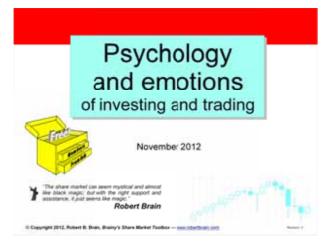
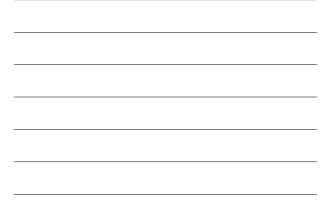
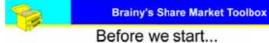
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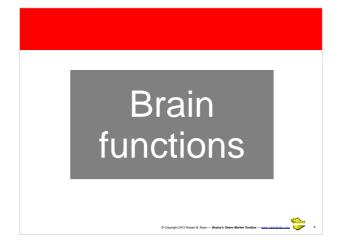


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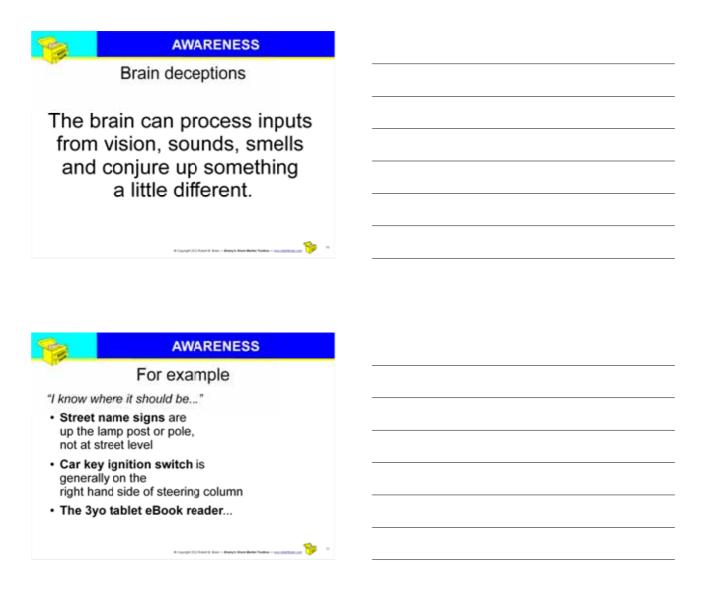
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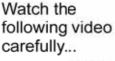






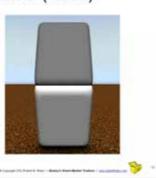
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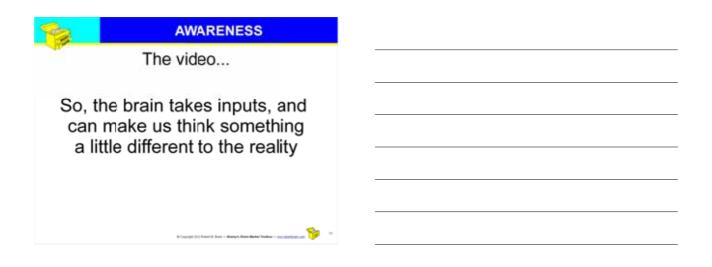
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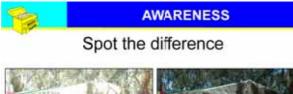


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Answer: Refer to the National Geographic film clip for details.



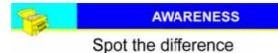






The same scene at a community festival... (camera exposure settings are different)





The human eye doesn't have this problem. We can see reasonably well.

The brain makes automatic adjustments.



AWARENESS

Selective Attention Test (video)

Watch this short video...

Count the number of times the whites pass the ball... See the video for comment...



AWARENESS The video...

Test of observation? or Selective attention?

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(a) angry?(b) upset?(c) annoyed?(d) quite okay about it?



- (c) annoyed?
- (d) quite okay about it?



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How do you feel?

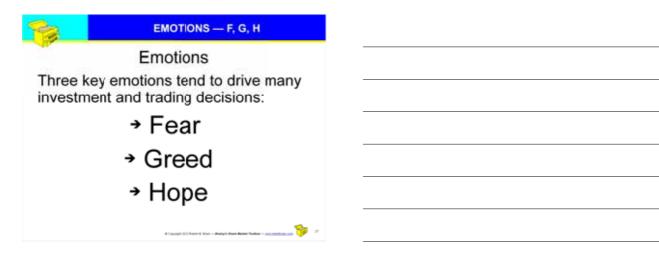
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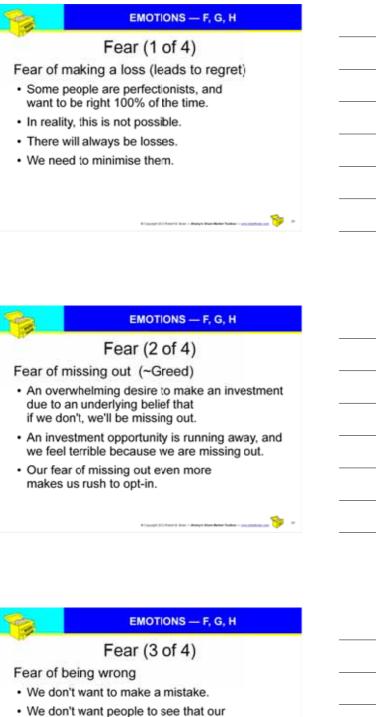
Feelings and emotion

It's easy for our feelings and emotion to take over our decision-making and cloud our judgement.



