

# Tribute to Mr. Spock



***"It would be illogical to assume that all conditions remain stable."***

—Mr. Spock on risk management

***"Live long and prosper."***

—Mr. Spock on loss aversion

***"Without facts, the decision cannot be made logically. You must rely on your human intuition."***

—Mr. Spock on systematic trading and trend-following

***Spock: Logic and practical information do not seem to apply here.***

***McCoy: You admit that?***

***Spock: To deny the facts would be illogical, Doctor.***

—Mr. Spock on remaining intellectually flexible under duress

***Kirk: What makes you so right and a trained psychiatrist wrong?***

***Spock: Because she feels. I don't. All I know is logic.***

—Mr. Spock on [nowcasting](#)

***Kirk: Uh, Mr. Spock, there's really something I don't understand about all of this. And maybe you can explain it to me. Logically, of course. When you jettisoned the fuel and ignited it, you knew there was virtually no chance of it being seen, yet you did it anyhow. That would seem to be an act of desperation. Spock: Quite correct.***

***Kirk: We all know, and I'm sure the doctor agrees, that desperation is a highly emotional state of mind. How does your well-known logic explain that?***

***Spock: Quite simply, Captain. I examined the problem from all angles, and it was plainly hopeless. Logic informed me that, under the circumstances, the only possible action would have to be one of desperation. Logical decision, logically arrived at.***

***Kirk: Aha, ha ha. I see. You mean you reasoned that it was time for an emotional outburst.***

***Spock: Well, I... wouldn't put it in exactly those terms, Captain, but... those are essentially the facts.***

***Kirk: You're not going to admit that for the first time in your life, you committed a purely human, emotional act?***

***Spock: No, sir.***

***Kirk: Mr. Spock, you're a stubborn man.***

***Spock: Yes, sir.***