Reading the Movies

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Se7en (1995) Crime, Drama, Mystery

Staring: Morgan Freeman, Brad Pitt, and Kevin Spacey

Director: David Fincher

7 Deadly Sins & 7 Heavenly Virtues

**Sin Virtue**

Lust Chastity

Gluttony Temperance

Greed Charity

Sloth Diligence

Wrath Forgiveness

Envy Kindness

Pride Humility

The sins explained in Se7en:

Order of deaths depicted in film – Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, lust, Pride, Envy, & Wrath

* Lust (prostitute) lethal S&M device knifed while having sex
* Gluttony (the obese man) tied up and force fed
* Greed (the lawyer) forced to cut off a pound of flesh and bled to death
* Sloth (drug dealer/child molester) kept alive and immobile dies of shock
* Pride (model) cut off her nose/ pill bottle & phone glued to hands
* Envy (John Doe) decapitates Tracy takes her head Mills shoots Doe
* Wrath (Det. Mills) Mills becomes wrath/vengeance for Tracy’s death

The film attempts to bring balance to the corrupt and decaying world depicted in the film by the final Hemingway quote that Somerset declares ”The world is a fine place, and worth fighting for” and adds to … I agree with the second part. The actors including Freeman felt the quote was unnecessary. Critiques love it and feel it bring more of a non-typical finish to the film.

Fun Facts:

Multiple alternative ending proposed – industry opposed ending actors and director opposed industry.

John Doe’s (Kevin Spacey) apartment is 5A (Wrath is the 5th deadly sin)

Det. Mills (Brad Pitt) shoots Doe six times (Envy is the 6th sin)

During the rain chase scene Pitt slipped smashed his arm into a window severing a tendon and forced to wear a cast for the remainder of the film (cast had to be written into the film)

Kevin Spacey got no credit and thought it would add to the film keeping his role secret

Only ONE on screen violent murder

No one despite physical conf rontations with the director sees anything in the box

Comparing the 7 Deadly Sins & 7 Heavenly Virtues

Sins and Virtues still exist and we live in a world that co-exists with both how are these sins and virtues represented in society today? Be appropriate and not vulgar, ideas should reflect thought and reflection on life today 2015.

**Sins**

Lust

Gluttony

Greed

Sloth

Wrath

Envy

Pride

**Virtues**

Chastity

Temperance

Charity

Diligence

Forgiveness

Kindness

Humility