

**Gold** Readers will remember my mentioning the Kondratieff economic cycle in the past. Under the advanced studies of Ian Gordon, Vancouver advisor / historian, [www.longwavegroup.com](http://www.longwavegroup.com) / the theory is back, & refurbished. IG says (Globe & Mail. 4/2/09) "There's a time for stocks & a time for gold. Now is the time for gold." His 200yr cycle studies (which have been validated in recent yrs) say we're into Kondratieff winter. "We're only at the beginnings of this massive collapse of the debt structure. Much as central banks are trying to feed money into the system, the collapse basically takes money out faster than they can put it in.

"When a stock mkt peaks – Look at the 1873 stock mkt peak or 1929 or 2000 – U go into a Kondratieff winter. The winter is really the death of the economy, as debt has to be taken out of the system. That's what's occurring not {not yet}. Govt's efforts to remedy the problems will come to naught. This could be the end of paper money {as we know it} ... Central banks & treasuries' response to all this is to just continue to increase debt. They're trying to get the credit lines open again, but I ask myself: Who's there who can actually take up the loans?" But what about present mkts resounding?

"In '29, the mkt peak was Sept. 3, when Dow hit 381. The first crash bottomed Nov. 14, 48% below the point from whence it had begun. Then U got a massive rally [due to govt monetary intervention] into April, 1930, it recovered [almost] 50%. We're very much at that same point again ... where people think the govt is starting to control the problems. Govt measures can't work. US consumers are absolutely tapped out, & that's who U depend on for your economy. Now is the time to move to gold." HSL agrees.