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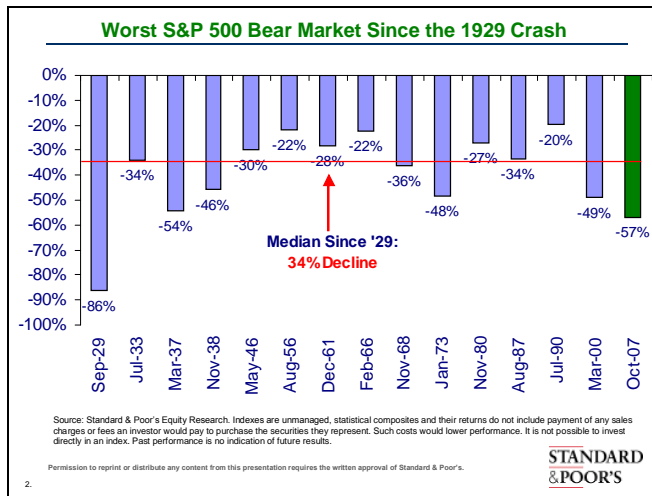
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Understanding Why Some Stuck With Stocks

S&P 500 Index Price Declines (No Dividends) Since 1945

Sell Off Type (% Decline)	Count	Avg. % Chg.	Duration in Months	# Months to Recover
Pullbacks (5%-10%)	49	(7)	1	2
Corrections (10%-20%)	16	(16)	6	4
All Bears (20%+)	10	(32)	16	22
-- Regular Bear (20%-40%)	8	(27)	14	12
-- Mega-Meltdown (40%+)	2	(48)	26	63

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There is Usually No Place to Hide During Bear Markets

S&P 500 Sector Performances: This and Average Bears

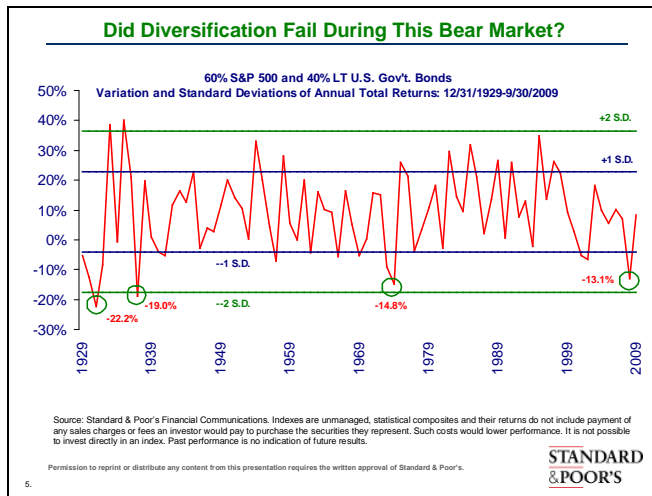
S&P 500 Sectors	10/9/07-	Average 1946-2002	
	3/9/09	% Chg.	Rank
Consumer Staples	-31%	-9%	1
Health Care	-40%	-12%	2
Utilities	-46%	-19%	3
Energy	-47%	-21%	4
Telecommunications Services	-51%	-33%	10
Information Technology	-53%	-26%	7
S&P 500-All Industries	-57%	-24%	NA
Consumer Discretionary	-58%	-29%	8
Materials	-60%	-23%	5
Industrials	-65%	-31%	9
Financial	-83%	-24%	6

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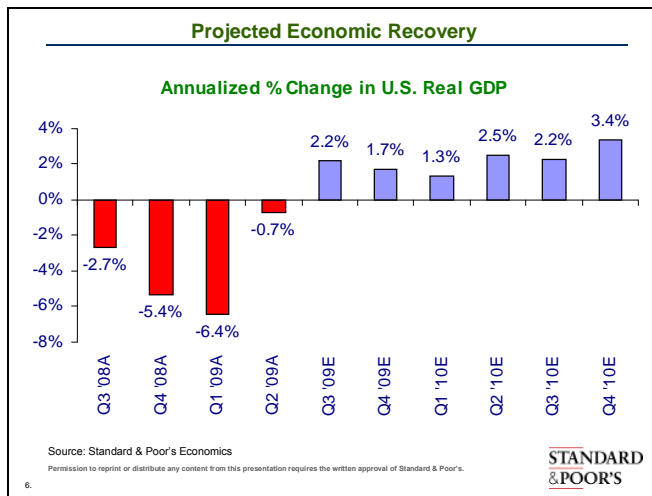
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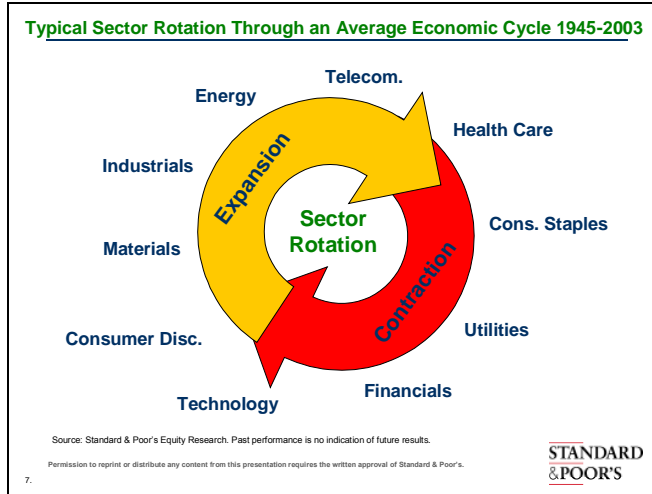
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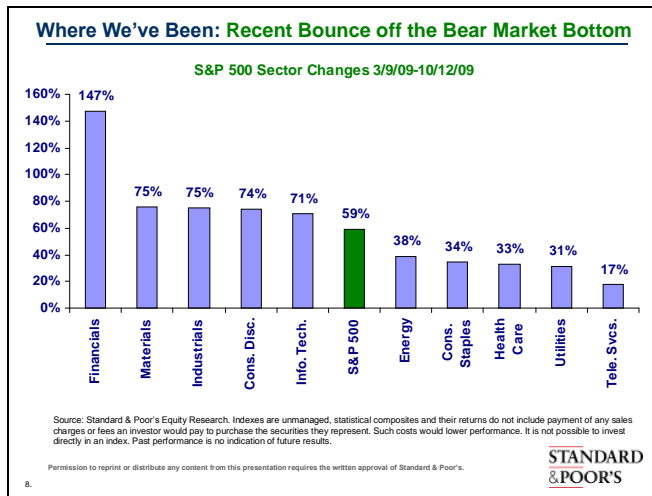
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Bear Markets End When Prices Stop Falling

