs Coming

For a while, it appeared as though there would be no tariffs placed on Canadian oil. Now, it looks like a 10% tariff will be applied starting later this month.

For those who think that oil is oil is oil....rest assured it is not.

Oil from different geographic locations has different densities. For example, oil from western Canada has a density of around 935 kilograms per cubic meter of volume (kg/m³). So called Saudi "medium" has a density of 876 (kg/m³), and Saudi "light" has a density of 857 (kg/m³). Crude from places like Texas is lighter yet with a density of around 827 (kg/m³).

Refineries in the U.S. usually blend Canadian oil with domestic oil to produce a feedstock that will allow the distillation and fractionation process run optimally.

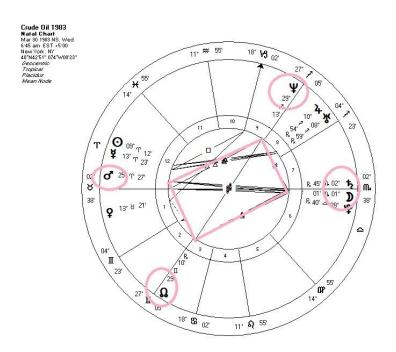
Put a tariff on Canadian oil and that added cost to the refiners will trickle through the economic value chain. The net result will be an *increase* in the price of gasoline at the pumps for U.S. consumers. This will cause people (and businesses) to scale back *slightly* on their driving. This will have an impact on the economy. This will in turn dampen the demand for gasoline which will in turn dampen the demand for crude oil. That is, in the short run. In the long run, an economist will tell you that the elastic forces of supply and demand will not leave a lasting impact on gasoline prices at the pump.

I fully expect the Trump 2.0 administration to impose a 10% tariff on Canadian oil in the coming two weeks. However, over time, as demand for gasoline softens and inventories of gasoline build, I expect a lifting of the tariff later in 2025. Be careful in the short term if contemplating stocks of oil refiners. An oil tariff will have a negative effect on their near-term profit margins. Share of Phillips, Valero, and Marathon have all fallen in the past days.

As demand for gasoline and oil products encounters near-term volatility due to any tariffs, I expect to see WTI Crude Oil to pull back from its current levels. Going on the premise that tariffs on Canadian oil are not going to endure forever, the near term will make for a buying opportunity on oil-related stocks, both in Canada and the U.S.

In this issue I will show you a case study for a Canadian oil stock through the lens of planetary positions.

But first, let's look at WTI Crude Oil futures.



WTI Oil futures first trade horoscope

WTI Crude Oil futures started trading for the first time on March 30, 1983. Look closely at the above chart and you will note that Mars, Node, Moon/Saturn, and Neptune make a rectangle pattern. I have said it before, and I will say it again. The choice of the dates to commence trading of commodity futures contracts has been carefully contrived. This was true for WTI Crude in 1983 and it was true for Sugar futures over 100 years ago. The people who designed these futures instruments were very skilled in astrology. Look at the Commodity section in my 2025 Almanac to look at more commodity horoscopes.

This WTI Oil rectangle pattern can be used as a tool by the big financial institutions who so happen to be skilled in planetary movement. Every marketplace has winners and losers. In the case of

commodity futures, like Oil, the winners will be those who recognize the planetary patterns in the first trade horoscopes. The losers will be those who make buying and selling decisions based on economic fundamentals and other flawed reasons.

To illustrate the power of the rectangle shape in the WTI horoscope, the following price chart illustrates Sun transiting past the Saturn point and Neptune point of the rectangle. Note how these transits aligned to price trend changes.

The chart that appears next illustrates Mars transiting past the Neptune, Mars, and Node locations that define the rectangle. Although not included in this chart display, Venus passing these rectangle corner points also plays a role in price trend changes.



Sun transiting the rectangle corner points



Mars transiting the rectangle corner points

The next transit will be Sun passing the Mars corner point in early April. Watch what happens....



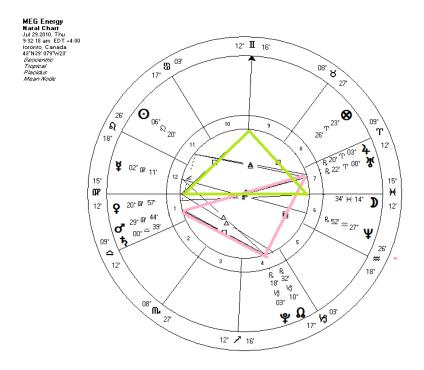
Moon passing natal Mars/Asc point

On a shorter term timeframe, the Moon passing the Mars/Ascendant point in the 1983 horoscope wheel can be seen to align with shorter-term price swings (see chart on previous page). This phenomenon is ideally studied through an hourly price chart. Use of the Moon is the basis for Louise McWhirter's 1937 book.

