

Islam Question & Answer

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9481 - Can she ask for divorce because he is beating her?

the question

CAN A WIFE OF A FEW MONTHS, AND PREGNANT DIVORCE HER HUSBAND DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE DOESN'T SUPPORT HER IN THE CUSTOM SHE IS USED TO, BEATS HER UP, DOESN'T RESPECT HER, AND REFUSES FOR HER TO GO TO THE MOSQUE TO PRAY, ALL THIS BECAUSE SHE REFUSES TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR HIM TO MARRY AN AMERICAN WOMAN WHO ONLY BECAME MUSLIM RECENTLY AFTER HE WAS MARRIED TO THIS TURKISH WOMAN. HE IS ALSO AN AMERICAN, HE AND THIS OTHER WOMAN HAVE A CHILD OUT OF WEDLOCK.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

A woman has the right to ask for divorce when her husband mistreats her in a way that she cannot stand and cannot bear with patience, or if he falls short in his obligatory spending on her, or if he is someone who indulges in these evil actions - if she thinks that leaving him is in her best interests and will protect her commitment to Islam and her chastity.