



Is the Trend Over?

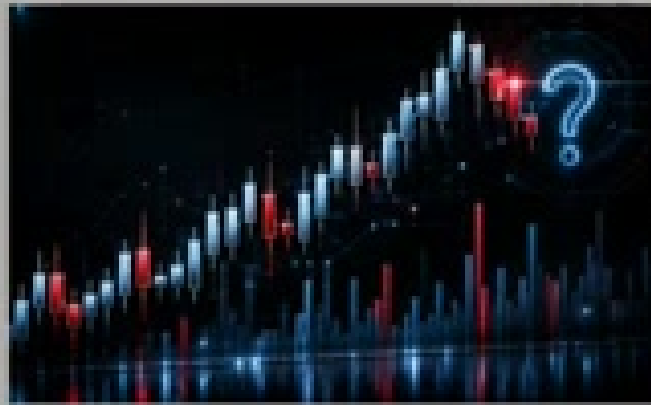
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- The original presentation slide appears on the left.
- Where explanation is helpful, the Key Takeaways appear in the red panel on the right.
- The takeaways summarize the actual teaching point - not just the topic shown on the slide.

Discussion Points



Is the Trend Over?

“This impromptu event should be about 30-45 minutes long, and I’m labeling it a training event because it will go beyond a normal educational presentation. It will be fairly detailed, focusing on a small but important topic: how to properly analyze a trend.” — Paul

➤ Discussion Points:

- *“Follow the trend” is one of the simplest sayings in technical analysis.*
- *But following improper trends is what causes an awful lot of losses and confusion for many technical traders*



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Key Takeaways

- “Follow the trend” is simple advice, but following an improperly analyzed trend can create confusion and losses.
- The goal is not to attach a label to a chart. The goal is to determine the quality of the trend and what that means for the next trade.
- Proper trend analysis requires more than one rule, indicator, or time frame.

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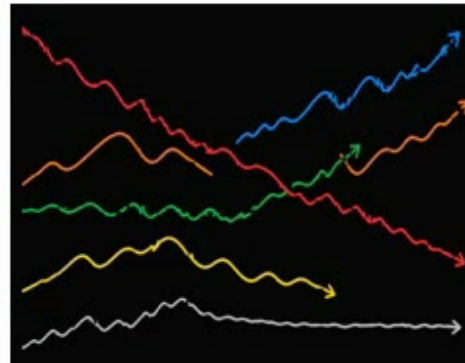
It is Some Science and Some Art

There are some **HARD** terms (pretty defined meaning):

- Established trend

And a lot of **SOFTER** terms:

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| ● Broken trend | ● Climactic trend |
| ● Challenged trend | ● Transitioned trend |
| ● Failed trend | ● NO trend |
| ● Exhausted trend | ● Ending trend |



Key Takeaways

- An established trend has a reasonably clear meaning.
- Terms such as broken, challenged, failed, exhausted, climactic, transitioned, ending, and no trend are much softer.
- Those softer terms require judgment. A label alone does not tell you what action to take.

One Word Can Contain Many Meanings

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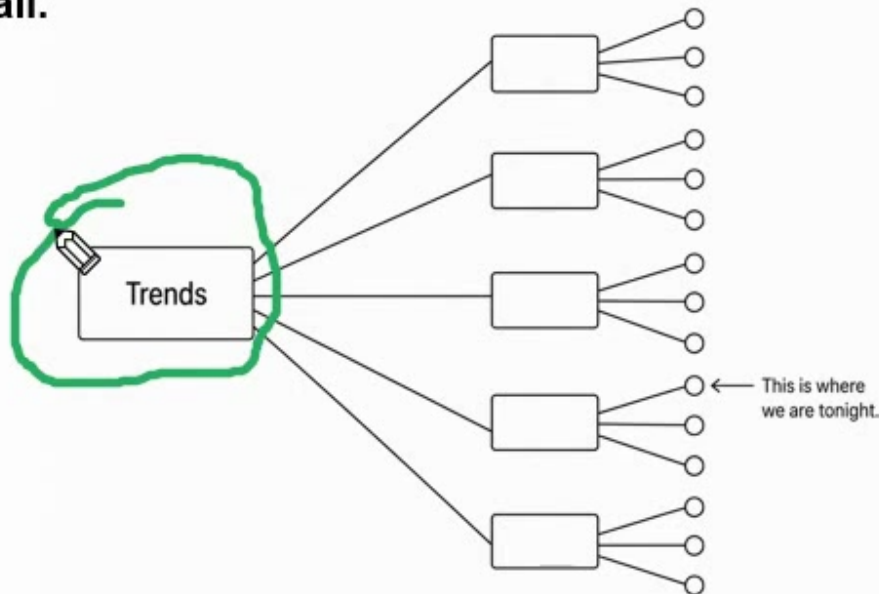
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What is taught

Was in the email.



