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Friday Night Frights: The Man With X ray Eyes

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1963's *The Man With The X-Ray Eyes* is the story of Dr. James Xavier. Dr. Xavier has created a formula that gives it's users X-ray vision. Unfortunately it immediately killed the monkey on which he was testing (sorry PETA!). Exercising the only logical option, he immediately proceeds to test it on himself, reasoning that the monkey only died because his brain couldn't process what his eyes were seeing.

Seeing his research as a waste of time, the foundation that was bankrolling his project pulled his grant, leaving him unable to continue his research. Able to see through skin, Dr. Xavier saves a young girl's life who, misdiagnosed by her doctor, was undergoing surgery. Facing malpractice charges, Xavier's life starts spiraling out of control and he flees to a carnival, where, with the assistance of Don Rickles as a sideshow barker, he begins a new life as a "mind reader." Things go downhill for the fugitive Xavier there and the final scene is an absolutely classic moment.

I love a good Roger Corman movie! Appropriately released on the Cheesy Flicks label, this 1963 B movie is as cheesy as they come! using a psychedelic tunnel effect for Dr. Xavier's vision, Corman takes us through his life as he slowly slides into madness due to his discovery. My favorite moment is when, at a party, the x-ray kicks in and we are treated to a long montage of people's bare shoulders and legs as the good Doctor is watching everyone doing the twist sans clothes. Very funny stuff you would have to see to fully appreciate.

The acting is suprisingly good for a B movie. Oscar winning Ray Milland was excellent as Dr. James Xavier. Don Rickles is very much in his element as the con man Crane and in a nice suprise cameo, longtime Corman regular, Dick Miller even makes an appearance.

The dvd is a good transfer, there are no extras but short of a commentary track from Corman, I couldn't think of any that would be beneficial to the release. I do think it is worth pointing out the cover on this one, I absolutely hated it. It does not do the film transfer justice and looks like a quick photoshop job to me. With a suggested retail price of only \$12.95, this is a good inexpensive pick up for the '60s B movie fans on the site.

Unfortunately, when browsing over the list of new releases, many will overlook this Corman classic in favor of the latest slasher or psychological thriller. What they are missing out on is a classic horror movie from the king of the B movies, Roger Corman. Even if you are not a huge Roger Corman fan, you should consider at least renting this one and checking it out. It is a fun original story that I enjoyed watching again.

To switch for *The Man With X-ray Eyes*, or to purchase it from Amazon.com, click [Here](#)

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