

10383 - Who is al-Suyooti?

the question

Who is 'asooyoti'? And what is 'alhawi lil fatwa'? Also a brother says that in Volume 2 under the section masbaha - it is advised to use the beads to count instead of using the fingers? Is this true?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Al-Suyooti is al-Haafiz 'Abd al-Rahmaan ibn al-Kamaal Abi Bakr ibn Muhammad ibn Saabiq al-Deen ibn al-Fakhr ibn 'Uthmaan al-Suyooti. His nickname was Jalaal al-Deen and his patronymic was Abu'l-Fadl. He was born in 849 AH and grew up as an orphan. He memorized the Qur'aan before he was eight years old and was active in seeking knowledge from an early age. He travelled extensively in the pursuit of knowledge, and went to Syria, the Hijaaz, India and the Maghreb (north Africa). He wrote many books on various branches of knowledge, including Tafseer (Qur'aanic commentary), hadeeth, fiqh (jurisprudence), biographies and history. He worked hard in compiling material, and because he collected so much, his books contain saheeh (sound), da'eef (weak) and mawdoo' (fabricated) reports, and both true and false material.

It was said that he wrote nearly 600 books. He died (may Allaah have mercy on him) in 911 AH.

With regard to using the masbahah (beads), please see Question # 3009