# Be original, counter-trend and be willing to travel on a road less traveled – marketing 101

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Reference: Differentiate or die



Because more than ever before, marketing (paid to Google and Facebook by advertisers) has assumed a position of unprecedented importance in businesses today (due to the inversion of supply and demand ratio)

### Challenges that we are facing today in marketing

- Information overload.
- Noise level is very high.
- The higher the water level, the higher the boat must be.
- Catch 22: no marketing, no business. But, no business, no money for marketing.



Be original, counter-trend and be willing to travel on a road less traveled — an winning marketing strategy!

### A road less traveled

Step 1: be differentiated.

Step 2: focus.

Step 3: one message.

Step 4: don't sell, educate.

Step 5: Tell a story, rather than sell a product.

A road much traveled: do things that everybody else is doing

A road less traveled:
Step 1: do things others are not doing, be differentiated

### **Definition** of differentiation

A marketing message is differentiated if when your business name is substituted by that of another, the message actually no longer works at all.

### The benefit of differentiation

Differentiation gives <u>sustainability</u>, especially in a recession.

Differentiated business can <u>not be</u> duplicated

Differentiated business stands out among the many choices a consumer has today



### Differentiation motivates employee



### Differentiated business <u>lasts longer</u>



### What are not differentiated ideas?



Quality and customers satisfaction

Not necessarily!

Since they are assumed to be there today

Is creativity of an ad a differentiating idea?

No!

Since competitor can do that too!

Is price a differentiating idea?

No!



Since your competitor can lower price further

Is breath of product line a differentiating idea?

No!



It dilates and weakens your differentiation.

### How to find your differentiation?

1. Research and find out the need of the market;



2. Define your differentiation;

3. <u>Back it up</u> with solid and truthful credentials;

4. Manifest it and communicate it!



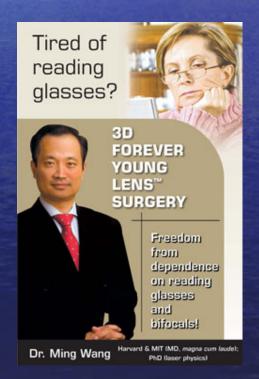
## What are differentiating ideas then?



### Being the first is a differentiation



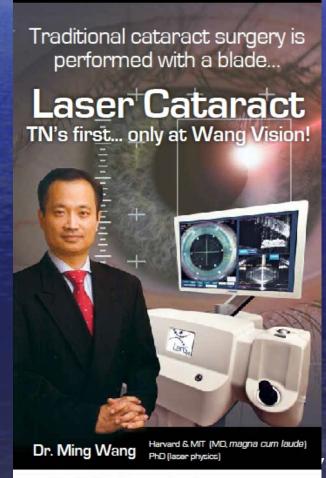
Age 18+



Age 40+

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Staying first is a differentiation



The only fully FDA approved laser for cataract surgery.

PhD

Attribute ownership is a way to differentiate

Own a word (Smart eye surgery) SPONSORED CONTENT

#### Charlie Daniels Had Smart Eye Surgery

The country music legend underwent a revolutionary "smart eye surgery"

(Nashville, TN, USA, April 9th, 2012)

harlie Daniels, a country music legend, underwent a revolutionary new "smart eye surgery" last week, performed by Dr. Ming Wang, MD, PhD, of Wang Vision 3D Cataract & LASIK Center in Nashville, TN. Dr. Wang recently became the first cataract surgeon in the state to introduce the OptiWaver Perfarctive Analysis, ORA System", an innovative surgical technology designed to improve the outcome of cataract surgery.

Mr. Daniels, 75, is a country music legend and is known worldwide for his great hits, such as "Uneasy Rider," \*Long Haired Country Boy," The South's Gonna Do It," The Devil Went Down To Georgia," In America, "Still In Saigon," Drinkini My Baby Goodbye," \*Uneasy Rider '88", "Boogie Woogie Fiddle Country Blues", and "Simple Man". In recent years, Mr. Daniels suffered sight loss due to progressive cataracts and hyperopia. He was very excited to be among the first group of patients in the state to undergo this new "smart eye surgery". On 43 and 45, Mr. Daniels' smart eye surgeries were performed and were a complete success. Mr. Daniels said that he is doing great, and added, "I now have two smart eyes!"

The ORA System is the world's first intraoperative wavefront aberrometer that provides real time measurements of the eye during cataract surgery. Prior to this technology, surgeons have had to wait weeks or even months after surgery to determine the accuracy of the procedure performed. Now, the surgeon can instantly analyze the result and make adjustments during the surgery—while the patient is still on the table—and customize the procedure to each patient's eye.

Dr. Ming Wang is a Harvard and MIT graduate (MD, magna cum laude) and Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Tennessee. He has introduced many new eye surgery technologies to the state, including bladeless all-laser LASIK and LASER cataract surgery.

