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# ARE YOU PREPARED FOR EVERYTHING GOING RIGHT?

America is on the cusp of an economic superboom...  
and you should be wildly bullish the stock market

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Are you prepared for everything going right?

Are you prepared for a 2026-2030 productivity miracle, a lasting economic boom, a long period of rising stock prices, and a new wave of American prosperity?

Most people aren't.

Most people are not prepared to make enormous amounts of money as America stands on the cusp of an economic boom.

**In today's issue, I'll try to explain why failing to prepare for that outcome is a mistake.** If you are a person of means, this mistake could cost you millions of dollars... even billions.

In today's issue, I'll explain that counter to how you feel deep in your gut and counter to how all forms of media typically make you feel, you should be preparing not for everything going wrong with the U.S. economy and its stock market... *but for everything going right.*

You should be wildly optimistic on America and its most innovative companies. And you should be an owner of such companies.

But first, a warning: If you're anything like the average American investor, you will resist these ideas down to your core. They will not "square" with what you hear in

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the mainstream media and how you instinctively feel about our world.

I realize that trying to persuade you to feel **extremely optimistic** on the U.S. economy and its stock market may be like trying to persuade a lifelong Democrat to wear a MAGA hat every day for the next decade. Does not compute.

But for a moment, take stock of your surroundings. What you see and hear in the media every day. And think about how our brains have evolved over the past 500,000 years to ensure our survival. And importantly, keep an open mind. The upside for doing so is enormous.

Here we go...

Before we cover why we are on the cusp of a long period of incredible American prosperity... and why – as my friend and raging optimist Andy Swan says – you should **prepare for everything going right**, let's first discuss why that whole concept makes most people feel funny.



## Why we click on bad news and apocalyptic headlines

If you're like a lot of people, your information diet is nearly 100% mainstream media stories, X posts, and Facebook posts.

Plus, the bulk of your in-person conversations are with people who have the same opinion-dense, nutrient-lite information diet as you.

And if that's where you and your friends get your information, you probably think the world is on fire, corruption is soaring, wealth inequality is tearing the country apart, and the economy is on the verge of crises.

This is because mainstream media and all forms of social media are financially incentivized to alarm you and anger you. They are incentivized to wildly amplify potential dangers, differences in opinion, political arguments, and military conflict.

You can blame the media for this situation, but you're better off blaming the person in the mirror. Blame biology.

Fixating on potential dangers and potential sources of conflict is a useful survival instinct. A million years ago, it's how our ancestors survived. Back then, an unusual noise coming from behind a bush could mean a tiger was about to attack. A fast-moving blur caught in your peripheral vision could be a rival tribe member about to smash your head with a rock.

These days, we don't need to worry about tiger attacks, but our old survival instincts still dictate our actions. **We still fixate on potential dangers.** That's why we are compelled to click on headlines that promise information about war, murder, fights, crises, natural disasters, recessions, and bear markets.

Big media companies are for-profit entities whose shareholders and employees intensely pursue profits like any other business. Their owners and employees have bills and mortgages to pay like the rest of us. In pursuit of higher salaries, higher bonuses, and more stock options, they tap our ancient biology by running alarming stories they know people will click on.

Again, you can blame the media. But it's just responding to consumer demand. It's responding to data.

If you give a media executive the choice between running a news story about murders at the local mall or a local doctor curing a patient of cancer, **the executive will pick the murder story every time.** He knows that's what viewers and readers will tune in on or click on.

He knows the media business saying, "If it bleeds, it leads" is a well-worn cliché for good reason.

This is why so many of us walk around thinking things are terrible.

The media constantly runs stories about bombings, crisis, murders, riots, political fights, fraud, and salacious lawsuits. We reflexively click on them.

Social media firms make the most money when people are worrying, fighting, and arguing... so that's what they amplify. We click on the fighting and arguing.

As a result, most of us walk around in a toxic information environment.

The negativity is in the air.

It's in the water.

It seeps into our brains.

The business and investment world is no exception to these rules.

We are all wired to fixate on apocalyptic predictions of doom, collapse, crises, recession, and bear markets. **We are wired to prepare for what happens if everything goes wrong. We are wired to want to believe that things are terrible or about to become so.**

Preparing for what happens if everything goes wrong is smart.

You want your financial life to be "fortress-like." You want to be able to ride out recessions and bear markets. You want cash on hand in case of emergencies. You want to hold some assets that "zig" when stocks "zag."

