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The Opening

Since Islam is supposed to be a religion, let's review the first surah revealed during the Islamic Era to see if we can find something inspirational. The 2nd surah, the Qur'an's longest, should really be the first surah, because the 1st is "**The Prologue**," a sixty-word invocation. Its speaker isn't Allah so it could not have been revealed by god as is alledged. The 1st surah, therefore, doesn't belong in the Qur'an. That would make the 2nd surah, which was the ninetieth received, the first revelation from Allah in Medina, and thus during the Islamic Era. It is called "**The Cow**" in reference to the golden calf sungod idol cast by the faithless Israelites during their Exodus nearly 2,000 years before Islam was invented. Muslim scholars acknowledge that the surah was handed down in pieces over the course of a decade.