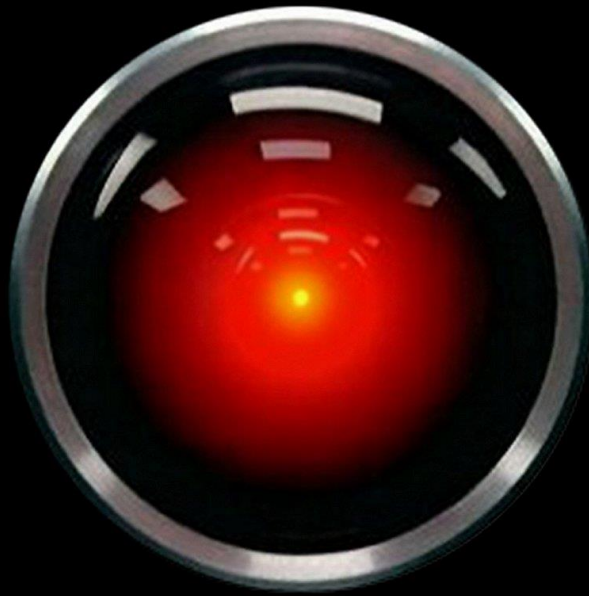


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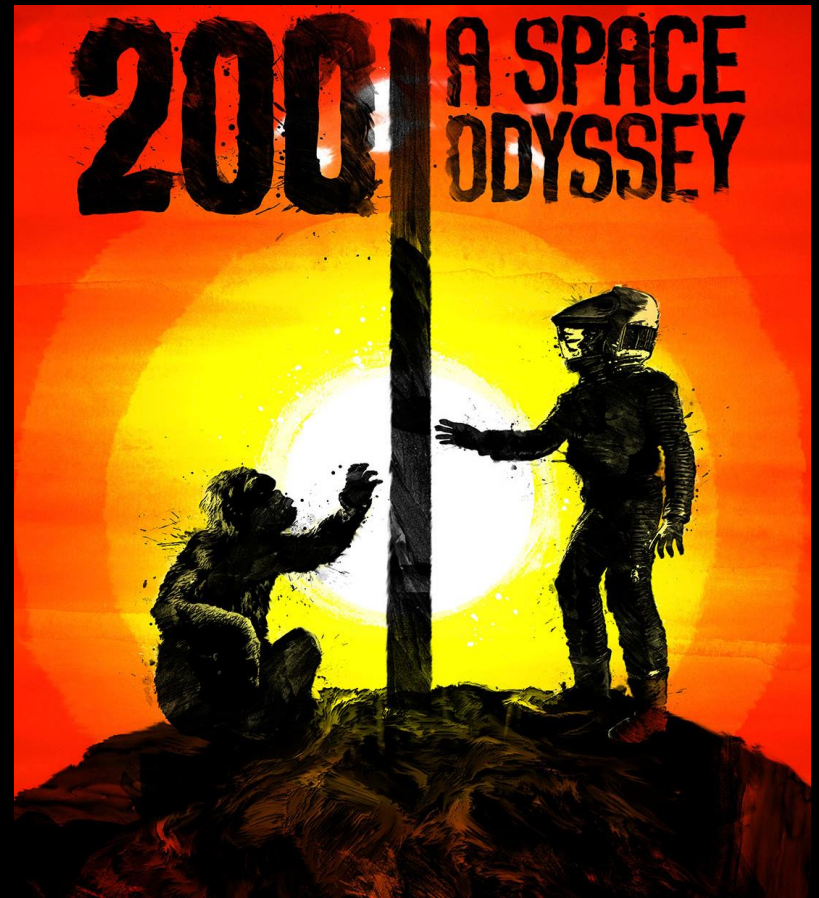
Space Epic

- Released 1969
- Directed by Stanley Kubrick
- Written by Arthur Clarke
- Genre: Space Epic
- Summary
 - *Beginning at the dawn of man, spanning millions of years, and reaching to the edges of the universe, the story follows a voyage to Jupiter with the sentient computer HAL 9000 after the discovery of a mysterious black monolith that may have had a hand in human evolution*



Space Epic

- Themes:
 - Origins of Humanity
 - Nature of Consciousness
 - Limits of both Science and Human Wisdom
 - Our Beginning as the End



Plot

1. Extraordinary journey of great danger
2. Journey spans years, decades, or more
3. Otherworldly forces
 - a. Gods
 - b. Monsters
 - c. Angels
 - d. Aliens
4. Attempts to explain or unlock ancient mysteries of existence
 - a. Cultural Heritage
 - b. Historic Origins
 - c. Universal Order
 - d. Religious Dogma



Setting

Sweeping Scope

Spans not only geographical space but often cosmological space

1. Across land or sea
2. Into the underworld or afterlife
3. Through space or time



Characters

Centers around hero of mythic stature

1. Courageously goes into the unknown
2. Often partially divine
3. Or protected by divine power(s)
4. Accomplishes feats no real human could
 - Completes what others can only attempt



Tone

1. Elevated Form

- Grand in scale and scope

2. Highly Stylized

- Clean, sleek, and simple in design, language, or performance—think Apple Store or IKEA

3. Religious Imagery

4. Elements of Mystery



9 Questions to Answer

1. What is early man like before the monolith?
2. How does early man change after the monolith?
3. What does this suggest about the impact of the monolith?
4. Where has the monolith come from?
5. What does this suggest about us?
6. Why does Kubrick juxtapose the tossed bone with the rotating space station?
7. Why might the discovery of the 4m year old monolith on the moon upturn both science and religion?
8. What suggests HAL might possess genuine consciousness rather than simple programming?
9. What is Dave's ultimate fate and what does it represent?