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Movie Appreciation

The Matrix

In the near future a computer hacker named Neo discovered that all life on Earth may be nothing more than an elegant facade created by a malevolent cyber intelligence, for the purpose of placating us while our life essence is farmed to fuel the Matrix's campaign of domination in the "real" world. He joins like minded Rebel warriors Morpheus and Trinity in their struggle to overthrow the Matrix.

The Matrix as an immediate proposition isn't easy to grasp. Reality is virtual ~~not~~ reality a monstrous programme called The Matrix generated by an evil empire of man built artificial intelligences who rules the dystopian horror of the real world. Mankind's entire existence is being hardwired directly into human brains while the machines imprison them in womblike pods, tapping their neural cortex for battery power.

There is though a band of rebels who have broken free and are ~~an interested~~ intent on liberating humanity from their unsuspected bondage by downloading themselves into the manufactured dreamworld what they need is a messiah. Enter Thomas "Neo" Anderson (Keanu Reeves) the archetypal reluctant hero who may if he can be convinced have just the cyberchops to undo the Matrix.

Reeve's Neo is a reactionary part but it plays on his ~~set~~ sculpted beauty and dressed up in patent leather and designer shades he evokes an effortless cool. The burden of explanation falls to Laurence Fishburne's Morpheus the man is a well of gravitas and no matter how ludicrous his expanding it still rings with an ironclad conviction. The bad guy fraternity are defensive programmes led by the unearthly clipped tones of Hugo Weaving also able to toy with the fabric of the Matrix.

For me, the main lesson driven home by the Matrix is that, it is preferable to know the truth rather than believe a lie, even if the truth is exceedingly painful, difficult, dangerous, uncomfortable etc. It is noble and virtuous to seek after and ~~be~~ be open to the truth and to accept it when it's revealed to you, even though it shows many things you've believed before to be false. To cling to what you know is false in order to maintain comfort, avoid danger, etc is evil.