

QUANTUM MARKETING

Mastering the New Marketing Mindset for Tomorrow's Customers

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MAIN IDEA

5G or "Quantum Marketing" is coming. Powered by artificial intelligence, augmented reality, 5G connectivity, the Internet of Things, wearables, and blockchains, Quantum Marketing is going to be more powerful than anything ever used before.

That's just as well because today's generation of marketing is in a crisis. Much of what used to work in the past is no longer effective, and companies are cutting their marketing budgets, while also reducing or eliminating entirely their full-time marketing employees.



The Quantum Marketing toolbox is going to be so powerful companies will ignore it at their peril. It will integrate astonishing levels of consumer insights into real-time interactions, to generate next-level immersive marketing. It's time for a reboot of the marketing function.

"Marketing is entering its most exciting inflection point ever, the Fifth Paradigm of Marketing. New technologies like artificial intelligence, augmented reality, 5G connectivity, the Internet of Things, smart speakers, wearables, and blockchains are poised to transform consumers' lives and potentially take marketing's impact to entirely new levels. At this time, the entire function and discipline of marketing can leapfrog toward astonishing levels of consumer insights, real-time interactions, and hyper-targeted, hyper-relevant consumer engagement. Never has the marketing toolbox been more powerful than now. And the ability of marketing to drive business results in the face of brutal competition is not only extraordinary, but vital for a business's future survival."

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Marketing has been on a journey. It has already moved through four paradigms, and today stands at the start of its fifth paradigm. 5G Marketing will be more powerful and effective than anything before. Marketing will be a genuine force multiplier.

Quantum Marketing is a big deal because it stands at the junction of many fields which are accelerating at exponential speed. The five technologies which are generating this reset in the marketing function are:

- 1 DATA More than ever before
- 2 AI The ultimate marketing propellant
- 3 5G TECH A quantum speed upgrade
- 4 BLOCKCHAIN Virtual record keeping
- 5 SCIENCES Multisensory marketing

5G Marketing will certainly be different, and better. It will be focused on human behaviors to a far greater degree than before, thanks to those emerging marketing technologies. Some of the major shifts of the fifth paradigm will be:

- 1 PERSONALIZED Appealing to people
- 2 AUTHENTIC P2P, not B2C or B2B
- PARTNERSHIPS DRIVEN No going it alone
- 4 PURPOSE LED Doing good for society
- 5 ETHICAL Earn people's trust