

Shaykh Ḥamūd al-Tuwayjurī (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) on Moon Landings and the Claims of the Astronomers

INTRODUCTION

All praise is due to Allāh, Lord of the World and may peace and blessings be upon His Messengers, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and the last and final of them Muḥammad. Before we come to the speech of Shaykh Ḥamūd al-Tuwayjurī (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) from his interesting work, “*Targeted Lightning-Bolts Upon the Followers of the New Astronomy*”¹ some background is necessary in order to provide some important historical perspective.

Due to the vastness and grandeur of the sky which naturally draws fascination, instills awe and intimidates the observer, ancient civilizations promoted what they saw of the heavenly bodies to the status of deities. They developed religions around these concocted deities, chief of which was the Sun. Worship of the Sun, Moon and stars featured heavily in ancient mystery religions. In **Babylon** and the **Greco-Roman** empires, the Sun, the planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn were all associated with deities.

Astronomy (the study of the positions and motions of the stars), **astrology** (belief in the influence of the heavenly bodies upon events on Earth) and **magic** (ritual acts performed to affect living and non-

¹ *Al-ṣawā'iq al-Sadīdah 'alā Atbā' al-Hay'ah al-Jadīdah*, written in 1387H and published in 1388H, corresponding to 1968CE.

living things) were tightly connected in these ancient religions and formed a system of life.² Beliefs about the stars dominated all aspects of ancient human culture. **Babylon** was a centre of such astrological and astronomical learning and **Nimrod**, an arrogant tyrant attempting to reach the heavens³ with whom Abraham (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) argued,⁴ became part of a sun-worshipping myth after his death in a mother-son-sun-god relationship. This myth was woven into the religious beliefs of many other civilizations and cultures thereafter⁵, especially in **Egypt** which became a transmission point for this idea to other civilizations such as the Greeks.

Today, ideas inspired by those ancient mystery religions centuries later such as the belief in **alien life**, **multiple inhabited worlds**, and **distant space-travel** continue to be promoted by writers,⁶ academics, scientists and NASA.⁷ This latter organization is a primary purveyor

² The people of Abraham (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) worshipped the celestial bodies and erected edifices and idols for their veneration for which Abraham (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) reproached them. Refer to Sūrah al-An‘ām (6:74-83).

³ Pharaoh also tried to reach the heavens in an act of arrogant defiance, “**And Pharaoh said, ‘O eminent ones, I have not known you to have a god other than me. Then ignite for me, O Haman, [a fire] upon the clay and make for me a tower that I may look at the God of Moses. And indeed, I do think he is among the liars’.**” (28:38). Just as the arrogants of old attempted to surpass the heavens as a means of demonstrating their authority and non-existence of the Creator and were unable, today’s arrogants are also trying to achieve the same, except that they have in their hands the devices of technological and media fakery by which they deceive mankind.

⁴ Refer to al-Baqarah (2:258).

⁵ The original trinity of **Nimrud** (sun-god), **Semiramus** (mother), **Tammuz** (the son) was incorporated into the belief-systems of many religions. This includes Christianity (Catholicism) which is a pagan rendering of the figure of Jesus (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) and his mother. An Egyptian pagan-astrology centered around **Osiris**, **Isis** and **Horus** was also derived from the Nimrud myth.

⁶ Such as **Herbet G. Wells** and **Arthur C. Clarke** who are from a number of science-fiction writers who put ideas of aliens and space travel into the public imagination. Hollywood plays an instrumental role in cultivating these ideas in the minds of the public through science-fiction propaganda.

⁷ The founder of this organization is the occultist **John Whiteside Parsons** (1914-1952), a believer, practitioner of magic and subscriber to the ideas of

of the **Big Bang Cosmic Evolution religion**: a series of conjectures, undetectable elements and mystical forces⁸ patched together to create a mystery-religion of how the universe began out of nothing.⁹

the satan-worshipping **Aleister Crowley** who was inspired by Egyptian mystery-religion magic. He set up Jet Propulsion Laboratory in 1943 which eventually morphed into NASA. The most significant set of missions by NASA (which allegedly took men to the moon) were named after Apollo, the Greek and Roman sun-god.

