

# Lifetime Economic, Financial and Investment Map

**Winter**

**Spring**

- Crippling credit crisis.
- Money very scarce.
- Banks, Trust, Quasi-banks and Insurance companies in crisis.
- Unprecedented bankruptcies - personal, corporate, government
- Credit crunch, interest rates rise.
- International monetary crisis à la 1931-1933.
- Gold bullion and gold equities rise in face of huge financial and economic crisis.
- Pension crisis - Pensioners will not receive what they have been promised.
- Tax increases, especially on the wealthy.

- Indication of season change -
- Interest rate bottom
  - Debt levels reach cycle low
  - Stock bear market bottom - June 13, 1949 DJIA 161 points
  - Gold \$35 per ounce

- Gradual increase in business activity and employment.
- Consumer confidence slowly increases in line with growing economy.
- Consumer prices begin a gradual increase from very low levels.
- Stock prices begin a steady rise and reach a peak at the end of spring.
- Interest rates rise slowly from historically low levels in line with gradual credit expansion.

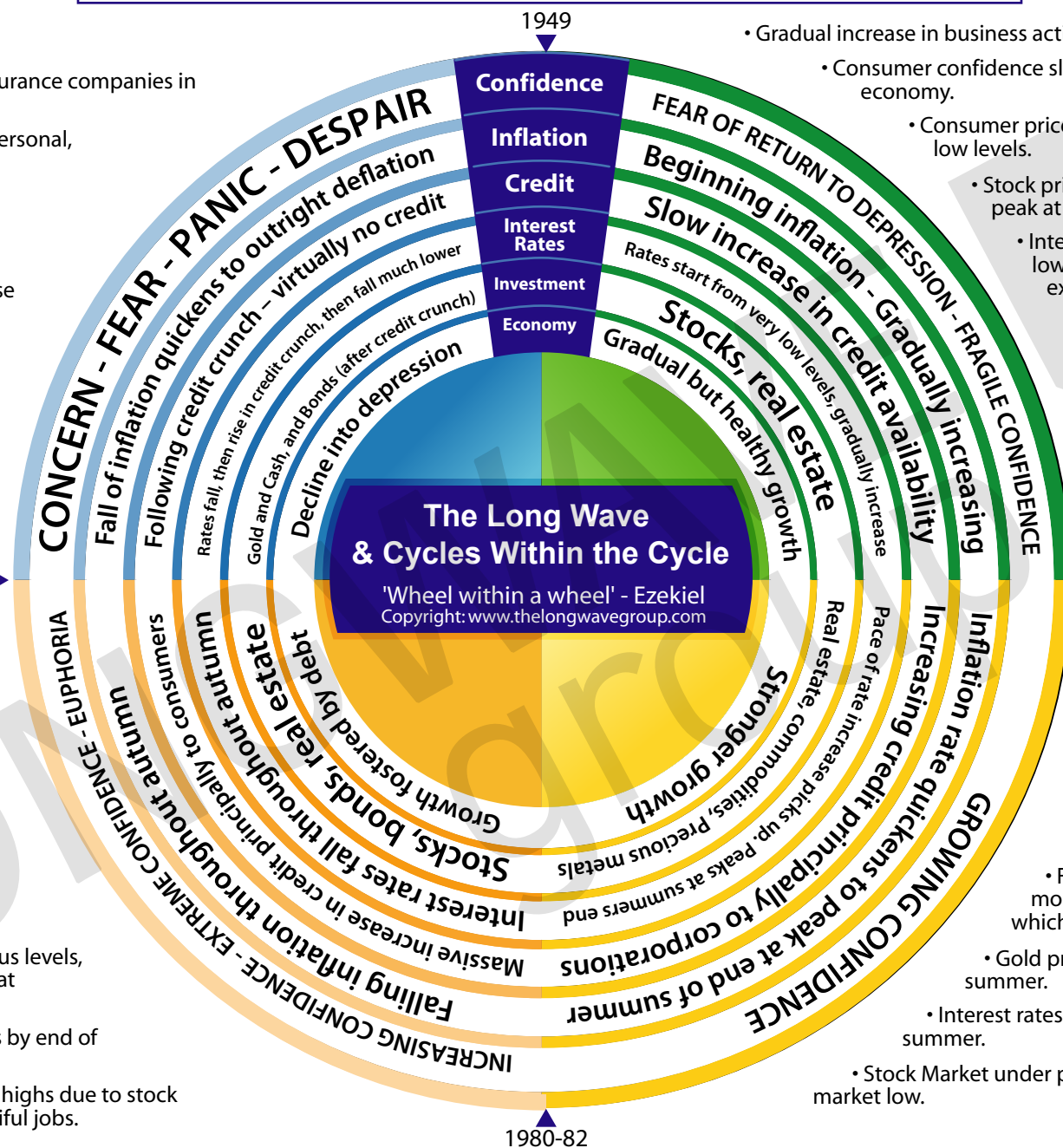
- Indication of season change -
- Major stock bull market peak - Jan 15, 2000 DJIA 11,750 points
  - Peak in consumer confidence
  - Gold price bear market bottom - July 1999 - \$252 per ounce

- Indication of season change -
- Bull stock market peak - Feb 9, 1966 DJIA 995 points
  - Gold - \$35 per ounce

- Money is plentiful.
- Inflation falls into disinflation.
- Gold bullion and gold equities in bear market and reach bear market low at autumn's end.
- Massive stock bull market; speculation rampant.
- Financial fraud prevalent.
- Real Estate prices rise to enormous levels, driven by huge speculation, peak at autumn's end.
- Debt reaches astronomical levels by end of autumn.
- Consumer confidence at all time highs due to stock prices, real estate prices and plentiful jobs.

- Indication of season change -
- Economic recession
  - Peak in interest rates
  - Stock bear market bottom - Aug 12, 1982- DJIA 777 points
  - Peak in consumer prices • Jan 1980 - Gold \$850 per ounce

- Summer War -
  - 1st Cycle - War of 1812-14
  - 2nd Cycle - US Civil War, 1861-65
  - 3rd Cycle - World War 1, 1914-18
  - 4th Cycle - Vietnam War, 1962-73
- Financed by massive increase in money supply leads to major inflation which peaks at end of summer.
- Gold prices reach significant peak at end of summer.
- Interest rates rise rapidly to peak at end of summer.
- Stock Market under pressure and ends summer with bear market low.



**Autumn**

**Summer**