It makes sense to have car and home insurance and it makes sense to have wealth insurance... just in case something or everything bad happens.

However, too many of us take financial "doomsday prepping" way too far... so far that it costs us big in terms of opportunity costs.

We allocate 50%, rather than 10%, of our portfolios to popular "doomsday prepping" financial assets like gold and silver.

We allocate less than 20% of our portfolios to stocks, rather than 80%+.

Far too many people fixate on the negatives in the economy and avoid stocks right before they boom. For example, many people fixated on the 2008 financial crisis and its lingering problems so much that they completely avoided stocks for a decade... a decade that saw the S&P 500 return 345% and the technology-heavy Nasdaq 100 return 695%.

Far too many people fixated on bearish analysis of AI in 2024, 2025, and 2026... instead of being optimistic and investing in AI. During this whole time, the VanEck Semiconductor ETF – which owns a broad basket of semiconductor companies that benefited from the AI infrastructure buildout – climbed 272%.

Over the very long-term, the stock market returns around 7% after inflation. The stock market has generated positive returns in about 75% the years during its existence.

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As time goes on, the American free enterprise system tends to create more prosperity, more wealth, and more abundance.

Occasionally, it produces enormous superbooms in specific industries like AI, smartphones, the Internet, e-commerce, and personal computers. These booms have made business owners, inventors, and employees mountains of money.

But those folks didn't make that money by preparing for everything going wrong.

**They did a lot more preparing for everything – or at least a lot of things – going right.**

Steve Jobs, Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, and Warren Buffett didn't become billionaires by sitting around and pissing their pants over alarming stories of wars and bear markets.

**This brings us to why we are on the cusp of a 2026-2030 productivity miracle, a lasting economic boom, a long period of rising stock prices, and a new wave of American prosperity... and why being very long U.S. stocks is a good idea.**



## **AGI isn't on the horizon. It's already here.**

In late 2022, the revolutionary new AI program ChatGPT was released to the public.

Over the next three years, AI became the hottest investment trend on the planet... with the market value of AI semiconductor leader Nvidia rising more than 1,200%.

Although AI has generated big stock returns and a lot of press, it hasn't exactly transformed our economy. It hasn't had a major impact on the average American's life.

Sure, a small set of technologists have used it to grow more productive. It has made some tech investors and executives very wealthy. Some of us have used an AI program to get answers to questions and solve problems.

But here in June 2026, most people would not say AI has had a big positive effect on their lives.

That's about to change.

**In early 2026, leading AI models made a huge leap in power and capability... which has us on the cusp of an explosion of productivity and wealth creation.**

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In a recent interview on The Joe Rogan Experience, venture capitalist and computer programmer Marc Andreessen said the latest “frontier” AI models have finally unlocked artificial general intelligence (AGI).

Andreessen says that models like GPT-5.5, Claude 4.6 and Gemini 3.0 can solve problems and provide answers to questions as well as the smartest experts in any field. He says AGI isn’t on the horizon. It’s already here.

*Andreessen said that “99% of the time, the answer that I’m getting from the AI... is better than I would get from talking to basically almost any expert I have access to.”*

Andreessen makes the case that AI is less a replacement technology for people and more of a universal layer of super-intelligent augmentation that gives individuals access to capabilities that previously required expensive teams of experts.

Let’s stop and think about the implications of all this...

What happens to the economy when every business, every employee, every family, and every individual has immediate access to:

A super genius doctor.

A super genius lawyer.

A super genius engineer.

A super genius mechanic.

A super genius genetic scientist.

A super genius physicist.

A super genius architect.

A super genius accountant.

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A super genius logistics expert.

A super genius teacher in any field

A super genius financial analyst.

A super genius business advisor.

A super genius software engineer.

A super genius in anything.

I'll tell you what happens: **An explosion of progress, problem-solving, innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic growth.**

Having immediate access to a "team" of super geniuses will allow both individuals and businesses to solve virtually any problem much faster and much cheaper than they have in the past. It will allow us to create and operate new businesses much faster and much cheaper than we have in the past.

If you need to craft a presentation, create a business plan, figure out a legal issue, figure out a health issue, structure a business agreement, design a machine component, or a million other things, you will have a super genius "companion" at your side to help you figure things out.

One of the biggest limits to achievement, personal growth, business growth, and problem solving is the limit of our own intelligence.