⁸ In continued attempts to prop up their religion of Scientism, these religious fundamentalists [whose declaration of faith is **nothing creates something => something creates itself**] invent non-existing entities and forces. Thereafter, they perform ritual acts of magic (experiments) to try and detect these mystical elements and forces. They fool the people into believing that they are acquiring a greater understanding of reality through their acts of magic. Examples of what they pull from their posteriors when their fairy-tale claims do not match observed reality include: dark matter, dark energy, black holes, singularities, event horizons, wimps, the mond, the macho, neutron stars, gravitational collapse, gravitons, gravity waves, quantum gravity and so on. The general public are not aware that these scientists are no more than mystics gazing into their crystal ball to help them generate ideas about the next fabrication they can unleash on the masses to keep convincing them that they, the priest-scientists, know everything and can never be wrong, be biased or have ulterior motives, and thus should continue to be funded. Pull the rug from underneath their religion by exposing its assumptive and conjectural foundations and bang goes their profession and livelihood. A lot is at stake for a religion founded on the belief that nothing creates something.

⁹ Reflect upon the words of the religious fundamentalist nutter Richard Dawkins whilst attempting to convince a wary audience in Australia of the central pillar of his religion that nothing creates something. He says, “The **‘nothing’** that Lawrence Krauss is talking about, whether it is what a naive person would conceive as ‘nothing’ or what a sophisticated physicist would consider to be ‘nothing’ is going to be **something** much much simpler than a creative intelligence...”, “**something** pretty mysterious had to give rise to the origin of the universe...”, “you can dispute exactly what is meant by nothing but whatever it is, **its very very simple...**” In his debate with George Pell (10th April 2014). This is the central, core, underlying sophistry that underlies the entirety of the atheist religion. In other words, “*First grant me the miraculous belief that nothing creates something from pure nothingness (which is really ‘something’ that is ‘very, very simple’) and I will be able to explain the rest to you (in the form of cosmic evolution, geological evolution and then human evolution).*” You see the crux of the matter is this: Is it more

This assortment of conjecture and mystery is then packaged as fact and fed to an uninformed, unsuspecting public causing them to distrust and suspend their own physical senses and faculties of reason. They become willing blind followers of white-coat wizards and priests of the religion of Scientism.¹⁰ The primary objective of NASA is revealed by its fake Apollo moon landing missions of the late 1960s which were cleverly filmed in studios with the help of expert screen producers.¹¹ It is to deceive the masses into believing that man is not alone, nor significant, special or privileged. That man can escape the Earth, traverse space and conquer and inhabit other planets. That there is alien life and that he can communicate with and meet extra-terrestrial beings who, like him, emerged from cosmic evolution through Darwinian non-directed, random chance-events. That through discoveries of nature and illumination, he will eventually unravel the secrets of the cosmos and attain divinity and eternal life. This is **science-fiction** and the mere propagation of a

rational to believe that nothing creates something or that a creator is required to create something? What is deeply embedded in the human instinct from birth? What does the sum of all human experience in industrial and technological enterprise inform us? The answer is obvious. **“Is He who creates like one who does not create? Will you not be reminded?”** (16:17).

¹⁰ **Scientism** is an ideology whose central tenet is the philosophical view that only the mechanisms of science can render truths about the world. It is an exaggerated trust in the efficiency of science. Instead of considering the scientific method as only one mode of reaching knowledge, in scientism science is considered the absolute and only justifiable access to truth. Atheists go as far as to claim that science can even render truth in matters of morality. As science is a tool, a process, it is only as good as the assumptions it rests upon, indicating that it is subjective and can be subverted by its practitioner for personal interests. One can simply search for “science fraud in research” and learn more about this alleged exclusive truth-reaching capacity of science.

