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- 2:69. They said: Pray to your Lord to make clear to us what her colour should be. He said: He [Allah] says: A yellow cow, pure and rich in colour, pleasing to the beholder.
- 2:70. They said: Pray to your Lord to make clear to us [exactly] what she is, because to us all cows look alike. And surely, if Allah wills, we will be guided.
- 2:71. He said: He [Allah] says: A cow not broken in to till the earth or water the fields; sound and whole, without blemish. They said: Now you have brought the truth. Then they offered her in sacrifice, although they almost failed to do so.
- 2:72. And [remember] when you killed a man and disputed among yourselves concerning [the crime], but Allah brought forth that which you were concealing.
- 2:73. So We said: Strike the [body] with a piece of the [sacrificed cow]. Thus Allah brings the dead to life and shows you His signs, that you may understand.
- 2:74. Then after that, your hearts were hardened, and became like a rock or even harder. For among rocks there are some from which rivers spring forth; others which, when they cleave asunder, send forth water; and others which tumble down for fear of Allah. And Allah is not unaware of what you do.
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That is, remember what happened to you with Moosâ, when you killed a man and disputed amongst yourselves concerning the crime. In other words, you argued as to who killed him, until the matter nearly got out of hand and almost – were it not for Allah guiding you – resulted in great turmoil amongst you. Then Moosâ told you how to find out about the murderer: Slaughter a cow. You should have hastened to obey his orders and should not have objected to them, but you insisted on objecting, and said: «Are you mocking us?». The Prophet of Allah said: «Allah forbid that I should be so ignorant!» The ignorant man is the one who speaks nonsense, in