

# Wealth Care LLC June 2019 Commentary

# **Investment Thoughts**

#### The Stock Market is Volatile

After the best four months for stock market gains in decades, we get this day (May 13) and week attributed to China trade fears:

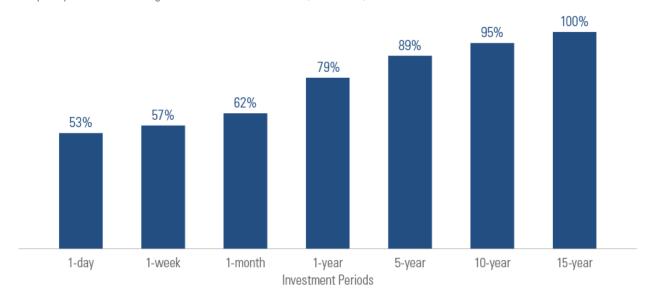
@CharlieBilello	S&P 500 Corrections >5% since March 2009 Low						
Correction Period	S&P High S&P Low % Decline "Stocks Fall On"						
2019: May 1 - May 13	2954	2801	-5.2%	Trade War/Tariffs			
	2934	2347	-20.2%	***************************************			
2018: Sep 21 - Dec 26				Rising Rates, China Slowdown, Trade War/Tariffs, Housing Slowdown			
2018: Jan 26 - Feb 9	2873	2533	-11.8%	Inflation Fears, Rising Rates			
2016: Aug 15 - Nov 4	2194	2084	-5.0%	Election Fears/Concerns/Jitters			
2016: Jun 8 - Jun 27	2121	1992	-6.1%	Brexit Concerns, Pound Crashing, European Banks			
2015/16: Nov 3 - Feb 11	2116	1810	-14.5%	China, EM Currencies, Falling Oil, Middle East, North Korea Nukes			
2015: May 20 - Aug 24	2135	1867	-12.5%	Greece Default Concerns, China Stock Crash, EM Currency Turmoil			
2014/15: Dec 29 - Feb 2	2094	1981	-5.4%	Falling Oil, Strong Dollar, Weak Earnings			
2014: Dec 5 - Dec 16	2079	1973	-5.1%	Falling Oil, Strong Dollar			
2014: Sep 19 - Oct 15	2019	1821	-9.8%	Ebola, Global Growth Fears, Falling Oil			
2014: Jan 15 - Feb 5	1851	1738	-6.1%	Fed Taper, European Deflation Fears, EM Currency Turmoil			
2013: May 22 - Jun 24	1687	1560	-7.5%	Fed Taper Fears			
2012: Sep 14 - Nov 16	1475	1343	-8.9%	Fiscal Cliff Concerns, Obama's Re-Election			
2012: Apr 2 - Jun 4	1422	1267	-10.9%	Europe's Debt Crisis			
2011: Oct 27 - Nov 25	1293	1159	-10.4%	Europe's Debt Crisis			
2011: May 2 - Oct 4	1371	1075	-21.6%	Europe's Debt Crisis, Double-Dip Recession Fears, US Debt Downgrade			
2011: Feb 18 - Mar 16	1344	1249	-7.1%	Libyan Civil War, Japan Earthquake/Nuclear Disaster			
2010: Aug 9 - 27	1129	1040	-7.9%	Global Growth Concerns			
2010: Apr 26 - Jul 1	1220	1011	-17.1%	Europe's Debt Crisis, Flash Crash, Growth Concerns			
2010: Jan 19 - Feb 5	1150	1045	-9.2%	China's Lending Curbs, Obama Bank Regulation Plan			
2009: Oct 21 - Nov 2	1101	1029	-6.5%	Worries About The Recovery			
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2009: Jun 11 - Jul 7	956	869	-9.1%	World Bank Neg Growth Forecast, Fears Market Is Ahead Of Recovery			
2009: May 8 - 15	930	879	-5.5%	Worries That Market Has Gotten Ahead Of Itself			
Average			-9.7%				



Note: this is the <u>24th correction</u> >5% since the March 2009 low. They all seemed like the end of the world at the time.

