

قَالُوا ادْعُ لَنَا رَبَّكَ يُبَيِّنْ لَنَا مَا هِيَ إِنَّ الْبَقَرَ تَشَبَهَ عَلَيْنَا

Indeed, [all] cows look alike to us.	what it is.	to make clear to us	They said: Pray for us to your Rabb
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وَأَنَّا إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَمُهْتَدُونَ 70 قَالَ إِنَّهُ يَقُولُ إِنَّهَا بَقَرَةٌ

'It is a cow	He said: Indeed He says,	will surely be those who are guided.	And indeed we, if Allah wills,
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لَا ذَلُولٌ تُثِيرُ الْأَرْضَ وَلَا تَسْقِي الْحَرْثَ مُسَلَّمَةٌ لَا شِيَةَ فِيهَا ط

with no spot upon her.'	one free from fault,	nor to irrigate the field,	to plow the earth	neither trained
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قَالُوا أَلَمْ نَجِئْ بِالْحَقِّ ط وَاللَّيْنِ جِئْتِ بِالْحَقِّ ط وَمَا كَادُوا يَفْعَلُونَ 71

And they were not near to doing (it).	So they slaughtered it,	Now you have come with the truth.	They said:
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Brief Explanation

- ادْعُ لَنَا رَبَّكَ: No respect again! They said: Ask YOUR Rabb! They had no hesitation to keep repeating the demands as if the messenger was their servant.
- يُبَيِّنْ لَنَا مَا هِيَ: As if Allah and His messenger were not clear so far!
- إِنَّ الْبَقَرَ تَشَبَهَ عَلَيْنَا: Allah was asking them for any cow! And they still had this lame excuse. They were not ashamed at all to present such lame excuses, as if Allah and His messenger don't know how to give instructions.
- وَأَنَّا إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَمُهْتَدُونَ: They realized their bad behavior and therefore in the 3rd time they added InshaAllah and لَ and اِنَّ.
- لَا ذَلُولٌ...: Allah described the cow in more details here: It is not trained to plow, it does not water, and it is sound without any blemishes. Simultaneously, He made it tougher for them. If they had listened to the first order, any cow would have fulfilled the requirement. But their questioning made their life tighter. Now, they had to look for a cow which fulfilled 3 color conditions and 3 additional conditions as mentioned here.
- One should therefore not be an extremist when it comes to the matters of Deen.
- أَلَمْ نَجِئْ بِالْحَقِّ...: Again they showed lack of respect; as if he was talking false or joking earlier. Remember their first comment: اَتَّخِذْنَا هُزُؤًا!
- وَمَا كَادُوا يَفْعَلُونَ...: They were not near to doing it. It shows their unwillingness.
- This Surah is named Al-Baqarah. One possible reason for this naming is that in this Surah Allah gave Muslims different commands on how to be a true Khalifah. So, the name should remind us of the story and also remind us not to behave like Bani Israel by avoiding, twisting, or neglecting Allah's orders by coming up with useless excuses and interpretations.

On the authority of Abu Tha'labah al-Kushanee - Jurthoom bin Nashir- that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: Verily Allah has laid down religious obligations (fara'id), so do not neglect them; and He has set limits, so do not overstep them; and He has forbidden some things, so do not violate them; and He has remained silent about some things, out of compassion for you, not forgetfulness — so do not seek after them. (Sunan Baihaqi: 13/10)

Lessons, Du'aas, and Plans

Many lessons, Du'aas, and plans can be derived from these ayaat. Below are some examples.

- Bani Israel kept behaving wrongly with Musa AS.
- Allah kept answering their questions but added more requirements.
- They slaughtered the cow very unwillingly.

Du'a: O Allah! Help me to be patient with people.

Plan: I will try to remember the models of Muhammad ﷺ and Musa AS when people behave badly.

Nouns and Verbs

Plurals of nouns and the six keys of verbs are mentioned below.

Verbs: Practice the six keys of verbs mentioned below with TPI								
Meaning	Name of action	اسم مفعول	اسم فاعل	فعل امر	فعل مضارع	فعل ماض	Root & Code	Rep.
to slaughter	ذَبَحَ	مَذْبُوح	ذَابِح	اِذْبَحْ	يَذْبَحُ	ذَبَحَ	ذ ب ح ف	5
to do	فَعَلَ	مَفْعُول	فَاعِل	اِفْعَلْ	يَفْعَلُ	فَعَلَ	ف ع ل ف	105
to say	قَوْل	مَقُول	قَائِل	قُلْ	يَقُولُ	قَالَ	ق و ل قا	1715
to call	دُعَاء	مَدْعُو	دَاعٍ	اُدْعُ	يَدْعُو	دَعَا	د ع و دع	199
to will	شَيْئ	مَشِيء	شَاءٍ	شَأْ	يَشَاءُ	شَاءَ	ش ي ا خا	236
to train	ذَلَّ	—	ذُلُول	ذَلَّ	يَذِلُّ	ذَلَّ	ذ ل ل ضد	10
to irrigate	سَقَى	مَسْقِي	سَاقٍ	اِسْقِ	يَسْقِي	سَقَى	س ق ي هد	17
to come	جِيئَة	—	جَاءٍ	جِيءْ	يَجِيءُ	جَاءَ	ج ي ا زا	278
to be near	كَوَد	—	—	—	يَكَادُ	كَادَ	ك و د خا	24
to make clear	تَبَيَّنَ	مُبَيَّن	مُبَيِّن	بَيِّنْ	يُبَيِّنُ	بَيَّنَ	ب ي ن أسد+	41
to become look alike	تَشَابَهَ	—	مُتَشَابِه	تَشَابَهْ	يَتَشَابَهُ	تَشَابَهَ	ش ب ه تدا+	10
to be guided	اِهْتَدَاء	مُهْتَدِي	مُهْتَدٍ	اِهْتَدِ	يُهْتَدِي	اِهْتَدَى	ه د ي إخ+	61
to plow	اِثَارَة	مُثَار	مُثِير	اَثِرْ	يُثِيرُ	اَثَرَ	ث و ر أسد+	5
to be free from fault	تَسْلِيم	مُسَلِّم	مُسَلِّم	سَلِّمْ	يُسَلِّمُ	سَلَّمَ	س ل م علا+	12

Nouns		
Meaning	Plural	Singular
cow	بَقَرَات	بَقْرَة
guided	مُهْتَدُونَ، مُهْتَدِينَ	مُهْتَدٍ