"Wang Vision is delighted to be the first in the state to offer this revolutionary cataract surgery technology to patients, and to offer this new technology to Mr. Charlie Daniels," says Dr. Ming Wang. "Just like a smart bomb which can constantly adjust its





own flight path depending on the weather conditions or terrain, the ORA technology offers surgeons the unprecedented ability to examine and adjust surgical procedures, including the power of the intraocular lens implanted and the amount of residual untreated astignatism, in real time during surgery. So in that sense, this is indeed a smart surgery concept? Dr. Wang explains.

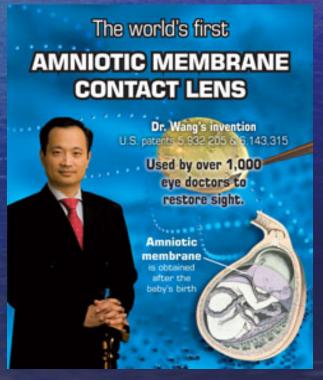
The ORA System directs a beam of low intensity laser light into the eye. The light reflects off the patient's retina, and sensors analyze the reflected wave of light exiting the eye. This real time analysis measures all of the eye's unique optical characteristics and provides an accurate measurement of the eye's focusing capabilities.

"With the ORA System, a cataract surgeon can now, for the first time, individualize and customize the treatment based on the state of the patient's eye, once the cataract has been removed." Dr. Wang concluded.

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Being the <u>leader</u> and having the <u>latest</u> is a <u>differentiation</u>

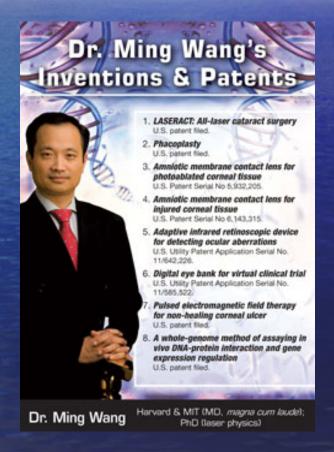


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### What <u>is</u> a differentiation? <u>Heritage</u> is a differentiation



### What <u>is</u> a <u>differentiation?</u> Being a <u>specialist</u> is a <u>differentiation</u>.



Preference (by some influential people) is a differentiating idea







### Differentiation requires sacrifice

- Burger King
- New Coke

### Differentiation requires creativity

Not only end product quality/characteristics can be a differentiation, but also how the product itself is made, ingredient, history, sale amount, duration, technology, classification, being a specialist, and other non-end product characteristics can be differentiation

### A road much traveled: offer a broad line of different services

A road less traveled: Step 2: focus

#### Steve Jobs

"I spent a lot of time to figure out why I should NOT do this, and that"

iPod, iPhone and iPad

# **Focus**



Traditional blade



3D bladeless all-laser LASIK

# Focus



Traditional blade



**3D LASER** cataract surgery

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A road much traveled: market multiple message

A road less traveled:
Step 3: one message

# Wang Vision – a LASER eye surgery specialist

The only center in the state that offers



3D LASIK (age 18+)

3D Forever Young Lens (age 40+

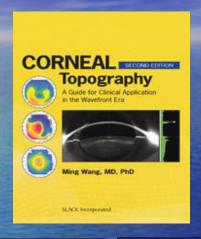
3D laser cataract surgery (age 60+)



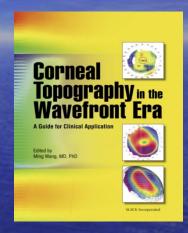
A road much traveled: sell, sell, sell

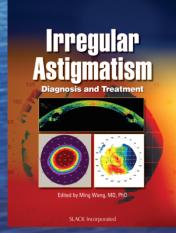
A road less traveled: Step 4: don't sell, educate

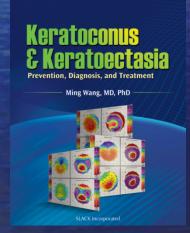
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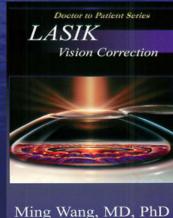


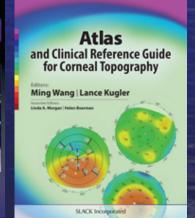












A road much traveled: offer a product, a service

A road less traveled:
Step 5: tell a story, rather than sell a product.

# The story of amniotic membrane contact lens



### International charity medical care

- 40 states in US and 55 countries;
- All physicians donate our services.







Wang Foundation for Sight Restoration www.wangfoundation.com

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13 years, from darkness, to sight...



#### Wang Foundation for Sight Restoration

A 501c(3) non-profit charity which has helped patients from over 40 states in the U.S. and 55 countries with all sight restoration surgeries performed free-of-charge



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