

## **10122 - Her husband has left Islam; is she entitled to maintenance during the 'iddah period?**

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### **the question**

I got married to a person who had been a Christian, then he claimed to be a Muslim and started to pray. I lived with him for a while, then he left Islam and stopped praying. I had the marriage declared null and void, and I have started my 'iddah. Am I entitled to maintenance from him during the 'iddah?

### **Detailed answer**

Yes, you are entitled to maintenance during the 'iddah, because the separation happened because of the husband, since he left Islam. Imaam al-Shaafa'i (may Allaah have mercy on him) said in Kitaab al-Umm (vol. 6), "If he - i.e., the husband - becomes an apostate (leaves Islam), he should still spend on her (maintenance) - i.e., the wife - during her 'iddah, because she is not finally divorced until the 'iddah is over."