MEG Energy (TSX:MEG)

One stock that I am going to buy again very soon is MEG Energy. Its Alberta-produced crude oil is an integral part of the blended feedstock that keeps the U.S. refineries running.

The MEG first trade horoscope dates to July 29, 2010. Note that there are two geometric patterns in the wheel, both of them triangles. The corner points of these triangles are: Ascendant, Mid Heaven, Moon (green triangle) and Mars, Jupiter, Pluto (pink).



MEG – first trade horoscope wheel

Moon passing the natal Ascendant point seems to align very well to short term price pivots. See the two charts on the following page.



Moon passing MEG Energy natal Asc point



Moon as a general tool for navigating MEG Energy price action

Mars passing conjunct to the 1983 MEG Energy natal Sun also aligns to trend changes. The following chart illustrates. This conjunction will occur again in late April, right around when I expect to see a price reaction on WTI Crude as Sun passes the Mars point in the WTI horoscope.



Mars transiting past the MEG Energy natal Sun location

Cycle analysis can also be used to provide a unique picture of price behavior. For MEG Energy, the dominant cycle on the daily chart is 360-bars. The 2nd harmonic of this is a 180-bar cycle.

The price chart on the following page has been fitted with the 180-bar cycles. Note that the current cycle will end right around mid-April. This ties nicely with the astrology of WTI Crude and with the coming Mars/MEG natal Sun event in April.

If you are wondering if the planets influence this cyclical action, I suggest you consider the Sun passing conjunct to the MEG Energy natal Sun point. The time it takes from one such conjunction to the next is the same more or less the length of the dominant cycle of 360-bars.

MEG Energy 2nd Harmonic cycle 180-bars on daily chart

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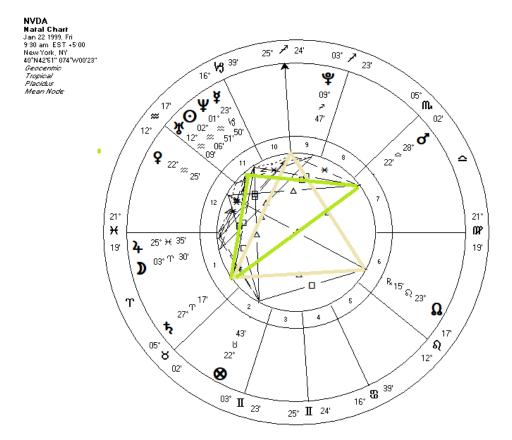
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This week the world was rocked when China announced that it had developed an AI algorithm that was cheaper than what has been developed in the U.S.

With that news, A.I. chip-set maker Nvidia took a blow and price of its shares fell.

Let's look at Nvidia through the lens of the planets.

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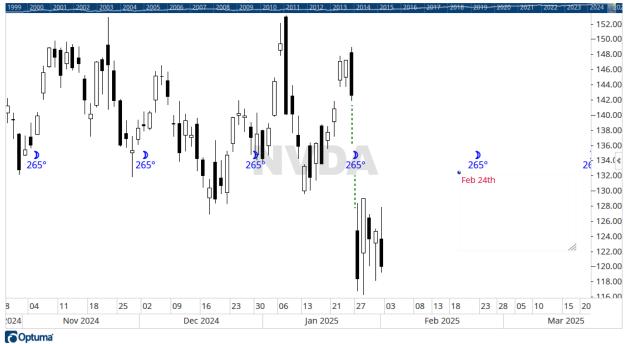


NVDA Natal Horoscope

Nvidia traces its origins to January 22, 1999. In the horoscope wheel there are two geometric shapes evident. The green triangle has corner points of Saturn, Sun, and Mars. The brown triangle has corners of Mid Heaven, Node, and Saturn.

The Moon can be seen as a valid tool to navigate the short term price swings. The following chart has been overlaid with Moon passing the NVDA natal Mid Heaven at 25 Sagittarius (265 degrees).

The gravitational pull of the Moon influences human emotion. Emotion influences our propensity to buy or sell. Where was the Moon when the Chinese announcement took place? Indeed – right at the NVDA Mid Heaven.



Moon passing NVDA natal Mid Heaven



NVDA Cycles

NVDA has a dominant cycle of 384-bars on the daily chart. The 3^{rd} harmonic of this cycle is 128-bars (128 x 3 = 384).