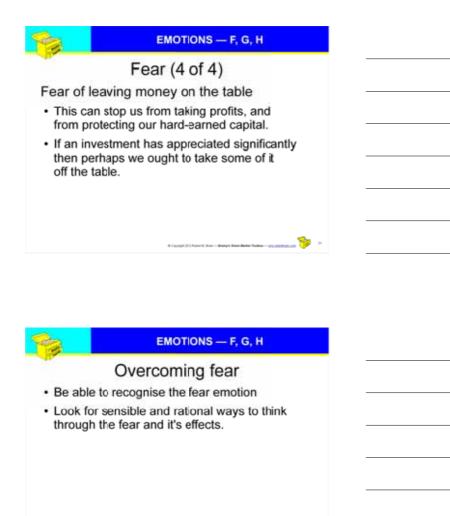


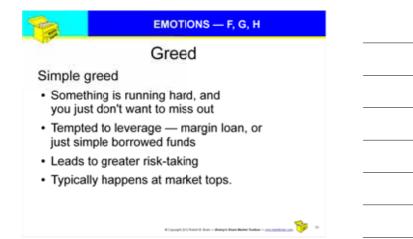




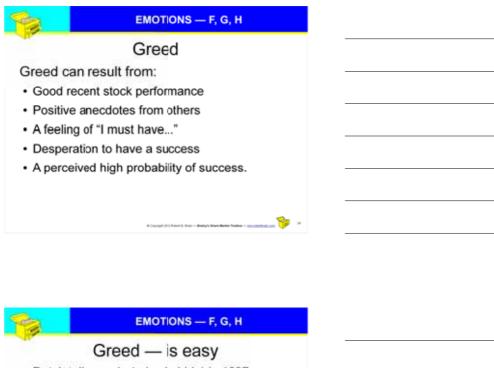
- investment decision was wrong.
- This fear can stop us from investing.

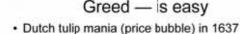
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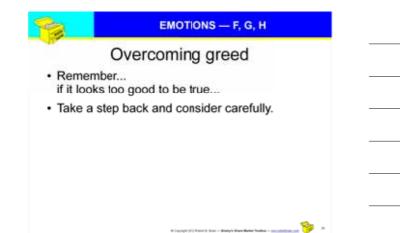


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- Poseidon stock market bubble mining
- shares in late 1969
- · Tech Stock boom (then bust) in 2000-2001
- · The stock market "bubble" of 2003-2007
- · Leads to the "Greater Fool" theory ...





How does all this happen? and How can we overcome it?

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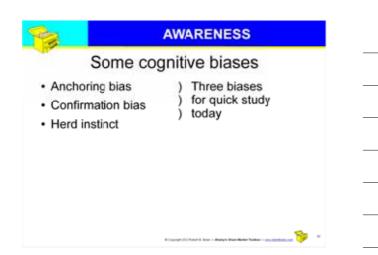


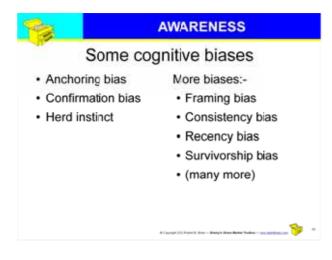
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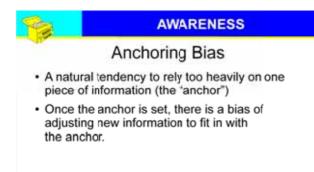
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Cognitive Bias

A tendency to acquire and process information by (sub-consciously) filtering it through one's own likes, dislikes, beliefs and experiences.







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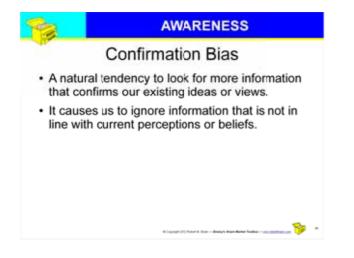
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Anchoring Bias

- A natural tendency to rely too heavily on one piece of information (the 'anchor")
- Once the anchor is set, there is a bias of adjusting new information to fit in with the anchor.

For example:

- · Blue chip stocks are perceived to be "quality".
- Our favourite stock has been profitable in the past, so we believe it will continue to be so.





- A natural tendency to look for more information that confirms our existing ideas or views.
- It causes us to ignore information that is not in line with current perceptions or beliefs.

For example:

 Any bad news in a sea of good news tends to be ignored because we don't want to hear it; but we will accept more good news.

