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As the above makes clear advertising is everywhere — and this is because we love our stuff. In Twitchell's opinion, the role of advertising in our culture is comparable to that played by the church in Medieval Europe; and he also compares advertising's cultural centrality to that of art in the Italian Renaissance. At the same time, he should quit giving so much money to his kids.

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This is obviously a dated book, but extremely entertaining. It took 25 years for radio to evolve out of wireless, but only five years for television to unfold from radar. Modern selling is not about trading information, as it was in the 19th century, as much as about creating an infotainment culture sufficiently alluring to allow other messages - commercials - to get through.

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Adcult The Triumph of Advertising in American Culture by James Twitchell Whenever a member of my paunchy, 50-something set pulls me aside and complains of the dumbing-down of American culture, I tell him that if he doesn't like it he should quit moaning and go buy a lot of fast-moving consumer goods. As long as goods are interchangeable and in surplus quantities, producers are willing to pay for short-term advantages especially for new products and consumers have sufficient disposable time and money to consume both ads and products, Adcult will remain the dominant meaning-making system of modern life.

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