

MAYAN CYCLES

David Burton explores the trading methodology of WD Gann: were Mayan cycles coded in WD Gann's work?

Most have heard or read that the Mayan cycle ends on 21 December 2012, and at that time the world will end. Anyone who knows anything about cycles knows that the world will not end in such a way, especially since Mayan cycles have existed for more than 5000 years. The cycle has to do with the alignment of the sun and earth, and the winter solstice. Because the planets create a magnetic pull on the earth, we might expect earthquakes, floods, storms and extreme weather at times of alignment. Such events would inflict physical damage on many commodities and cause inflation to rise more than it is at present.

We know that to research ancient knowledge, WD Gann visited India, Egypt, and South America. I would take an educated guess that he would have studied the Mayan cycles as well, but of course we can't know for sure. However, there are certainly some cycles that overlap when we compare Gann, the Mayans, and biblical cycles.

The Mayan calendar systems are very ancient. The 20-day cycle times thirteen equals a 260-day cycle. The Mayans also combined this time cycle with a calendar year period of 365 days, in order to generate a recurring 52-year period known as the 'Calendar Round'. The 260-day cycle is divided into four periods of 65 days called 'burner days'.

When I started to look for the Mayan cycle in Gann's book, 'The Tunnel thru the Air' (TTTA) I

made even more discoveries. The period from when Robert Gordon was born, on 9 June 1906, to his birthday in 1927 was 7270 days, which is 65 times 118. Gann's private ephemeris (from 1941 to 1950) has just been published, revealing the start of the Mayan count. The Mayan cycle of 260 days times 4 equals 1040. This is a very important number, because the sun-lunar cycle is exactly 1040 years long. In the Bible, a day is a year, so 1040 days also works from the right point. Gann noted 6 July 1942 as being 1040 days after World War II started. He predicted the 1929 high in the stock market on 3 September and said to buy on 8 July 1932, at the bottom. Why? Because the high was 1040 days earlier. The stock market fell from its high of 14198 on 11 October 2007 to 6470 on 6 March 2009 – 515 days, which is almost half 1040. The difference in the market, 7728, is close to 7800, or 1040×7.5 .

Since the imperial measuring system of inches, yards and so on was changed to the metric system, many of the codes have been lost. Let's look at the imperial system: there are 5280 inches in a mile. Calculating $5280 - 2300$, (Bible days or years) – 1040 (Mayan and Bible days or years) = 1940, one of Gann's codes in TTTA or 'looking back from 1940'. Marie Stanton's first trade on cotton, which Robert Gordon made for her, was on 17 March 1927. Sixty-five days later, on 21 May, was Robert's 'Red Letter' day, when all the commodities advanced (page 105). From 17 March 1927 to Robert Gordon's birthday is 7586 days, which is equal to minus 5280 (inches) minus 2306. The Mayan Venus cycle is 584 days; this times 13 equals 7592, close to 7586 days.

The 52-year cycle running from October 1492, when Columbus sighted America, gives some interesting dates. For example, $52 \times 8 = 416$, which, added to 1492 gives 1908, the year in TTTA when Marie Stanton was born. Similarly, $52 \times 10 = 520$ years, which, when added to 1492 is 2012, the end of the later cycle from 3113 BC. From 1776, the year of American independence, to the Great Depression in 1932 was 156 years, which is 52×3 . The last date mentioned in TTTA is 1982, which is 104 years from WD Gann's birthday in 1878, 52×2 ; 1040 is 52×20 .

WD Gann's square of 52

Gann's square of 52 is used mainly on weekly charts. However, it can be used for months and years because days, weeks, months and years are all part of bigger cycles. The square of 52 is used to locate on a weekly basis what position the market is in, depending on which cycle is running the market.

Figure 1 shows the square of 52 (208,4 x 52) on the S&P 500. The market is following the 1 x 1 Gann angle up from the zero line. A break of this line will see it fall back to 1170 and then to 780.

Next year is 2012, the second year of the decade. (Refer to my article, 'The Decennial Cycle in the Stock Market', in the Sep/Oct 2007 issue of YTE, which was written before the crash in October

2007, for a detailed explanation.) The second year of the decade is nearly always bearish. The end of this square occurs in October 2011, so watch around October for a change in the trend. October is normally a low anyway.

We then start the fifth square of 52, which is the square of big moves, from the top. Then the end of the square is half the ten-year cycle. You should also run the square from the low in March 2009. March 2011 is 104 weeks on from that date, which is the second square of 52.

From the low of 666 to the current high is 676 points or 52×13 . Note that 666 plus 676 equals 1342. Watch the market when it breaks 1290, because it will be back in the twelfth square from the low and turn bearish.

Most people do not understand how to use the squares, so once the market goes below 1290 you could start using the three-day swing chart to enter, with stops no more than three per cent away from the last swing high. You could test the Mayan cycle using a 20-day swing chart, but this is very close to Gann's three-week swing chart. 

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