Lagging Peaks & Troughs:

Stocks Have Anticipated Recessions, Earnings, Revenues and Unemployment

S&P 500 Bottomed	Recession End	Months Ahead of S&P 500 Trough		Unempl. Peak	Peak Unempl. Level %
		Earnings	Revenues		
6/13/49	5	7		5	7.9
9/14/53	9	4		13	6.1
10/22/57	6	11		8	7.5
10/25/60	4	8		7	7.1
5/26/70	6	7	7	7	6.1
10/3/74	6	12	9	8	9.0
3/27/80	4	6	12	4	7.8
8/12/82	4	8	8	4	10.8
10/11/90	6	15	18	21	7.8
10/9/02	(10)	(9)	6	9	6.3
3/9/09	7	9E	???	13E	10.4E
Mean:	4	6	10	9	8
Median:	6	8	8	8	8

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But The Wall of Worry Persists

Projected Weakness of Economic Recovery

Lack of Top-Line (Sales) Growth

Equity Valuations
-- Hard to justify further surge
-- Analysts looking to '10E and '11E

Money Supply/Federal Deficit Worries
-- Higher Treasury Yields
-- Rising Inflation Worries
-- Drag on housing recovery

Rising Commodity Prices

Still-High Consumer Debt Levels

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S&P Forecasts

★ **S&P 500: Double-Digit Rise Possible Over the Coming 12 Months.**

★ **Economy: GDP Rise Expected in Q3 '09; 1.8% growth seen in 2010.**

★ **EPS Freefall Likely to Slow: Late 2009 Recovery Seen.**

★ **M&A Activity: Likely to Increase.**

★ **Sector Outlooks: Emphasis on Cyclical over Defensive Sectors.**

★ **Reminder: Don't Forget the Importance of Re-invested Dividends.**

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The Seven Rules of Wall Street

★ **Let Your Winner's Ride, But Cut Your Losers Short**

★ **As Goes January, So Goes the Year**

★ **Sell in May, Then Go Away**

★ **No Free Lunch on Wall Street (Oh Yeah, Who Says?)**

★ **Don't Get Mad -- Get Even!**

★ **Don't Fight the Fed (At Least for Too Long)**

★ **There's Always a Bull Market Somewhere**

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Don't Sell Out Entirely, Especially After Bear Market Bottoms

S&P 500 Price Changes in May-Oct. During / After End of Bear Markets (Through 10/12/09)

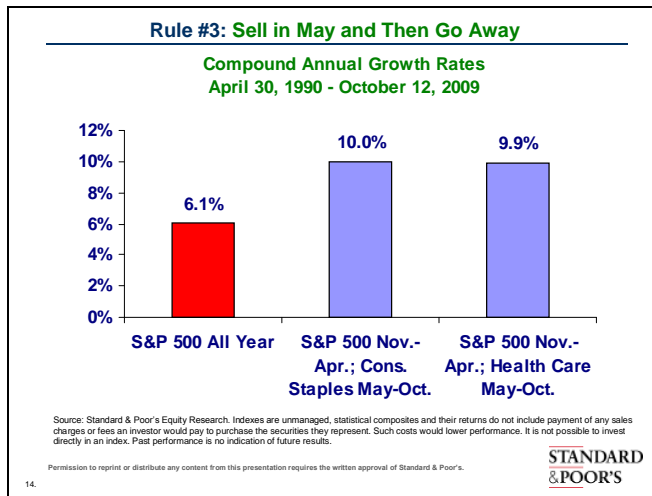
Bear Market		May-Oct. Period	S&P 500 % Change	
End Date	% Decline		May-Oct	Q3
06/01/32	(86)	1932	19.4	82.4
03/14/35	(34)	1935	34.3	13.3
03/31/38	(54)	1938	35.8	5.9
04/28/42	(46)	1942	23.0	6.6
06/13/49	(30)	1949	8.8	10.0
10/22/57	(22)	1958	18.2	(2.7)
06/27/62	(28)	1962	(13.4)	2.8
10/07/66	(22)	1967	(0.1)	6.7
05/26/70	(36)	1970	2.1	15.8
10/03/74	(48)	1975	2.0	(11.9)
08/12/82	(27)	1982	14.8	9.9
12/04/87	(34)	1988	6.8	(0.6)
10/11/90	(20)	1991	4.6	4.5
10/09/02	(49)	2003	14.6	2.2
03/09/09	(57)	2009	23.3	15.0
Averages	(40)		12.9	10.7