**AI greatly expands that limit. Overall human intelligence – augmented by AI – is about to explode.**

Nobody can be an expert in every field. It takes a lot of time to become knowledgeable about any job, any field, any business. It takes a lot of time – and often a lot of money – to get good answers about important questions.

In many cases, AI will provide those answers.

Already, the family doctor's ability to diagnose and treat illness has been massively augmented by AI that can review millions of pages of medical research in seconds.

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Already, the software engineer's ability to produce useful software features and services has been massively augmented by AI that can write software faster than the best human software engineer.

Already, the regular Dad's ability to diagnose and fix house problems – like with HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems – has been massively augmented by AI that can review millions of pages of manuals and "how-to guides" in seconds.

Already, the local, small-time lawyer's ability to research case law and create sophisticated contracts and legal cases has been massively augmented by AI that can review and make sense of millions of pages of legal documents and transcripts in seconds.

This list goes on and on and on.

**Overall intelligence – and access to super genius-level intelligence in all fields – is about to explode.**

And keep in mind that soon, many of these "super genius" helpers and consultants won't be just standing around waiting to answer questions.

They will be working for us as well.

This is thanks to the Agent Supernova megatrend I've been urging you to learn about and invest in.



## **How the Agent Supernova is set to change the world forever**

After years of development, AI is now advanced enough to perform many everyday tasks people do... and the list is only getting longer.

Over the next 12–24 months, AI “agents” will help manage factories, perform financial analysis, manage inventories, write software, design websites, create legal documents... and thousands of other tasks.

Soon, we will see an explosion of AI agents performing work in factories, offices, stores, ships, building sites, labs, hospitals, schools, and businesses.

Soon, we will have agents working with people. Agents working with other agents. Agents running businesses. Agents negotiating and haggling with other agents.

Soon, a restaurant could have five different agents working in it. One agent to manage the cooking schedules of meals. One agent to manage accounting. One agent to manage the staff. One agent to manage the ordering and tracking of supplies. One general-purpose agent to manage the specialized agents and interact with the restaurant owner.

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Or, take agents to help the heroic American mom. A “mom helper” agent could schedule dentist appointments for the kids, pay bills, renew the car insurance, write and send thank-you cards, order groceries, and remind the kids to do their homework.

Or, consider the American factory. It will have agents helping to manage logistics, accounting, production schedules, component ordering, hiring and firing workers, and other critical functions.

**Now, take what is happening in those three examples and extrapolate it across the economy.**

We are on the cusp of an explosion of agents working 24/7/365 for individuals, businesses, and governments.

In addition to restaurant manager agents, mom agents, and factory management agents, our lives will soon feature legal agents, government agents, tax agents, teacher agents, negotiator agents, airport agents, hospital agents, writing agents, marketing agents, and the list goes on for days.

The Agent Supernova is about to introduce many millions of “AI workers” into our economy to perform all kinds of roles

Within the next two years, the number of AI agents operating in the American economy isn't poised to increase by 10X... or 50X... or even by 1,000X. Try at least 10,000X.

This Agent Supernova will make humanity much more efficient and productive.



## Why the pace of innovation is about to soar

Another AI application – **digital twins** – will turbocharge business and technological innovation... and shift economic growth into overdrive.

A digital twin is simply a digital version of a physical thing.

A molecule... a nuclear reactor... a bridge... an experimental drug... a solar panel... a set of lungs... a city... a flying car prototype... a skyscraper... a data center... anything can have a digital twin we can use to run tests, analyze, and refine.

**This development alone will radically change the world.**

For thousands of years, the development of new technologies like the steam engine, cars, and airplanes has occurred by someone coming up with an idea... and then testing that idea in dozens or even hundreds of different ways.

**Innovation is testing. Testing is innovation.**

For example, if you have an idea for a new electric car battery, you must design different versions of it and then build various prototypes that have slight differences.

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That's because you're trying to get **just** the right mix of materials, design, and chemistry... that can be produced at a low enough cost to make the battery economically viable.

Once you spend a lot of time designing and building prototypes, you must conduct extensive testing.

**You might test 50 different versions of your battery.**

**And that testing takes a long time.**

You must test your battery under many conditions.

How does it perform in 100-degree temperatures?

How does it perform in 10-degree temperatures?

What does it do when it's wet? Or in the desert?

How does it perform when used 15 times a day?

How about 15 times a year?

How long does it last?

How fast does its performance degrade over time?

**This kind of development cycle is a mountain of tedious, expensive, painstaking work.**

And it's not unique to batteries. I used that as an example.

