

Movie Review: Source Code from Vendome Pictures



Wow, what a movie! It was not my typical kind of movie that I would watch, so I guess that is what made it all the more intriguing. The movie gets its name Source Code from the action by computer programmers. The code is a set of instructions given in some sort of human readable language such as text and are usually accompanied by comments. A computer program is created when the text is translated into machine code for reading and execution.

Our heroin, Captain Colter Stevens (played by Jake Gyllenhaal) is in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan which the viewer does not see, but what we see is him waking up on a train. Confused we find out that he is in a different body and then a bomb explodes and he wakes up in a cockpit of sorts. The captain is in the source code, his brain pattern is implanted in a brain pattern of equal to a person that was killed in the train explosion. The movie reveals that when a person dies that they retain the last eight minutes of experiences; therefore since the brain patterns are equal our Captains brain can access the person on the train and he actually becomes that person.

The captain has to repeat the eight minute experience over and over until he can find the perpetrator of the bomb explosion that occurred on the train. The same person has threatened to use a dirty bomb somewhere in Chicago. We find out who is behind the explosions but our hereoin wants to go back one more time and change the outcome of the explosion on the train and thus stop the perpetrator. He is given the chance and succeeds but it changes the outcome of the modern day.

Comments

So I am watching the Fringe Series on the Science Channel and they are featuring the first year's season with explanations of the science behind the fiction. It is predicted that the technology above is similar to one that will be available in the near future. We are moving towards the access of an abundance of available knowledge without the use of a computer. It is told that all we will need to do is think of what we want and it will be delivered to our minds. I am sure that 100 years ago our technology of today might have been perceived with a freakish frame of mind. As for solving crimes any technology can be welcomed but we always must be cautious of unproven results.

Sources

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