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Stocks-What Now? Q2 GDP Down- Prices Up



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The Fed says they are data dependent but saying that is the easy part and interpreting the incoming data is a lot more challenging. In fact; it looks like a classic STAGFLATION world right now. EARNINGS are disappointing for some with shaky guidance (NVDA CRWD JWN) and better for others (SNOW). The JOBS report indicates that claims are FALLING suggesting employers want to hold onto workers and WAGES are strong. GDP report says Price Index UP 8.9% which was ABOVE estimates of 8.7% and core prices UP 4.4%.The Fed returns to HIGH Inflation-TIGHT Jobs-What's Changed?

The BIG CHANGE has been the YIELDS on Treasury yields have been JUMPING Everybody who bought Bonds with this PIVOT/CUTS fantasy which was fueled by the drop in yields on the 10 yr Treasury from 3.5% to 2.50% and an innocuous comment from Powell; they are running for the hills. Higher yields can spook tech & growth and shift to value & staples Tomorrow we hear from Powell again and a firmer tone of rate hikes & inflation/demand fighting should be expected.

BIG QUESTIONS NOW? Will there be a REPEAT for stocks (VIX under 19=SPX drops 400 points from 4350 to 3950 like Feb-March and May June? Will we BREAK thru 4350-4400 (200 day MA-Fib Retrace)...Will P/E's & EARNINGS Contract?

RIGHT NOW! Things that have been working for us has been BUY the dip in ENERGY & FERTILIZERS in July-OPEC cuts-a play for CHINA stimulus to boost demand thus BUY the dip INDUSTRIAL metals/copper & China gaming LVS in July....and MONITOR GOLD & Silver shares that yes got trounced BUT if the perception becomes the FED is LOSING vs High Prices-Consumer Spending...the VOLATILITY could dramatically INCREASE as Q3 ends in a month (AAPL Sept 7) Fed Funds 4%?

There are GAPS above the markets (SPX 4225 & 4280, QQQ 318-327, IWM 194-201). Can they be filled into Labor Day?

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