

The World Ends.... Again!



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Quite a while ago I posted about the movie "Melancholia," a film about the end of the world and how people reacted to the knowledge that not only their lives would end, but also the lives of everyone else on the planet. Recently I watched the film "Seeking a Friend for the End of the World." As the title suggests this is another film about the end of the world. The premise is almost exactly the same; what effect would knowing you and your world will end in a matter of days have upon you. In fact these movies could almost be two episodes of the same movie. "Seeking a Friend for the End of the World" stars Steve Carell as Dodge and Keira Knightly as Penny two individuals traveling together for very different reasons. Dodge is seeking his old high school sweetheart to spend his last days with. Penny just wants to be with her family.

In both films "Melancholia," and "Seeking a Friend for the End of the World," the focus is not on special effects, but upon story and individuals. I believe that "Seeking a Friend for the End of the World" is described as a comedy. I wouldn't say it was a comedy; however it does have a few funny moments. Both characters are realistic and believable. I quickly developed a fondness for them. One of the aspects I found interesting was the world in which these characters found themselves. As the end approached some of the people around them tried to carry on a semblance of normality, right up the end. Some gave in to their baser selves. There were even some who seemed to turn it into a game, hiring assassins and seeing who could kill off whom first. I think it would be interesting to see a series either in the theatre or on TV that focused on different people as they face the world's end. I imagine there are a number of different stories that could be told. Some would be as somber and dark as "Melancholia," some would be touching, some might even be funny. I would like to close this post with the same words I used for "Melancholia" with only the title changed.

I'm not sure how to describe "Seeking a Friend for the End of the World." It's a movie about the end of the world, yes, but.... it's not.

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