Throughout history, we've seen the same kind of lengthy, expensive, painstaking development and testing process in cars, trucks, airplanes, semiconductors, industrial equipment, food, electronic devices, renewable energy, fabrics, medical treatments, satellites, smartphones, drugs, construction materials, and the list goes on.

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Car companies must do it.

Drug makers must do it.

Medical device companies must do it.

Food companies must do it.

You might recall from science class that Thomas Edison tested 3,000 different versions of the light bulb before he hit upon the right design.

Or, you might have heard how inventor James Dyson built more than 5,000 prototypes of his vacuum cleaner before creating his hit product.

The Wright brothers tested over 200 different wing designs before making their historic flight in 1903.

Apple created dozens of distinct prototypes before rolling out its revolutionary iPhone in 2007.

### **Innovation is testing. Testing is innovation.**

At the end of the day, creating and testing a new idea in the way I've just described is **problem-solving**.

It's about creating a hypothesis and then testing it.

It's data collection and data analytics.

It's testing your ideas, getting feedback, making incremental improvements, and making dozens of refinements.

It's a beautiful thing... and it's how humans have gone from living in caves to walking on the moon. However, it often requires significant work, money, and time.

Any time you ride in a car, fly in a plane, use an electronic device, receive medical treatment, or enjoy air conditioning, you are benefiting from enormous amounts of time, money, and effort that went into testing and iteration.

It logically follows that the faster you can test concepts, designs, and prototypes, the faster you can create new products, new services, and new businesses.

**And here's where a big way AI will change the world comes into focus...**

AI will speed up our development and testing cycles by at least 10-fold.

This is because AI programs can create **digital twins** of any innovation you can think of... and then run millions of tests across hundreds of different versions of that innovation.

And it can do that in less than the time it takes to make a cup of coffee.

The traditional pre-AI way of innovating is a massively time-consuming, expensive, and often tedious process of creating a new device or new product or new material or new service...

...then creating many different versions of that concept...

... and then testing, testing, testing, testing those different versions.

The use of **digital twins** will allow us to run billions of tests on millions of innovations in medicine, energy, aerospace, materials, and manufacturing, driving incredible change and progress.

Innovation is testing. Testing is innovation.

Our ability to test ideas, concepts, and designs is about to increase by more than 10-fold... which means our ability to innovate will increase by more than 10-fold.

We are about to see giant leaps of innovation in all technological fields, like nuclear energy, semiconductors, aerospace, batteries, medical devices, cars, robotics, and materials science.

Ten years from now, many industries will be transformed, our world will be much different, **and a lot of money will be made along the way.**

Given all this, is your portfolio heavily weighted in stocks and investment funds that

will increase in value over the next decade?

Are you going to get prepared for everything going right?

## **You have objections. Below, I dissolve them.**

A common objection to this optimistic outlook on AI and productivity is that AI isn't **currently** transforming businesses.

It's not **currently** yielding substantial returns on the large investments made by Google, OpenAI, Anthropic, Microsoft, Meta, Amazon, etc.

Plus, AI "hallucinates" occasionally. Its output occasionally contains numerical errors.

To these objections, I say, sure, you're right. AI is currently doing and not doing the things you say it is. But my outlook and investment recommendations are not based on what AI is doing **currently**.

It's what AI will do **in the future**.

As the great Wayne Gretzky said, don't skate to where the puck is right now. Skate to where the puck is going.

No truly intelligent investment outlook is based on what is happening now. It is not based entirely on known facts and figures.

Successful investing is never about acting on obvious information that everybody sees. That information is always priced in. It's yesterday's news.

Successful investing is about seeing a little farther into the future than most people do. It's about exercising your imagination. It's not acting on what you see and hear about what is happening now.

AI is the fastest-evolving technology of all time. Its progress is being fueled by the largest collective investment effort of all time. The world's smartest and wealthiest technologists are investing – literally – trillions of dollars into advancing AI.

The AI of today is much better and much more powerful than the AI from one year ago.

The AI one year from now will be much better and much more powerful than today's AI.

The AI of three years from now will be more than 20 times more powerful than today's AI.

That's what you need to keep in mind. Don't invest with today's AI in mind. Invest with the AI of three years from now in mind.

I bet less than 20% of S&P 500 firms will tell you they are significantly benefiting from AI. Three years from now, that figure will be over 50%... and on its way to 100%.