¹¹ No man or machine has ever touched the surface of the moon. In fact no man has ever left “low-Earth orbit.” It is not possible, in 2015, to continue believing that the Apollo missions took men to the moon except as an ignorant, wishful-thinking, oblivious blind-follower. The evidence for the Apollo hoax is scientific and empirical in nature, is plentiful and can be found and examined with the least amount of effort.

modern-day mystery-religion inspired by Satan, the one who said, “O Adam! Shall I lead you to the tree of eternity and to a kingdom that will never waste away?” (20:120). Satan promises the acquisition of eternal life through realisation of ‘occult knowledge’ which Allāh, the Creator, allegedly withheld from mankind by prohibiting Ādam (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) from taking from the tree, “Your Lord did not forbid you this tree save you should become angels or become of the immortals.” (7:20).

The **Hermetica** were a series of writings of ancient Egyptian magic, astronomy and astrology in which the ultimate goal, immortality, is pursued by the scientific study of nature through which increasing, successive levels of illumination are acquired. Translations of these writings spread in the 15th and 16th centuries in Europe amongst the educated elite¹² and were in fact behind what is referred to today as the *Scientific Revolution*. The Sun’s centrality and divinity was a core belief in this occult magical system. The **Copernican solar system model**¹³ which is the basis from which these modern ideas [of a non-privileged Earth, existence of aliens and space travel] emanate

¹² The major figures which were responsible for the new astronomy were occultists and alchemists. This includes **Isaac Newton** (1643-1727) who was a hardcore alchemist and wrote over a million words on the subject. His idea of universal gravity comes from the Hermetic principle that all things in the universe emanate from a singularity known as “the one” (a divine realm) and remain connected with each other through a certain unseeable influential force. Thus all bodies have attraction and repulsion by virtue of their mass (an occult concept) and the universe is one inseparable whole. This sounds very similar to the Big Bang religion which relies entirely upon the concept of gravity. Since the concept of gravity in itself fails to explain the observations, Big-Bang mystery-religion fundamentalists invoke more and more mysterious forces and elements such as dark matter, dark energy, gravity waves, gravity particles (gravitons) and so on in order to perform their witchcraft on the public mind.

¹³ When presenting a diagram of the solar system on page 31 of his book, ‘*On the Revolutions of Celestial Spheres*,’ Nicolaus Copernicus makes a reference to **Hermes Trismegistus** (an occultist from ancient Egypt said to be the author of the Hermetica), citing him as saying the Sun is the “visible god” of the universe.

was championed and made popular by the Hermetic occultist, solar-magician, **Giordano Bruno** (1548-1600). In his 1584 work, *On the Infinite Universe and the Worlds*,¹⁴ Bruno claimed that space is infinite, all stars are suns like our own, that these suns are huge in size but only appear small because they are very remote and that they also have planets orbiting them with life just like on Earth.¹⁵

Contemporary astronomers believing in aliens with views similar to those of Bruno utilize technology [as a magical art form and modern form of alchemy¹⁶] to deceive the masses into believing their fairy-tale, mythical stories - just as the priests and wizards of old played with the minds of the gullible and uninformed through alchemy, magic tricks, deception, advanced knowledge of mechanisms¹⁷ and the use of clear fakery.¹⁸ Having failed to return to the Moon in forty or so years, the next fairy-tale they are currently preparing for mankind is an alleged future human landing and exploration on Mars. A helping-hand from Hollywood is always available, indicating the absence of any demarcating line between fact and screen-fiction.¹⁹ One of the ways in which NASA deceives nations is through joint space missions whereby astronauts from other countries are trained and then only ever taken to **low-Earth orbit** (as going beyond it is not possible). The astronauts reach a height in the atmosphere where the darkness of space is visible and they experience the

¹⁴ A translation of this book was published by Dorothea Waley Singer within her work titled *Giordano Bruno, His Life and Thought* (Schuman, 1950). Another translation by Scott Gosnell was published more recently in 2014.

¹⁵ Refer to the excellent work by Frances Yates titled, "*On Giordano Bruno and the Hermetic Tradition*" (Chicago University Press, 1964).