Key Takeaways

- The word “trend” branches into many possible conditions and interpretations.
- You can define a trend with many words, pivots, or rules, but eventually the chart still requires subjective interpretation.
- The teaching point is not the word itself; it is learning which features of the picture matter.

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Words Only Go So Far

In trading, you eventually learn PICTURES:

In trading, it becomes somewhat of an art. It has to be somewhat of an art because anything 100% objective will not work. If you don't believe me, it's simply been proven time and time again.

You can define a trend using as many words as you want, but it will eventually require subjective interpretation. You can talk about using pivots until you're blue in the face. But what is a pivot? What is a strong pivot? What is a significant pivot? What doesn't count as a pivot? All of these things end up being somewhat subjective.

And even if you try to make it purely objective by using precise numbers, there are dozens of other concepts with similar issues. It is the final "picture" that you see, and across multiple timeframes that makes you decision.

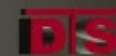


So tonight, "Is the Trend Over" will be examples of things to look for. Not the science you may be desiring...

Key Takeaways

- A verbal description of a car can fit several very different cars. A trend description can do the same thing.
- Words such as strong pivot, significant pivot, broken trend, or challenged trend cannot capture every chart variation.
- Experienced traders recognize the complete chart picture instead of relying on a definition alone.

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Words Only Go So Far

Again, why not get **EXACT**, you could...

Because it does not work. It does not work with

100% certainty.

If it did, why wouldn't I do that after all these years?

Want your heart broken? Ask AI if AI trading makes money. This 'scam' has been going on since I started.

"Can you tell a red arrow from a green arrow? Then YOU can make money trading!!!"



Key Takeaways

- A 100% objective trading formula does not work with 100% certainty.
- Precise numbers can create a false sense of accuracy while ignoring context.
- Trading is an art informed by evidence: price action, chart structure, multiple time frames, and the quality of the setup.

- This hourly downtrend is analyzed together with the relevant daily-chart subset.
- The daily chart does not contradict the hourly move, making the downtrend unusually clean and high quality.
- A lower-time-frame trend becomes more meaningful when the higher time frame supports it.

The Appropriate Time Frames Must Agree

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Comments About this Trend?

Hourly chart trend analyzed in conjunction with the daily chart subset.

AS good as it gets.

The daily chart does not contradict until 'maybe' at this level.

As a matter fact, this is a very fertile area to look short.

This was on my bearish list several days.



** Discuss 21-24th

Perfect trend

Key Takeaways

- A trend cannot be judged in isolation from the time frame that created it and the higher time frame surrounding it.
- The same lower-time-frame pattern can have a very different implication when the larger chart changes.
- Start with the time frame being traded, then use the appropriate higher and lower time frames for context and management.

Trend Direction Is Only the Beginning

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Comments About this Trend?

Daily chart trend analyzed.

Higher, lower, quality of that trend?

Short the "sell setup"?



Key Takeaways

- After identifying direction, ask whether the trend is higher or lower quality and how extended it is.
- Then ask what comes next: continuation, a pullback, a transition, or failure.
- The current label matters less than the chart's structure and the entry it may eventually provide.

A Power Trend Can Be Easy to See - but Hard to Trade

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Comments About this Trend?

Daily chart trend analyzed.

This is a power trend. A thing of beauty.

It continues until it shows signs of not...

"NO setups", so how do you trade?

Easy...



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Key Takeaways

- A power trend can continue until it finally shows evidence that it is ending.
- The strongest trends often provide no traditional pullback setup, so identifying the trend does not automatically create an entry.
- Trend recognition, entry selection, and trade management are separate decisions.

The Same Label Can Hide Different Structures

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Comments About this Trend?

Weekly chart trend analyzed.

Higher, lower, quality of that trend?

What comes next?



Key Takeaways

- A weekly chart may be called an uptrend, yet its location, extension, momentum, and recent price action still matter.
- Two charts with the same trend label can have very different quality and very different odds of continuation.
- “Uptrend” is a starting observation, not a complete forecast.

There Is No Automatic Next Trend

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Comments About this Trend?

Weekly chart trend analyzed.

Higher, lower, quality of that trend?

What comes next?



Key Takeaways

- When an uptrend pauses or ends, the next move is not predetermined.
- Price may resume the trend, transition sideways, become challenged, or reverse.
- The answer comes from the developing evidence on the chart - not from a slogan or a fixed moving-average rule.

Trend Analysis Is a Process - Not a Formula

- There were no formulas because a fixed percentage, pivot rule, or moving-average rule cannot define every trend.
- There were no absolutes because the same trend label can describe charts with very different quality, location, and context.
- Begin with price and the time frame being traded, then evaluate the appropriate higher and lower time frames.
- Learn the pictures. Use moving averages as guides, and let the developing chart confirm or reject your bias.
- If this felt less mechanical than expected, that is the lesson: good trend analysis requires informed judgment.