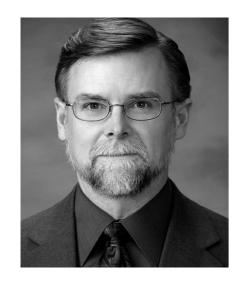
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The need for a Mad Money account

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Definition



Definition of a mad money account

- Standalone account
- Fully separate from any and all other client assets
- Advisor cannot charge a fee on this account
- This is a client-directed account



Let's backup and motivate this topic

How would we even get to the notion of a mad money account

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What factors or behaviors might interfere with that delivery



What might interfere with you maximizing your value-added?

The client wants

- To jointly manage investments with you
- You to offer them a shoe store of selections that they then pick from
- To follow some crazy questionable investment nostrum

The client is

- Unable to let go
- Focused on the wrong thing . . . On the wrong objective(s)
- Driven by greed, fear, hope, desperation

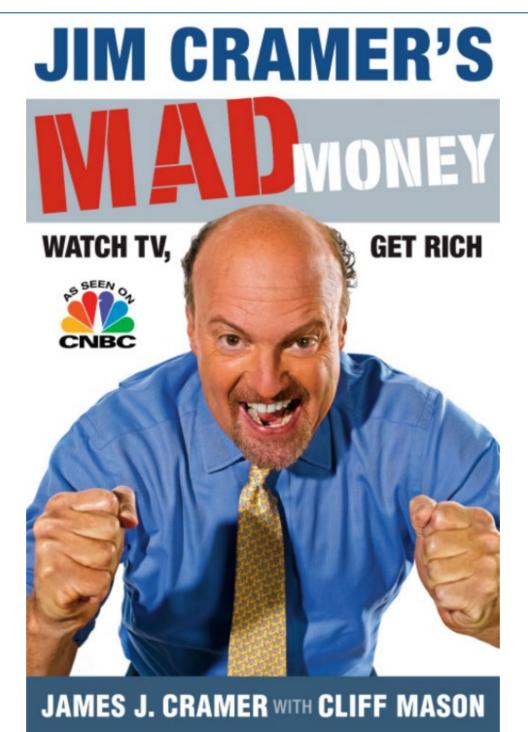
• The client believes that

They can "beat the market"

• The client has a problem with time

- Just seeking entertainment
- Has an excess of time on their hands
- Lacks a rewarding life

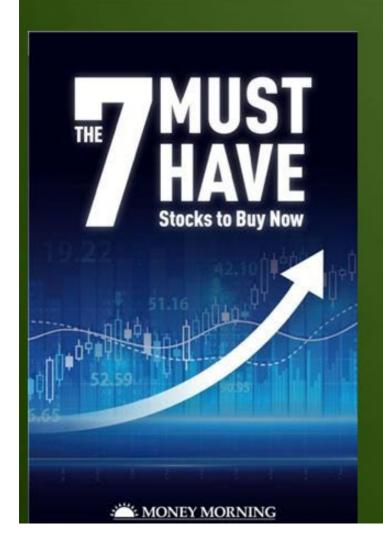






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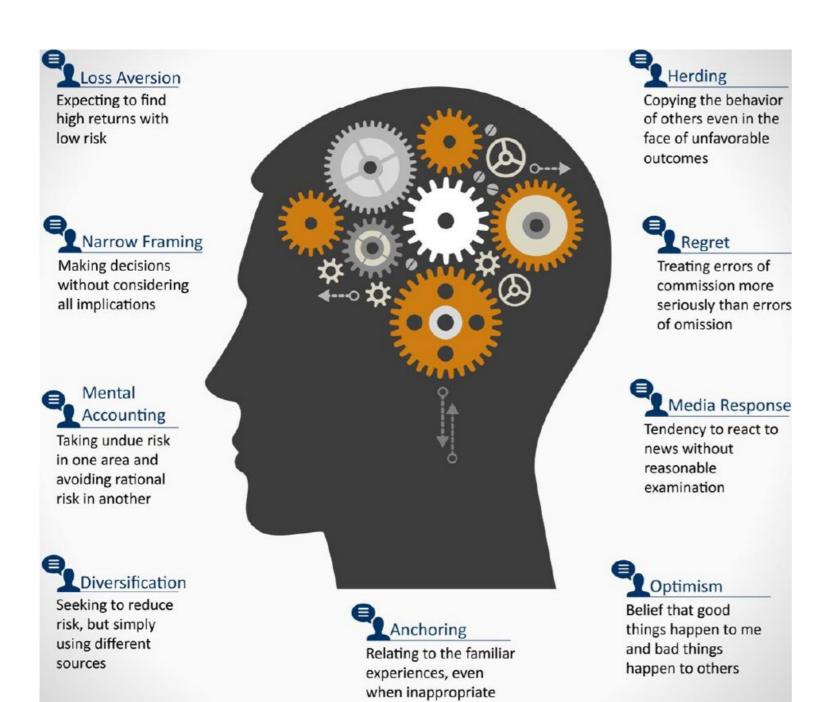
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Most of it starts with our inherent phycological weaknesses

