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# Orb: On the Movements of the Earth

An ode to the wonders of human curiosity

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Picture a world where defying conventional beliefs could cost you your life if you are caught by the inquisitors. Claiming a simple fact – like the earth revolves around the sun – could brand you a heretic and lead to your execution. However, even amidst the turmoil, a handful of bold visionaries emerge who dare to challenge prevailing narratives. The story of *Orb: On the Movements of the Earth* is set in this very harrowing era of sixteenth-century Europe in an imaginary nation called “P”.

The anime starts off with 13-year-old Rafal set to pursue theological studies at university despite his young age, though his true curiosity lies in astronomy. He eventually crosses paths with Hubert, a heretic pretending to have renounced his works on heliocentrism – an astronomical model that posits that all the planets, including the Earth, orbit around the Sun.

Through the lens of astronomical exploration, the world of *Orb* focuses on humans’ inherent curiosity for exploring



the unknown and the unwavering quest for truth, despite knowing that they have to pay the ultimate price for it. The thoughtfully portrayed main characters are driven by their own personal motivations, and each of them has a separate story to tell.

Produced by Madhouse, this 25-episode anime is a direct adaptation of mangaka Uoto’s 2020 manga of the same name. The show’s stellar animation offers exquisite starry nightscapes, revealing the vastness of the cosmos. The anime also subtly touches issues surrounding scholarly ethics, such as authorship of research or giving due credit

to the contributor. More importantly, it also sheds light on the hurdles women used to face when they tried to enter academia as well as the oppression they were subjected to for having unorthodox views.

*Orb* is not just an anime about astronomy and faith, and setting them at odds. It’s about all the fearless, curious minds who dare to challenge the norms and seek the truth relentlessly. It’s an ode to the sacrifice of all the unsung heroes who have dared to be sceptical and contributed to the progress of humanity.



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