



13936 - Perfuming oneself with cologne after doing wudu

the question

There has been a great deal of dispute concerning perfuming oneself with cologne. Is it prescribed for the Muslim who has wudu to renew it after using cologne, or to wash off any cologne that has got onto his body?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The perfume which is known as cologne is not free from the substance which is known as alcohol and is an intoxicant, according to medical opinion, so we should not use it, and instead we should use perfumes that are free of that. As for doing wudu after using it, it is not obligatory and there is no need to wash off any of it that gets onto the body, because there is no clear evidence to indicate that it is naajis (impure). And Allah is the Source of strength.