10004 - Does he have to divorce his wife if she rejects Islam?

the question

should one divorce his wife is she rejects islam

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If your wife is from among the People of the Book – Jewish or Christian – then you do not have to divorce her; you can keep her and this is permissible. But if your wife is a follower of another religion, or has no religion at all, then the very fact of your being Muslim means that you must be separated, because it is not permissible for a Muslim to be married to a mushrikah; if he does that then he is a zaani (fornicator, adulterer) and that is not a (valid) marriage.