

Islam Question & Answer

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10271 - Not doing sujood al-sahw in order to ward off waswaas (insinuating whispers from the Shaytaan)

the question

He always gets confused whilst praying [as to how many rak'ahs he has done]. Should he act on the basis of what he is certain of or what he thinks is most likely? This happens to him a lot, so should he forgo doing sujood al-sahw (prostration of forgetfulness) in order to ward off waswaas (insinuating whispers from the Shaytaan)?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

We put this question to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-'Uthaymeen, may Allaah preserve him, who answered as follows:

He should not pay attention to those doubts and he should not do sujood al-sahw for them, because too many doubts lead to waswaas.