The news of the Chinese AI progress came just as the 384-bar cycle hit its mid-point. Certainly an "interesting" observation. I have said it many times – the mid-point/crest of these cycles often times will deliver a price reaction.

The one thing that fascinates me with NVDA is how its price aligns to Fibonacci retracement ratios. For those who are unfamiliar with these ratios, they all revolve around the Golden Mean of 1.618. For example, using your calculator, do the following computations and satisfy yourself that you understand.

1/(root phi)^1 = 0.786 1/(root phi)^2 = 0.618 1/(root phi)^3 = 0.486 1/(root phi)^4 = 0.382 1/(root phi)^5 = 0.300 1/(root phi)^6 = 0.236

As to why we often see Fibonacci ratios manifesting on price charts - did you also know that the spatial distribution of the planets in our cosmos very closely follows that Fibonacci Sequence: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 13,etc... The arrangement of our cosmos affects us mere mortals here on Earth.



NVDA follows Fibonacci

Here and now, NVDA has completed a 61.8% retracement. If it wants to fall further, a 76.8% retrace will take price to around \$103 per share.

Note also on this chart, the dates listed in blue font. I have looked at NVDA before in an earlier newsletter. Back then, I suggested that Venus would pass the NVDA natal Asc on Jan 23 and Sun would pass the NVDA natal Sun from Jan 18-25.

Do these dates align to the steep fall in NVDA price? Yes they do! I predicted that these dates might be significant. I just had no idea what exactly would happen. Turns out, it was a Chinese A.I. announcement.

Recent subscribers may not know this, but I am student of George Bayer's Rules.

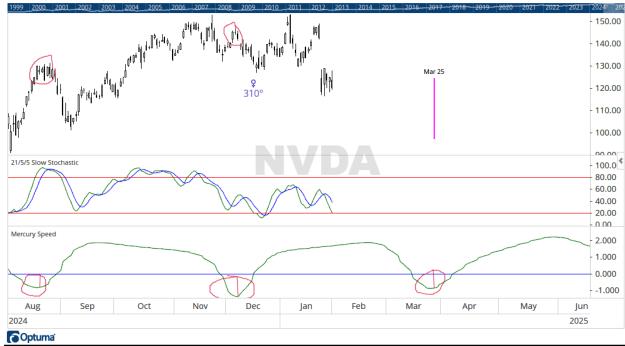
I have now made application to the United Astrology Conference (Chicago 2026) to deliver a lecture on Bayer's Rules.

Mr. Bayer arrived in the U.S. circa 1899 and for the next 4 decades made a living trading stocks and commodities using planetary phenomenon. He developed a series of Rules over the years that derived from his trading experiences.

Rule 27 says that when the orbital speed of Mercury reaches an extreme, look for a possible price trend change. Back in his day, he would have used the Naval Observatory data tables to plot the speed of Mercury. Today, I can do that same task with the click of a mouse on the Optuma software program. The following NVDA chart has been fitted with Mercury speed data.

The bottom pane on the following chart depicts the speed of Mercury. Note how in August and again in December 2024, Mercury at its minimum speed of movement aligned to a price inflection point.

March 27 will bring the next Mercury speed low. Just as this occurs, Moon will be passing the NVDA natal Sun and Sun will be passing the NVDA natal Saturn – one of the triangle corner points in the natal horoscope.



NVDA and Bayer's Rules

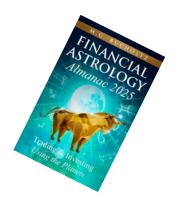
You will also see on the above chart the annotation 310 (in blue font). This denotes Venus passing 310 degrees on the zodiac wheel. When we see Venus (geocentric) at 310 degrees, this means that the planet Venus is at "aphelion" to the Sun. That is, it is the farthest away from the Sun that it can get during its orbit.

Bayer's **Rule 7** says to watch for times when Venus is at this aphelion point because a price trend *could* occur. In this case, a trend did occur. Price had been moving lower and at Venus aphelion price started to move upwards again.

The price trend on NVDA is bearish – so be careful!

However, I would keep an eye on the time around **Feb 24**. The Moon will be passing the natal Mid Heaven (15 Sag) and Mercury's speed will be at maximum and starting to slow.

I would watch around **March 25**. Moon will be passing the natal Mid Heaven and Mercury's speed will be at a minimum. In addition, at this time Mercury will be at Inferior Conjunction. Bayer's **Rule 22** says that trend changes can occur at Inferior Conjunction events



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