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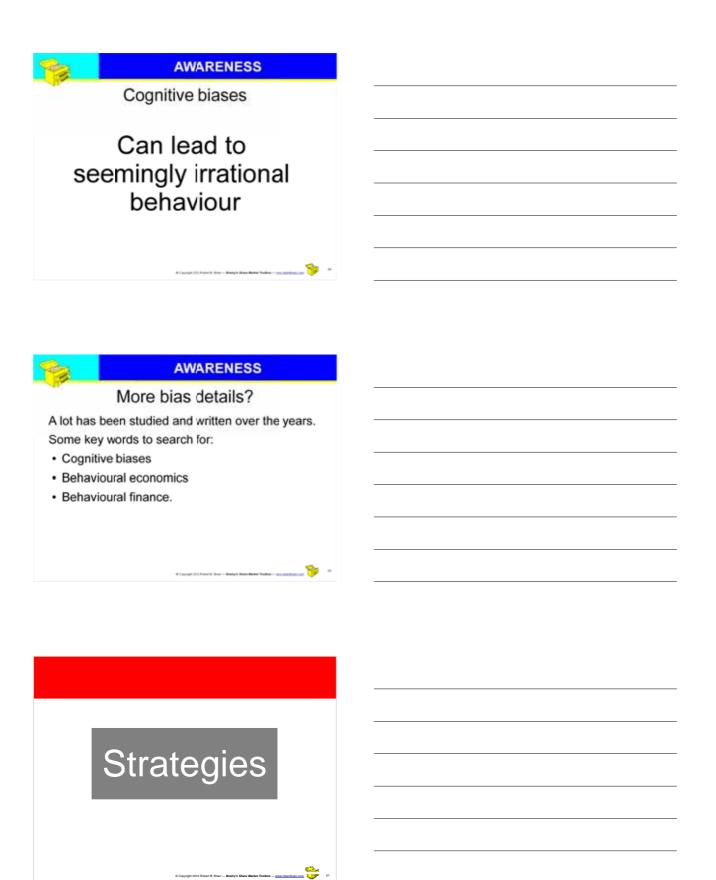
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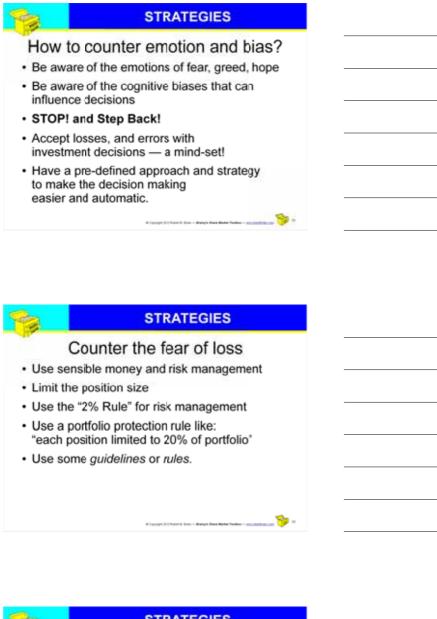
Herd Instinct

- We feel comfortable doing what others do, or simply agreeing with a majority
- When a market is running hard (like a stock market bubble), and everyone is participating, it is difficult to go against the majority, because it doesn't feel right
- · We just feel comfortable sticking with the herd.

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Taking a loss

- If you suffer a loss, then review the details and consider refining the approach
- Make sure to record the details for later analysis, and better understanding ie. Write it Down
- Remember that a Win:Loss ratio of 40% can be successful provided the Wins are large and the Losses are small.

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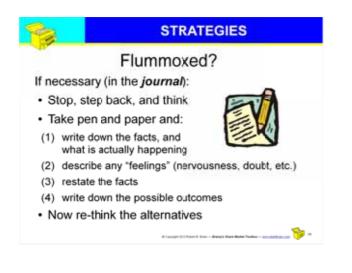
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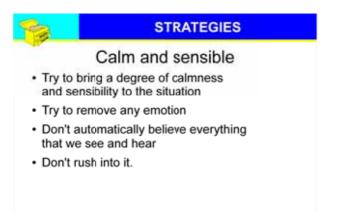
Record-keeping

- · We keep records for income and tax purposes
- We also need to review all past investment decisions to decide whether to revise the plan
- · Use an investment journal to:
- Record details about each investment decision at the time the decision is made (who, why, etc.)
- (2) Record any relevant information as time gces by
- (3) Record details when the position is closed/sold
- (4) Review the details periodically.

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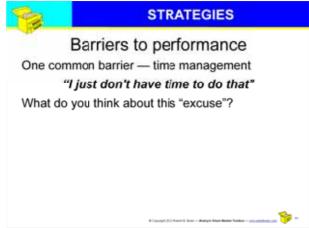
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Barriers to performance

One common barrier — time management "I just don't have time to do that" What do you think about this "excuse"?

- What if your best friend fell seriously ill and was rushed to hospital? Would you make time to go visit?
- 2. Think about the standard "lunch break".

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The standard lunch break

- · Many people have a very busy day most days.
- BUT, they still manage to down tools and take a lunch break at lunch time.
- · For some people this means:
 - Tuning in to a favourite news report on TV or radio at a specific time (eg. 12 noon)
 - Visiting a favourite lunch shop for a yearned-for lunch item.

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