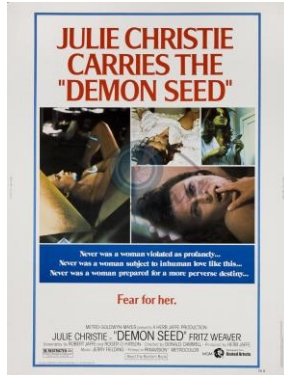


Short Review: “Demon Seed” (1977) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Demon Seed (1977). M-G-M, 95 min. Director: Donald Cammell. Producer: Herb Jaffe.

Screenwriters: Robert Jaffe and Roger O. Hirson. Cast: Julie Christie, Fritz Weaver, Gerrit Graham, Berry Kroeger, Lisa Lu, and Larry Blake.

Phase IV, the supercomputer creation of Fritz Weaver, wants to have a baby with the mad doctor's estranged wife (Christie), and who wouldn't! The horny adding machine locks her away in a completely automated house, while Weaver and his associates attempt to unplug it before the unholy act is consummated. Overly melodramatic, this film was a throwback to the Sixties when super computers like Hal-9000 and Colossus were perceived as evil. Julie Christie is as beautiful and sexy as she was ten years earlier in “Fahrenheit 451” (1966). If you must watch “Demon Seed,” turn the volume off, and fast forward to the parts that feature Christie.

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