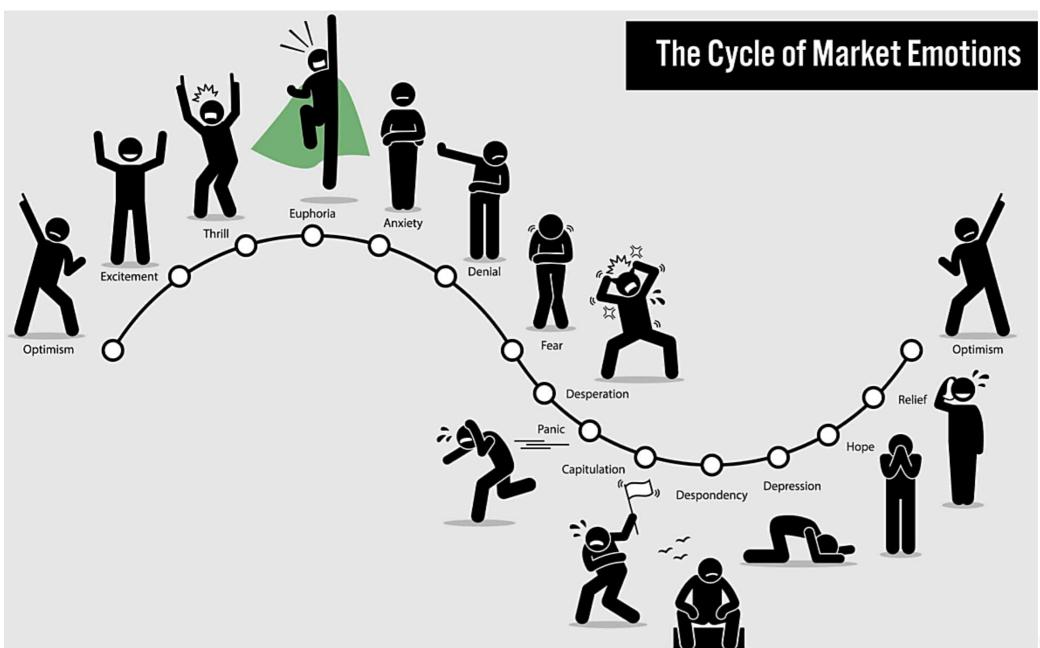




Most problematic behaviors are exacerbated by a focus on past performance as opposed to future goals

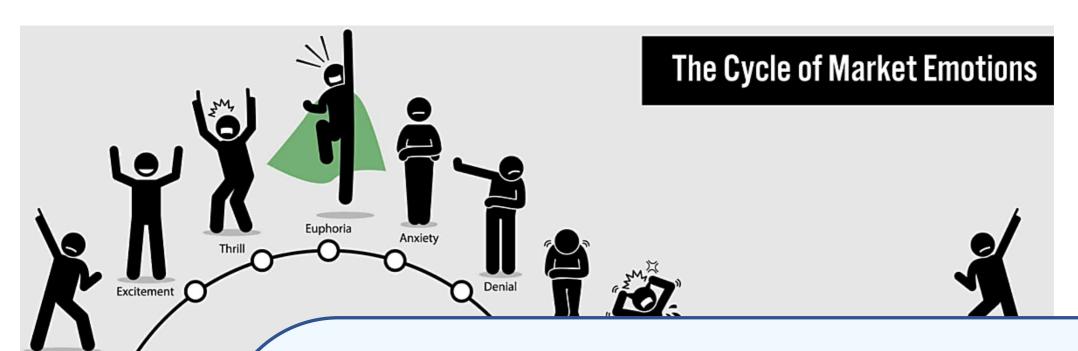
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Overconfidence Bias - Unwarranted faith in one's intuitive reasoning, judgment, cognitive abilities

At the macro level, overconfidence can run wild. The late 1990s is the best example. This was the Internet stock boom. Investors indiscriminately poured money into internet businesses that were getting "eyeballs" (page views), rather than looking at the bottom line - whether these companies were making money or not. Millions of dollars were lost investing in overvalued internet companies in those days.



Couples - on occasion, a useful component of success



- I've seen the use of a mad money account to be vital in some couple situations
- It can help ease financial stress for couples
- Setting aside a small chunk of a portfolio for trading can help scratch the itch of overconfidence
- In many cases, it's all about giving the transition time that's needed
 - It can serve as a slow, gradual transition tool for one member to slowly let go
 - To find more valuable, relevant, rewarding uses for their energies



A suggestion for use in your practice

Why not suggest its use with every new client



- OK . . . so this sounds crazy
- But, here's my experience
- By doing so . . . you have raised the behavioral challenges in a non-threatening way
- Now, you can discuss those challenges without specifically stating that the client suffers from one
 or more of the "illnesses"
- Use it as an opportunity to discuss
 - Emotional bias
 - Performance chasing
 - Overconfidence
 - Excess time, leading a rewarding life, finding fulfillment
- So, just propose it <u>really early on</u>
- And before it becomes obvious that it might be needed



- Why not just propose it with every single client
- Let them say no
- This allows you to set the rules
- Propose it before the difficult discussion of
 - Joint management
 - Shoe store structure









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