

## Books & Trades #247

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### Current market ... Holland ... South Africa ... Special

Dear Trader,

Best wishes for the approaching Thanksgiving holiday. A time to pause, have a good meal in good company, and say thanks for the good that has come to us.

If you have time to read during or after the holidays, let me recommend a superb book about the first settlers in America who invented Thanksgiving. *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War* by an excellent history writer Nathaniel Philbrick. You can buy it as a regular book, or on Kindle, but I greatly enjoyed listening to its complete recording from Audible.com

On to the markets: I always remind my students to check the earnings dates for any stock they're planning to trade and not to enter trades the day before their earnings announcements. There are many sites where you can find those dates, I usually go to [Finviz.com](http://Finviz.com). On weekends during the earnings season I check all my open positions against the earnings calendar and close out swing trades whose announcements are due during the coming week.

In my October letter to you I shared an open short trade. Last Monday, while running a Traders' Camp in the Dominican Republic, I took profits on that position, in front of the group. The next day the earnings were strong, and the stock rallied. A good practical lesson for all.



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The market rally that began in August is on thin ice. The key indexes are making new highs, while the forward-looking New High – New Low Index is weak on the weekly chart (on the left), with massive bearish divergences on the dailies (on the right).

The main driver of this rally is an expectation of a massive tax cut for corporations that will boost their earnings. The Congress has already passed its version of the tax reform, but the Senate is stalling. The Wall Street Journal reports that one of the Republican senators is against the bill because of its slant in favor of big corporations rather than small businesses. If more opposition emerges, stock market bulls may be in for a nasty surprise. Some version of the bill will probably pass, but less sweet than the current version, leading to disappointments.

You know what they say in the stock market: buy the rumor, sell the news. The rumors drove this rally, but now the news are on the way. Be sure to protect your long positions.

**Bitcoin:** there is a fascinating discussion going on in SpikeTrade. Since only members participate, the tone and the quality of comments are great. Intelligent and without any hysteria. We have sceptics of course, but also investors, data miners, and observers weighing in. Such a huge difference from the chaff on public

sites. It even opened my eyes to a few new angles, and I'll aim to share my summary with you in the next letter.

To advance your trading education on a daily basis and to receive access to fresh trading ideas please join the group at [www.SpikeTrade.com](http://www.SpikeTrade.com)

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**Online: December 6 & 13 at 6pm ET - Webinar – “Current markets with Dr Elder.”**  
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### **Intensive class in Holland, January 13, 2018 (lowest rate until Dec 5)**

This class will be based on a new book *Step Two Trading* (every participant will receive a free copy). It'll help you prepare for the opportunities and challenges of the new year. Review psychological rules, technical methods, and risk control. Learn three trading system – one for trends, two for reversals. We'll review current markets in search for the best opportunities. Click [HERE](#) for a complete description. Absolutely the lowest rate until December 5.

### **South Africa – a question from Dr Elder**

“Dear Trader – I am planning a trip to South Africa in October 2018. I want to see the country, visit national parks, etc, but also to meet local traders and offer a one-day intensive class. Since I haven’t been to South Africa before, I’d like to have your input on where it is likely to be better attended – Cape Town or Jo’burg? Please share your suggestions. Thank you.”



## Special

### 2010 SpikeTrade Reunion Presentation recordings

There were 20 presentations at the 2010 Reunion, and we have selected the top 11 videos plus an added bonus video. This selection was based on

Reunion participants' feedback.

The set includes:

- Dr. Alexander Elder: Trading Psychology
- Kerry Lovvorn: Three-Mast Sail: My Work with NH-NL
- Dan K: RSI Divergences and True Trends
- Grant C: Aim for Profits / Shooting Fat Rabbits
- Henry A: My Favorite Scans and Candle Patterns
- Jim R: Steady Income from Nasdaq 100
- Pat L: Research Is Not Enough / Execution and Management
- Percy C: Swing Trading the ETFs at Support & Resistance Levels
- Rick L: Bio Run-up / Profiting from Rising Expectations
- Stan F: Out-of-the-Money Options – My Proxy for Stock Trading
- Steve M: Catch and Release Stock trading

For each presentation, you see the video of the screen, hear the audio of the person who delivers it, and can download his or her PowerPoint.

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