The Five Top Questions Investors Are Asking Today!

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<u>AUM</u>

\$117 million

\$139 million

\$179 million

\$213 million



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1. Is This a Good Time To Be Investing in the Stock Market?

- For Longer Term Investors, Yes!
- TINA!
- Benign Interest Rate Environment
- But, That Has Caused Valuation Challenges
- Near Term Headwinds
- Strong Dollar
- Corporate Earnings Slowdown
- A Federal Reserve That Wants To "Normalize" Interest Rates
- Positives: Low Energy Prices, Improving Economy, Lots of Liquidity Being Generated Overseas



2. Given the Near Certainty of Higher Interest Rates, Does Fixed Income or Bonds Make Sense?

- Yes, Because It's Your Insurance Policy, and It Sure Beats Cash!
- Challenges are Clear: High Valuations and A Federal Reserves
 That Wants To Raise Interest Rates
- Near Term Path of Interest Rates Never Clear
- Distinguish Between High Quality Fixed Income and, Well, Junk
- Know The Risk Factors: Credit Risk and Duration Risk
- Fixed Income is The Best Place To Be in a Bear Market
- Consider Bonds versus Bond Funds



3. Should I Buy An Annuity?

- Complicated Topic
- Like Buying A Pension or Extra Social Security
- Liquidity
- Ability To Pass On To The Next Generation
- Tax Aspects
- Careful Analysis Of The Promised Return
- Low Interest Rate Environment
- Claims Paying Ability of the Issuer
- Inflation Erosion
- Be Cautious Getting Your Advice From Those Who Sell Insurance Products



4. What's The Best Way To Save for My Child's/Grandchild's College Education?

- 529s Make A Lot of Sense
- But, There Are Pitfalls With Them
- Diversify Your Investment Strategies
- Consider Trusts
- Be Wary of UTMAs



5. Should I Invest In Apple?

- Biggest Company By Far
- Size Poses Headwinds To Growth
- Technology is a Fast Changing Field
- Uncertainty Over the Fate of the Apple Watch
- Uncertainty Over Future Generations of the Iphone