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The sun and our exhibition certainly bring one thing to light: the heavenly bodies play a prominent role in the way we as human beings see and understand the world. We observe the skies, reach for the stars and often rely on celestial bodies for inspiration. They inform our concepts of space and time, and in many cultures the rhythm of life and work is dictated by solar and lunar calendars.

For dealing with the heavenly bodies, we have developed a wide range of cultural practices. Sun-flooded objects from our collections reveal the commonalities as well as differences between cultures. On the one hand the sun is viewed positively, on the other the fiery orb is regarded as dangerous and threatening. Some dynasties see themselves as descendants of the sun. Sun lovers revel in its rays while others hide from its power.

As far as the representation and appropriation of celestial bodies are concerned, there's no limit to human creativity. The sun, moon and stars exert tremendous symbolic power, a fact that political parties and advertising agencies are well aware of.

These are just some of the topics addressed in the exhibition. We invite you to look at the heavenly bodies more closely. It will probably change the way you perceive the world you live in.

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