¹⁶ Alchemy is a mystical occult science.

¹⁷ Such as claiming to blot out the light of the sun (through advanced knowledge of solar eclipse timings). Priests could use this to manipulate the ignorant masses into surrendering wealth and giving blind servitude so that the sun is restored again and death and destruction caused by its absence such as crop failure is averted.

¹⁸ For example, refer to: https://youtube.com/watch?v=lgKH0v_9BPw.

¹⁹ Hollywood (like NASA) is another tool of fakery and make-believe. Both are used to undermine the rubūbiyyah of Allāh (ﷻ) through science-fiction and make-believe.

excitement of being in space. These low-level missions (as well as the verifiable correctness of a lot of scientific information they present to the public) are used to gain credibility for the staged hoaxes whose propagation as factual reality [as a means to support the **Hermetic Big Bang Cosmic Evolution mystery-religion** and challenge the *rubūbiyyah* of Allāh] is the true and real objective. **The reader should note in all seriousness the following:** The moment you start believing these people in some of their grand claims which they pretend are being confirmed by their alleged missions,²⁰ then following these claims to their logical conclusions would require you to reject the Qur’ān as untruthful (which is *takdhīb*). For example, in the Qur’ān, the phenomena of night and day is caused by the motion of the sun and not the axial rotation of the Earth. The Earth is stationary as evidenced by sensory perception, reason and empirical evidence.²¹ If you accept the computer generated fakery²² of the

²⁰ To make it clear, many low-level missions may provide correct scientific knowledge and accord with reality. These lend credibility to the large-scale calculated deceptions which are carried out to support a world-view founded on atheism and rejection of Allāh’s *rubūbiyyah*.

²¹ No single experiment ever conducted has proven the Earth’s motion. This is a statement of fact. You can laugh assuredly at blind-following atheists who believe otherwise, since this can be demonstrated. Refer to the statements of scientists quoted further below in the notes. The moment you start asking these people to mention the experiments conducted to prove Earth’s motion and to reveal any and all hidden assumptions made, you will see that there is no scientific method at play in reality. They will reveal they are no more than blind-followers having faith that what the institutions and white-coat priests have told them is true.

²² The alleged rotation of the Earth is shown through an animation “created from images” taken by the Galileo spacecraft during a close pass of the Earth on 11th-12th December 1990. This is nothing but computer generated (manipulated) animations and not actual video footage. Prior video footage of the Earth from outer-space during the Apollo missions has also been proven to be fake, conclusively. Today, the system of fakery has reached an art-form with the advancement of technology and computer software. It is becoming increasingly difficult to distinguish between real-life visual fact and screen-fiction make-believe. By way of example, a recent offering which can be viewed here [<https://vimeo.com/32001208>] is no more than a series of low altitude photographs stitched together in software with added

Earth's rotation as provided by NASA to be genuine, you are required to make *takdhīb* of the Qur'ān with no escape. Likewise, if you accept the mathematical fakery used to construct the sun-centric solar system as being grounded in reality, you again will be forced to make *takdhīb* of the Qur'ān.²³ It is within this context that I present some extremely pertinent and beneficial words from Shaykh Ḥamūd bin 'Abdullāh al-Tuwayjurī. They were written almost 50 years ago and nicely bring things back down to Earth.²⁴

computer--generated effects to simulate sunrises, lightning and aurora effects. It looks impressive, but it is not live, uncut, unprocessed footage. This footage is acknowledged to be a manipulated "time-lapse sequence of *photographs*" instead of uncut recorded video footage. This establishes that no uncut recorded video footage of the Earth at such altitude exists at all despite it being very easy for live video footage to be recorded with a simple camcorder and shown to the public. Instead, it is computer generated fakery.

