

5457 - Is Al-Rasheed one of the Names of Allaah?

the question

I have come across information conncerning the authenticity of Ar-Rasheed as one of the names of Allaah. However, I am unsure if this is more correct than information I have been given from Ash-Shawkaani's book "tuhfatu-dh dhaakireen". Could you please clarify this for me.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Al-Rasheed is not one of the Names of Allaah, because it was not narrated either in the Quraan or in the Saheeh Sunnah. The Names of Allaah are as they were narrated (with no room for ijtihaad). It is not permissible to call Allaah by any names other than those by which He called Himself or He was called by His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him).

And Allaah knows best.