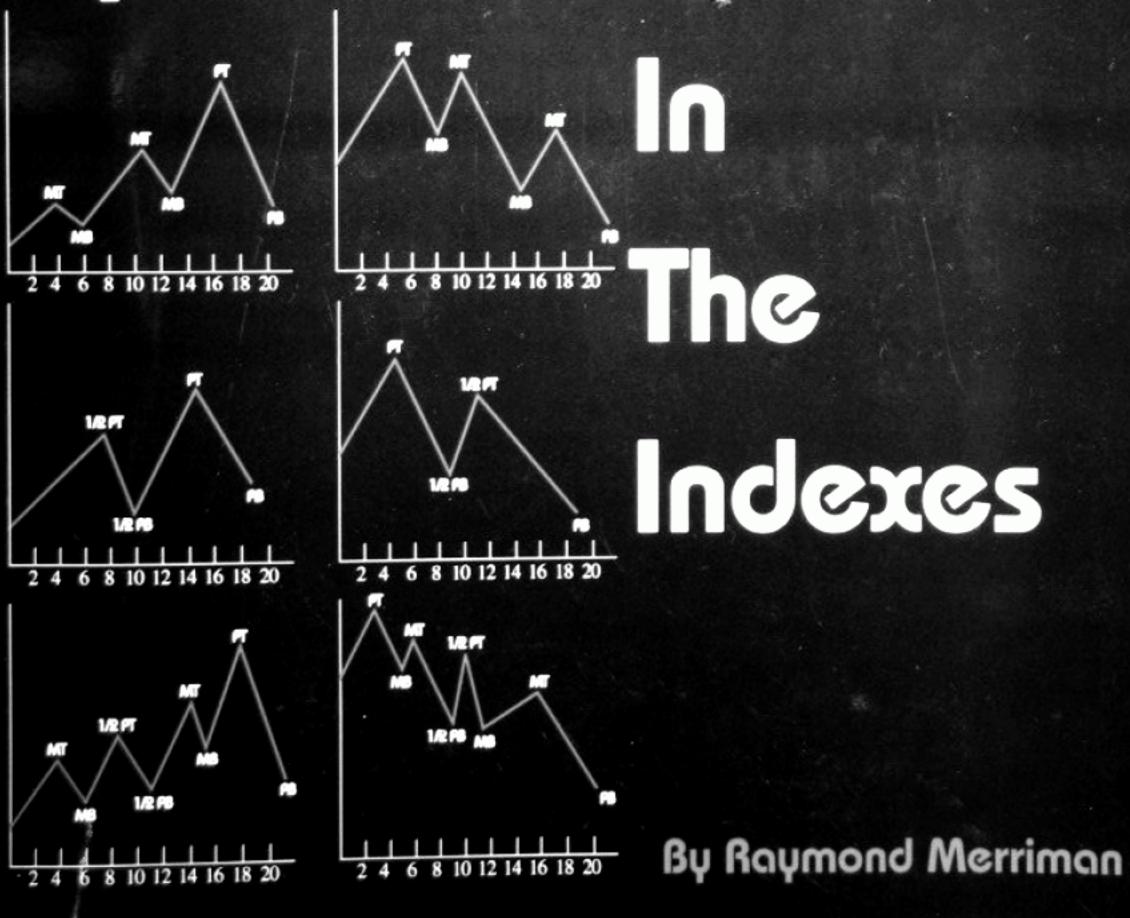
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Due to the time sensitivity of the material presented herein, it was decided not to seek professional editing. The process of further editing would have forced a delay in publication of several weeks, even months, due to the detailed technicality of this book. Therefore the reader may notice several instances of "creative grammar." It should also be pointed out that all references to "he", or "his", or "himself", are not meant to be gender insensitive. The author of course recognizes that both genders are valuable to the survival of the stock market. The publishers apologize for any distractions this may cause to some readers, and sincerely hope that he/she may be able to still see the "forest through the trees". The value of the probabilities expressed in this book will not be affected at all by these possible oversights and choices of pronouns. The results and concepts are still valid and will stand the test of time - as they already have for the past 200+ years.

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#### INTRODUCTION:

#### STOCK MARKET TIMING

The beginning of a book on stock market timing might be expected to deal with the concept of time as it pertains to stock market indices and individual stocks.

Is it possible to consistently identify times in which a market will top out (crest) or form a bottom (trough) in price? Are there mathematical formulas or cyclical patterns that can be applied to stock indices or individual stocks? Do these markets move in symmetrical patterns that provide high probability zones for future turning points?

Throughout history Man has sought answers to questions like these. And, much to the dismay of many analysts and investors who are "fundamentalists" - who simply hold to the untested belief that "these things don't work because they shouldn't work" - the answer to these questions is "yes."

Which begs the next question: "How?"

The purpose of this book is the address of this point. The real question here is not whether it is possible to time major crests and troughs in any financial market - whether stock indices, individual stocks, or commodities. That is a given, as demonstrated in such a large number of books that it is impossible to provide a complete list here. These books cover subject matters like Gann Studies, Cycles, Geocosmics (or Astrology), market geometry and/or symmetrics, and a variety of mathematical ratios and formulas all related to the task of market timing.

This book will outline and clearly explain unique and specific areas of market timing analysis. It will then integrate those areas into a very accurate methodology for timing potential crests and troughs in the stock market.

This work will be in a five volume series. The first volume will focus primarily on cycles in the major U.S. stock indices, but with considerable reference also upon the Japanese Nikkei Stock Index. Why the Japanese stock market and not European or other Far Eastern ones? Because the major European stock indices have been closely aligned - in