

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON WALL STREET

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Wisdom*



Ever wonder why people get excited about a Sale at a department store but are fearful when stocks on Wall Street are on Sale?

Ever wonder why investors want to sell stocks after they have declined in value but then want to buy stocks after they have risen in value?

Ever wonder why someone with more money than they could ever spend in a lifetime can be so unhappy?

Ever wonder why people believe a politician can solve all of their problems?

Ever wonder how you can know a company inside and out and put in hours of research and still get sucker-punched by unexpected news that causes the stock to collapse?

Ever wonder how good news can cause the markets to go down and bad news can cause the markets to soar?

Ever wonder why this statement is plastered on every prospectus but most investors don't heed its warning: Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Ever wonder why someone decides to swindle honest people out of their money by running a Ponzi scheme, all the while knowing he will eventually get caught?

Ever wonder why there is such a fascination with the up and down movements of the stock market on a *daily basis*?

Ever wonder how financial “gurus” can be wrong the majority of the time and still be called “gurus”?

Ever wonder why some financial advisors talk about how complicated markets are, when they really aren't?

Ever wonder why the financial news channels spoke incessantly about China and Oil prices in the first quarter and ignored the Brazilian markets climbing 27%?

Ever wonder how we did any research before Google existed?

Ever wonder how many people watch the 24/7 financial channels during the day – time hours? If you're working, you don't have time. If you're retired, you should be playing golf!

Ever wonder why equity investors *underperformed* the S&P by an astounding 65% from 1985 – 2014, according to Dalbar Research?

Ever wonder if Jim Cramer is really that smart and can really predict stock prices or is he merely an entertainer?

Ever wonder how “sophisticated” investors with lots of money can make the same basic mistakes as every other ordinary investor out there?

Ever wonder why the financial media coined the phrase the “Lost Decade” for the S&P 500's performance from 2000 – 2009, when Emerging Markets were up 161% and REITs were up 175%?

Ever wonder what your dog is thinking while you're away? Ever wonder why they get so darned excited when they see you return? Ever get tired of their excitement? Absolutely not!!