²³ A closer look at the maths equations behind the gravitational explanation of the orbit of planets reveals that the mass of each planet is cancelled out such that it is not even accounted for in explaining its attraction to the sun and therefore its orbit. This means that the maths has been rigged in order to prove a central location for the sun. This does not mean that the other planets may not be orbiting the sun, but that the maths has been designed to ensure the sun has a central position no matter what. Given that the *Scientific Revolution* was made on the back of Hermetic occult teachings in which the sun is the *visible god* of the sky, this is not surprising. What we are dealing with in reality is a religion founded on belief in "nothing" that created "something" by "the expansion of nothing" eventually leading to a sun-centric (solar diety) system all based on conjecture, illusion and assumption versus a religion founded on belief in a Creator who placed a privileged Earth in the centre of His creation which is clearly evident through sensory perception. The latter is founded on observed reality, reason and revelation. The former is founded on belief in illusions, distrust of the physical senses (a sign of madness) and assumptions and conjectures.

²⁴ These words are taken from a book written by the Shaykh in refutation of a person attempting to refute Shaykh 'Abd al-'Azīz Bin Bāz who wrote a treatise affirming a moving Sun and stationary Earth. No single experiment in history has proven motion for the Earth as is readily acknowledged by the great scientists of the 20th century.

SHAYKH ḤAMŪD AL-TUWAYJURĪ WRITING IN 1968 ON THE ALLEGED LUNA 9 MOON LANDING OF 1966

Shaykh Ḥamūd al-Tuwayjurī (رحمته الله) wrote in 1388H (1968), “What has been claimed by the enemies of Allāh the Exalted of Luna 9²⁵ reaching the Moon and landing on its surface and transmitting telegraphic images to the Earth is all a lie and deceiving of the foolish. The affair of these liars is similar to what has been said about their predecessors.²⁶ How are the enemies of Allāh and their

²⁵ Luna 9 was a spacecraft from the Russian space program and allegedly made a soft landing on the Moon on 3rd February 1966.

²⁶ The astronomers have propagated many lies throughout history because their studies are never devoid of assumption and conjecture. From their recent claims rejected by the physical senses is that the earth spins on its axis at 1,038 mph around the equator, 67,000 mph in its orbit around the Sun, 470,000 mph around the galaxy and 1,340,000 mph as a result of the alleged Big Bang expansion, giving a combined speed of almost 1.9 million miles per hour. No single experiment in history has proven that the Earth moves. Rather, the physical senses, consistent unchanging star rotation patterns over thousand of years and reason and revelation all establish that the Earth is stationary. The **astrolobe** works today as it did 2000 years ago. Experiments conducted in the late 19th and early 20th centuries failed to detect motion for the Earth. If one researches the **Michelson-Morley**, **Michelson-Gale**, **George Sagnac** and **George Airy** experiments within their proper historical context and sees beyond the attempted distortion of what these experiments really meant, the huge problem they posed to astronomers who were desperately trying to validate the Copernican heliocentric model will become clear. Confirming this, the famous physicist **Wolfgang Ernst Pauli** (1900 - 1958) wrote in his 1921 book *Theory of Relativity* (Dover Publications, 2003) whilst referring to these experiments, “The failure of many attempts to measure terrestrially any effects of the earth’s motion...” (p. 4) and two pages earlier, “...as well as to interpret the other experiments which had not succeeded in showing the influence of the earth’s motion on the phenomena in question.” (p.2). **Henry Poincare** (1854 - 1912), famous French theoretical physicist also noted in his 1901 book, *Science and Hypotheses* (Flammarion, 1968), “A great deal of research has been carried out concerning the influence of the Earth’s movement. The results were always negative.” (p. 182). **Lincoln Barnett** (1909 - 1979) wrote on p. 63 in *The Universe and Dr. Einstein* (with a forward by Einstein himself), “for we cannot feel our motion through space; nor has any physical

machines able to reach the moon when it is [remote] in the sky as textually stated in the Qur'ān...²⁷

