# Sales of the 3d Millenium – Christian Devillez

# What is the Future of B2B Sales Rep?





The Key question is:

Does the B2B Sales reps has a future or not? If yes which one?



### The Big Shifts









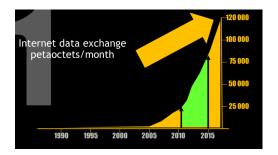


Among others, 5 big shifts on 3 generations time have a huge impact on the customer – Sales person relationship:

- 1. The relationship with authority
- 2. The critical mind
- 3. The trust attitude
- 4. The loyalty norm
- 5. The consumer technological lead



# The Big shifts







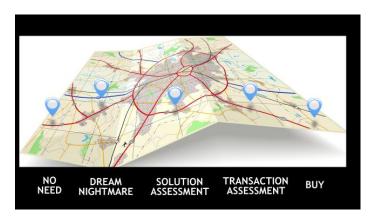
### The Digital Revolution is now!

This has major impacts on on the customer – Sales person relationship:

- 1. Customers access to information,
- 2. The way to buy
- 3. The footprint of internet on the customer buying maturity and buying autonomy
- 4. The moment and the way people will act when they meet a sales person, if they meet him



### **Zoom 1: The buying maturity**





Every customer follows a buying process in different steps, from "I have no need" to "I buy". In each step, the customer behaves on a different way and is looking for different kind of information.

The "old school" sales process is totaly misaligned with this process due to the omnichannel buying journey



### **Zoom 2 : The buying autonomy**



The "buying autonomy" changes drastically the way people interact with sales organizations and with sales persons.

They behave on a way which requires totally new skills from the sales people.



# Zoom 2: The buying autonomy











New skills are required in the new arena of sales of the 3d millenium to interact with autonomous customers:

### Among others:

The capacity to

- 1. Demonstrate knowledge versus information
- 2. Act as an expert
- 3. Manage complexity
- 4. Make diagnosis instead of listening to needs
- 5. Change customer's mind



### Reinventing the Sales approach







In summary, in today's world, it is not the continuation of the practices of yesterday, as effective as they were, that can lead to success.

The sales professional has to adapt to the new situation: to reinvent the sales approach by a true transformation of the sales practices and the integration of technology.

The world does not need sales people to do what Internet can do better than anyone.



### Reinventing the Sales approach



# The Sales Person of the 3d Millenium:

Sales people have to integrate the areas where their influence, sometimes boosted by the right use of new technologies, is still irreplaceable. In doing so, they position themselves in the world of the 3rd millennium sales professionals, the world of the charismatic & technophile sales community.



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