AI usage is about to explode.

If you think it is getting a lot of press now, you ain't seen nothing yet.

So, take Gretzky's sage advice.

**Don't skate to where the AI puck is right now.**

**Skate to where it will be in three years.**

## **The AI job apocalypse thesis is ridiculous**

Many people believe the AI megatrend will result in massive job displacement. They believe AI will put lots of people out of work. We will have societal unrest. Mass unemployment. Riots.

I don't buy this objection at all. I believe AI will change the nature of work across many industries... not eliminate it entirely.

Many people currently writing and speaking about AI and its effect on jobs take a doom-and-gloom approach.

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They say AI is different than revolutionary technologies of the past... because it's a "thinking technology."

This means it will eliminate many white-collar jobs that require people to use their brains rather than their backs – lawyers, business managers, bankers, software coders, journalists.

Due to AI, they say, we'll have whole swaths of the population with nothing to do and no meaning in their lives.

To this, I ask: "Were you even paying attention to the past 30 years?"

Over the past 30 years, another "thinking technology" – computer software – has revolutionized every area of our lives.

It has made the collection, analysis, and storage of data much easier and much cheaper. It has already eliminated millions of white-collar jobs.

An accountant running an Excel spreadsheet can do the work of 1,000 accountants from 1950.

### **But did financial software make it so we don't need accountants or financial analysts?**

No. It just made accountants more efficient... and it made accounting different.

And if there were any accountants who were "phased out" by technology, they had a huge new universe of careers and businesses to enter, in fields created or transformed by technology.

Get laid off from your accounting job in 2019?

Go write a Netflix show, become an AI program manager, a welder, or a yoga influencer.

This is no different than the guy or gal who was "phased out" of farm work back in 1950 by a tractor.

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Go work as a journalist, a marketing copywriter, a hedge fund analyst, or a million jobs that were made possible by technological progress.

Yes, AI will phase out lots of jobs. It will transform industries.

But so did the steam engine.

So did refrigerators.

So did computers.

So did mechanized farming and mining.

But people retrained and got other jobs.

They didn't sit around unemployed for the rest of their lives. The unemployment rate didn't soar to 50%.

**You don't see tons of out-of-work milkmen, telegraph operators, and horse carriage makers lined up at the unemployment office.**

That's because people retrained and left old industries on the downswing and moved into new industries on the upswing. This will happen throughout the rest of the 2020s and the 2030s.

I can say that with 100% confidence, because that's what technology has done with uninterrupted success for 400 years.

So yes, someday, AI could phase out your job or your business – or at least parts of it. Yes, if you're a white-collar worker who mostly works behind a keyboard, your job could be at risk.

But this cycle has been repeating over and over for centuries. People have been adapting and retraining for centuries.

And while AI may seem massively different than the innovations of the past, it's not. It just feels different to most people because it's here now, and they're not familiar with history.

In other words, I'm not worried about the *"AI kills lots of jobs and leaves millions with meaningless, penniless lives"* thesis.

It's ridiculous.

Study economic and technological history for 10 minutes and you'll know why.

## **Yes, there are negatives. But the positives hardly get bigger**

Another common objection people have to this optimistic outlook is related to some big problems they see in the U.S. economy or the stock market.

The U.S. government is taking on too much debt and generating big deficits. Wealth inequality is a serious issue. Inflation and U.S. dollar debasement are serious problems. Stocks are on the expensive side relative to their historical valuations.

I agree with a lot of that analysis. I agree there are big problems and imbalances in the U.S. economy.

### **There are always big problems and imbalances in the U.S. economy.**

But keep in mind: Making money in stocks is never about being in problem-free economic climates. It's about being in economic climates where the big negatives are overwhelmed by the even bigger positives.

The big positives hardly get bigger than:

- Everyone in America having access to super geniuses in every field.
- Being on the cusp of the Agent Supernova.
- The pace of innovation set to increase by at least 10-fold thanks to digital twins.

Over the next decade, these enormous positives will yield extraordinary innovation and create extraordinary wealth.

I'm confident there will be gut-wrenching stock market selloffs, inflation scares, and

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various financial dislocations along the way.

But remember, making big stock market returns is never about being in a problem-free economic climate. It's about being in an economic climate where the big negatives are overwhelmed by the even bigger positives.

Enormous – not just big – positives are on the way.

Ten years from now, many industries will be transformed, our world will be much different, **and a lot of money will be made along the way.**

Are you prepared?