experiment ever proved that the earth actually is in motion.” (Camelot Press, UK, 1949). This is the main reason why hard, empirical physics was replaced by theoretical, speculative physics with the appearance of **Albert Einstein** in the early 20th century with his relativity (which does away with an absolute [stationary] reference frame for the observed motion of the Sun, Moon and stars). His main achievement has been to create confusion through nonsensical, impossible concepts (space-time curvature) and mathematical fairy-tales which have hindered genuine investigation based on hard, empirical physics and a stationary earth to which all evidence had thus far pointed. The late 19th and early 20th centuries were a very critical and controversial time for cosmology and astronomy because of the confusion created by the lack of detection of Earth's motion. For his role, Einstein was made a hero and paraded as a genius for his tricks of the mind to obfuscate the implications of hard, empirical physical experiments. Einstein eventually casted doubt over his own ideas towards the end of his life. This fact is kept hidden from public view by the religious fundamentalists of the Big Bang Cosmology religion. Today cosmologists are in crisis and utterly, bewildered, not knowing their knees from their elbows. Some of them readily admit it. The reason is that at the expense of rejecting what those empirical experiments were showing [that the Hermetic Copernican sun-religion is false] they decided to go into fairy-tale land (theoretical-physics) which has hindered them from true progress. The true scientists of the last century were people like **Nikola Tesla** who mocked these people like Einstein and pointed out the fallacious nature of their ideas upon which modern cosmology is built.

²⁷ Shaykh 'Abd al-'Azīz bin Bāz wrote a small risālah titled, “*Al-Adillah al-Naqliyyah wal-Ḥissiyyah 'alā Imkān al-Ṣu'ūd ilā al-Kawākib*” in which he broadly establishes the following: **a)** There is no evidence in the Qur'ān or Sunnah which states the impossibility of reaching the moon or the stars. [This is *keeping in mind* that the moon is much closer to the Earth than the alleged 238 thousand miles, that the Sun is not 93 million miles away from the Earth and that the stars are not billions of light years away as claimed by the modern-day astronomers. Thus, assuming the great distance claims made by the astronomers, this explanation of Ibn Baz may not actually be applicable based on their claims. Exposing the conjectural nature of these alleged distances and the flaws and unproven assumptions in the methods used to calculate them is outside the scope of this article]. **b)** Any claims made by the disbelievers must not be affirmed or rejected except after full investigation and scrutiny. **c)** It is not possible to travel into and beyond the constructed heavens (*al-samāwāt al-mabniyah*) as they are protected and

Perhaps when their space shuttle falls into the ocean or some unknown location on the land and they do not know where it has gone, the enemies of Allāh say it has gone to the moon and landed on its surface.²⁸ Indeed, more than one fallen space shuttle of theirs has been found. And the images they claim have been sent to them, there is no doubt that they are fabricated by them and manufactured by their own hands, for they are known for fabrications and great lies, both in the past and present.²⁹ The scholars have mentioned a great deal about them [in this regard]. None is deceived by the

have guarded gateways. This includes the lowest heaven. The Sun, Moon and stars are all within and beneath the first constructed (solid) heaven which cannot be passed. It is referred to as a *binā'*, a dome-like construction as indicated in the explanation of Sūrah al-Baqarah (2:22) and Sūrah al-Ghāfir (40:64) by Ibn Mas'ūd (رضي الله عنه) and other Companions. These heavenly bodies (Sun, Moon, stars) all rotate around the Earth, moving uniformly across the sky. This arrangement of the Sun, Moon and stars provides numerous measurements of time (days, months, years), navigational aids for travel and beautification and protection of the upper sky.

²⁸ This remark is very interesting given the fact that going beyond a certain distance in the atmosphere is not possible due to numerous obstacles that involve extremes of temperature and radiation. Whilst a low-Earth orbit is certainly possible, claims of going further are suspect and many evidences point to this.

