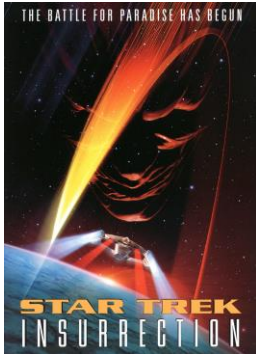


Short Review: “Star Trek: Insurrection” (1998) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Star Trek: Insurrection (1998). Paramount Pictures, color, 103 min. Director: Jonathan Frakes. Writers: Gene Roddenberry, Rick Berman, etc. Producer: Rick Berman. Cast: Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes, Brent Spiner, and Marina Sirtis.

Captain Pickard (Stewart) and crew are back to save Lieutenant Data (Spiner), who is having a problem, and the peaceful inhabitants of the planet Ba’ku, who are living as one with the planet and have amazingly long lives. Pickard discovers that there is a plot afoot to seize the planet by certain unscrupulous people in the Federation in this ninth entry in the politically-correct film series. He and the crew decide to revolt and protect the good people. While the plot leaves more loose threads than a summer camp potholder made by an 8-year-old, the idea of Captain Pickard as a rebel is, at least, something out of the ordinary, as well as Data being out of control. The film seemed more like an extended episode from the television series than a fully-realized motion picture.

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