

66 WE MADE THE SKY A PROTECTED CEILING. AND YET THEY ARE TURNING AWAY FROM OUR SIGNS. 99

(Quran 21: 32)

"HAVE THEY NOT LOOKED AT THE HEAVEN ABOVE THEM-HOW WE STRUCTURED IT AND ADORNED IT AND [HOW] IT HAS NO RIFTS? "

(QURAN 50: 6)

THE SKY PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN PROTECTING THE EARTH FROM THE LETHAL RAYS OF THE SUN. IF THE SKY DID NOT EXIST THEN THE SUN'S RADIATION WOULD HAVE KILLED OFF ALL LIFE ON EARTH. IT ALSO ACTS LIKE A BLANKET WRAPPED AROUND THE EARTH TO PROTECT IT FROM THE FREEZING COLD OF SPACE. THE SKY ALSO PROTECTS LIFE ON EARTH BY WARMING THE SURFACE THROUGH HEAT RETENTION (GREENHOUSE EFFECT) AND REDUCING TEMPERATURE EXTREMES BETWEEN DAY AND NIGHT. THESE ARE SOME OF THE MANY PROTECTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE SKY.

