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The movie Contagion (*Contagion*, 2011) is the creation of an experienced director Steven Soderbergh. He is the person who exhibited his mastery in this thrilling movie. The Contagion appeared on the screen in 2011 and it was an American action thriller which is the favorite genre of the American society. The cast has notable names of the film industry such as the Marion Cotillard, Bryan Cranston, Matt Damon, Laurence Fishburn as the lead characters. It is an excellent contribution by Steven in the health industry as it unveiled the new forthcoming risks in society.

In this movie Contagion, a sense of uncertainty and fear is exhibited in a society where people are dying from an unknown disease. It is the virus which is fatal and killing numerous people ruthlessly. The Nipah virus is the inflammation of the brain and the respiratory system altogether which is notorious for its deadly effects. Moreover, this virus is the reflection that how globalization has marked the easy movement of diseases in the world.

The most significant mise-en-scene in this film is about the cruelty of Nipah when Beth unites with her family at the kitchen. A coffee mug appears on the screen, and the next shot is all about the dead and pale face of Beth as the virus takes her life. So, this mise-en-scene plays a central role in the movie.

Moreover, the editing of the entire film Contagion is done in a way that it shows the expertise of Stephen Mirrione who is the academy award winner. He is a person who rightly edited and incorporated the elements of sounds, décor, rear projection, and lights. Besides, the low-key lights in the scenes remained the central focus of this film.

Finally, the sequence of the film is the reflection of Steven Soderbergh elaborate the story through the lives of different actors in the movie and some causal interactions with other people. Varied hospital scenes explain the severity of this virus and anxiety of the people in all subsequent shots. Thus, this fiction retains the element of thrill throughout the film.

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