Dear Scott,

**Relax: The Market's Doing Fine!**

Although trade war tensions have recently been quite high, the UK, Germany, and now the EU and Mexico all appear to be on paths for negotiating reciprocal low tariff deals. China, on the other hand, is vigorously imposing retaliatory tariffs on US goods in reaction to Trump's tariff pressure intended to force the Chinese to negotiate similar reciprocal low tariffs and halt trade practices that result in technology theft. In spite of the media's steady, fearful criticism and expectation of a detrimental outcome, the S&P500 market index continues pushing ever higher. Investors apparently believe any trade war risk-premium has already been baked into its price. Moreover, the incredible 4.1% US economic growth and record low unemployment has most analysts suggesting we are well positioned for a strong fall market rally. StormGuard - Armor is clearly onboard for that. So, chill. Enjoy the summer. The market's doing just fine.

**Brief Newsletter**

Summer travel and the Merlyn.AI project (see below) seem to have taken priority this month over time generally available for developing additional worthy newsletter topics. Hopefully as Merlyn.AI emerges you will agree our focus on it was worthwhile.

**Merlyn.AI Preview:**

**Prudent Investing Just got Simpler and Safer**

*Meetup: Streamed Live Tues, Aug. 7th 7:00PM PST*

Artificial Intelligence simplifies complex tasks, allowing investors to spend more time chasing kids, careers, and retirement destinations. Merlyn.AI automatically does the following: (1) evaluates hundreds of ETFs monthly for trend leadership and risk suitability characteristics, (2) constructs and evolves populations of strategies from qualified candidates, (3) shifts to profitable bear market strategies when markets are no longer safe, and (4) boils everything down to a simple Buy and Sell.

This Meetup will be a technology preview of what is soon coming to SectorSurfer, AlphaDroid, and then launched as a handful of AI ETFs. We'll lift the hood on the Merlyn.AI engine to demonstrate how populations of strategies dynamically evolve and jointly make a set of final monthly selections.
Future Speaking Engagements.
• Houston, TX: AII Chapter - 8:30 AM Sat October 13, 2018
• Austin, TX: AII Chapter - Monday October 15, 2018
• San Antonio, TX: AII Chapter - Tuesday October 16, 2018
• San Antonio, TX: Riskalyze Fearless Investing Summit, Marriott Rivercenter - October 17-19, 2018
• Las Vegas, NV: AII National Convention, Paris Hotel - October 26 - 28, 2018

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