²⁹ Today, NASA creates fake photographs of the complete Earth viewed from distant space, fake video footage of the Earth's axial motion, fake photographs of planets and fake footage of the moon passing by the Earth as viewed from its unseen side. They are all computer generated images, not direct photographs. Sometimes, the admission is clearly made in the small print or cleverly worded with subtlety that what is being presented has been created by software from "data." It is suspicious that in 50 years, only two photographs have ever been provided of the complete Earth at a distance by NASA. The newer one in 2015 is acknowledged to be a "composite" (mosaic) computer generated image whilst the earlier one from 1972 came from the Apollo hoax missions. When the admission is actually made, one will see captions showing that NASA "pieced together from satellite data", "stitched together satellite data", "compiled from satellite data", "captured the data used to create these images", "integrated satellite data" and so on. Since the 1970s, technology and software have made amazing advancements and the ability to trick and deceive visually, the essence of magic, has become an art form.

falsehoods of the enemies of Allāh the Exalted, believes in them and is astonished by their fabrications and lies except the deficient in intellect... And from the fabrications and lies of the enemies of Allāh the Exalted in what relates to the Moon is their claim that it is suitable for vegetation and inhabitation.³⁰ Upon this claim they desire to travel to it to build constructions and reside there.³¹ Many of the ignoramuses believe them in these futile claims.

The enemies of Allāh are unable to leave and escape from his Earth from which they were created no matter how technically advanced they become. Their inevitable return [after death] is [to being buried beneath] the earth. Allāh the Exalted said, **“He said, ‘Therein you will live, and therein you will die, and from it you will be brought forth.’”** (7:25). And the Exalted said, **“From the earth We created you, and into it We will return you, and from it We will extract you another time.”** (20:55). And He the Exalted informed that Nūḥ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) said to his people, **“And Allah has caused you to grow from the [dust] of earth. Then He will return you into it and extract you [again] with another extraction.”** (71:17-18). These verses contain a refutation of the one who claims that inhabitation on the moon or other heavenly bodies is possible for the son of Ādam.

Further, Allāh the Exalted has protected the heavenly sky from the devils as has come in many verses of the Qur’ān.³² The Moon is in the

³⁰ By way of example, **William Herschel** (1738 - 1822), the German-born English astronomer, claimed to have evidence of life on the Moon and theorized that other planets had life too with a special emphasis on Mars. After **Giordano Bruno** (1548-1600), most scientists tended to believe in the plurality of civilizations on other celestial bodies.

³¹ How strange that they have not yet inhabited and conquered the Moon, yet are in the process of pretending they are going to put a man on Mars.

³² For example, the saying of Allāh (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ), **“And We have certainly beautified the nearest heaven with stars and have made [from] them what is thrown at the devils and have prepared for them the punishment of the Blaze.”** (67:5) and the statement of the Jinn, **“And we have sought [to reach] the heaven but found it filled with powerful guards and burning flames. And we used to sit therein in positions for hearing, but whoever listens now will**

sky as textually stated in the Qur’ān and is therefore protected from the devils reaching it and settling on its surface, regardless of whether they are the devils amongst Jinn or amongst men. In fact, the devils amongst men are more evil than the devils amongst Jinn. This has come in what is related by Ibn Jarīr [al-Ṭabarī] from Abū Dharr (رضي الله عنه) that the Messenger of Allāh (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, “O Abū Dharr have you sought refuge in Allāh from the evil of the devils amongst the Jinn and men?” He said, “And do the men have devils [amongst them].” He said, “Yes, they are more evil than the devils amongst the Jinn.” If it is then said that the devils [amongst Jinn] have been prevented from listening [in the heaven] and that those desiring to reach the moon are not intended, the answer is that it is said: The prevention of hearing [in the heaven] indicates the prevention of what is greater than it which is construction and inhabitation [in a place that is closer] to the highest company. Those who desire these affairs from the devils amongst men are more worthy of being repelled and distanced than those who wish to listen only.”³³ End of the Shaykh’s words.

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find a burning flame lying in wait for him.” (72:8-9). And also, “Indeed, We have adorned the nearest heaven with an adornment of stars and as protection against every rebellious devil. [So] they may not listen to the exalted assembly [of angels] and are pelted from every side.” (37:6-8).

³³ Refer to the Shaykh’s work which is almost 50 years old, *al-ṣawā’iq al-Sadīdah ‘alā Atbā’ al-Hay’ah al-Jadīdah* (1388H), pp. 113-114.