We've discussed before that we are "paid" to tolerate volatility when we invest in stocks. As per the chart below-taking a long term perspective works quite well. And, it is the best place to be for our liquid investments-The S&P 500 has historically earned nearly 2.5 times more than bonds, a stunning difference that has resulted in an enormous wealth differential for those willing to ride out the volatility of the stock market-Peter Mallouk.





Here's more on the same subject-we should expect drops in prices as normal.



### Market Downturns Happen Frequently and They Don't Last Forever

Dow Jones Industrial Average 1900-2017

-5% or more or more or more

Average	About 3	About once	About once	About once
Frequency <sup>1</sup>	times a year	a year	every 2 years	every 3.75 years
Average Length <sup>2</sup>	46 days	115 days	216 days	338 days

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Assumes 50% recovery of lost value

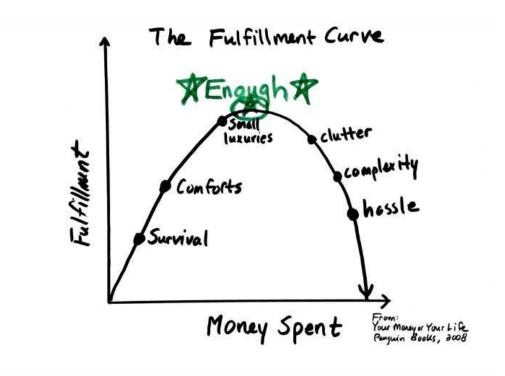
☑ Buffett is struggling to beat the market. "There are 40 (overlapping) ten-year performance windows in our 50-year history," wrote Craig Lazzara, the managing director and global head of index investment strategy at Standard & Poor's. "In the first 20 of them, Berkshire beat the S&P 500 by more than 10% per year. In the second 20, Berkshire's margin of outperformance hit double digits only 3 times; the last such period ended in 2002."

The point is that no investor or fund manager or money manager can exceed US stock performance for very long, and you will never know which ones can even briefly in advance. Even the great Warren Buffett has not invested better than someone just owning US index funds since 2002.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Measures market high to market low

The Dow Jones Industrial Average is an unmanaged, price-weighted average of 30 actively traded industrial and service-oriented blue chip stocks.

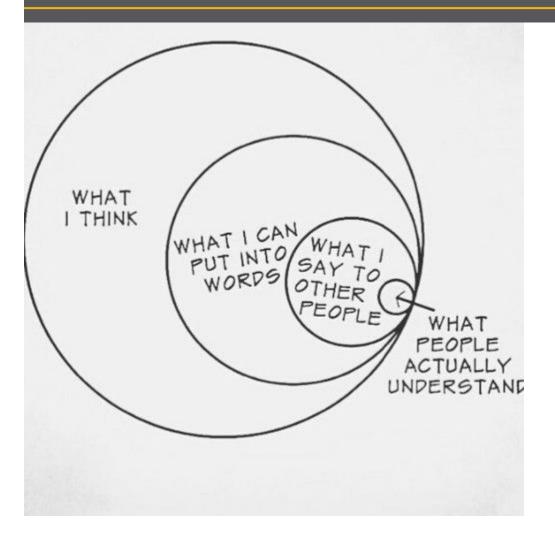
## Miscellaneous



How to Stop Google From Tracking You

https://www.cnbc.com/2019/04/25/how-to-stop-google-from-storing-your-location-history.html





When I have trouble sleeping listening to the <u>Autogenic Relaxation by Meditation Oasis</u> usually knocks me out. The audio guides me through relaxing all my limbs starting with my feet. I rarely make it past my neck. Here is a link to <u>download the meditation</u>.-recommendo blog

**Random Notes** 



Want to feel short? Hang out with people who are tall. Want to feel poor? Hang out with folks who are rich-Jonathan Clements



9. Secret Love - Doris Day

10. Hernando's Hideaway - Archie Bleyer

If you're talking to someone you don't know well, you may be talking to someone who knows way more about whatever you're talking about than you do.-David Cain

DAYS

29. My Little Margie

30. Roy Rogers Show