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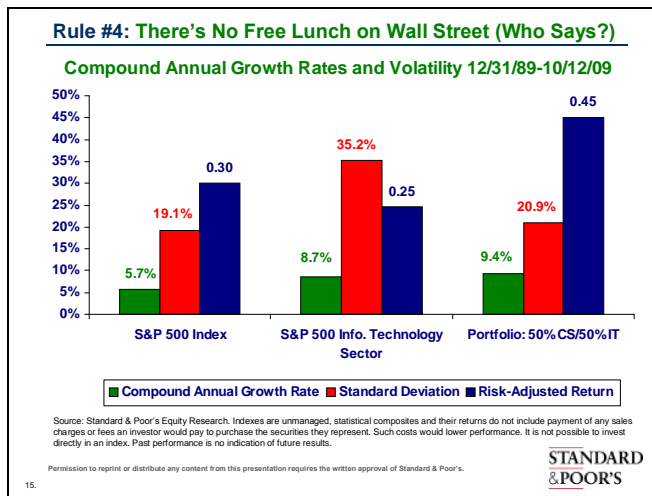
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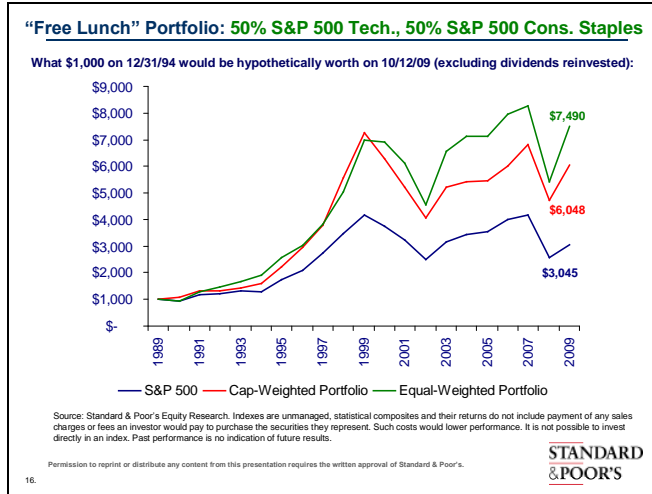
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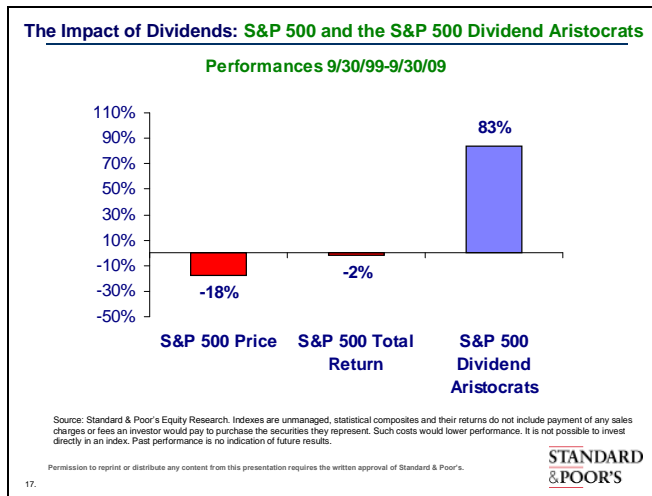
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Stock Screen: Focusing on High Quality, High Yielding Stocks

Stocks With Highest S&P STARS, Quality Ranking and Dividend Yield by Sector as of 10/12/09

S&P Sector	Ticker	Price	S&P		Yield %
			STARS	Q. Rank	
Consumer Discretionary	GPC	\$38	5	A	4.2
Consumer Staples	MO	\$18	5	A	7.5
Energy	CVX	\$74	5	A-	3.7
Financials	PEI	\$8	4	A	7.8
Health Care	JNJ	\$62	4	A+	3.2
Industrials	CAT	\$54	4	A+	3.1
Information Technology	LLTC	\$28	5	A-	3.2
Materials	PPG	\$60	5	B+	3.6
Telecommunication Services	CTL	\$33	4	A-	8.6
Utilities	FPL	\$53	5	A	3.6

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