

186026 - He withheld from her many details about himself and his family; should she ask for a divorce?

the question

I met my husband at work, we became friends and he had asked me to marry him; although he lived on his own at the time and was not keeping in touch with his parents. The story that he told me was incomplete; he had told us about his abuse as a child although did not advise that his mother also beat up his father, on a regular basis. My parents objected to his parents not being involved in the wedding, although agreed eventually, based on what my husband had told them about the parents being well educated with good careers. My husband kept the details to himself in the fear of my parents not letting him marry me. Also, because of an abusive childhood, my husband got involved in bad habits when he left home at the age of 19 ; to cure his depression he had taken up the hobby of pot smoking. When I met him, I felt bad for him and after much speculation, agreed to marry him on one condition, that he would give up pot smoking.

7 years and two children later, last yr, I find out all details on how his parents and other family is, (that his mother is a sadist) & also discovered that he still smokes up on rare occasions.

This puts me off completely and I am not attracted to him anymore. I discussed this with him in details and when I asked him to promise me not to smoke weed again, he exclaimed that he cannot promise me this.

This breaks my heart, I feel like I was taken advantage of, and was very naive to have believed in him. I regret my decision and think I could have done so much better than him. We don't make a good couple... because of his lifestyle pre-marriage, he is overweight and I find it hard to feel attracted towards him.

Mind you he does pray maghrib at the mosque every now and then.

Please advise if I am crazy for thinking this and should I just move on ignoring this.

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Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

With regard to your husband smoking hashish (weed, pot), or consuming other intoxicants or drugs, this requires a great deal of struggle and advice, and seeking help from good and righteous people, so that he can give up this evil habit. If you find that he responds and is sincere, this is what you want, but if you do not get that response from him, then in that case there is no doubt that you have the right to ask for a divorce and to annul your marriage with him.

But in fact dealing with this matter requires looking at various aspects of your life, including your children if you have children, and what will happen to them after this divorce; will you be able to take care of them and look after them, or not? If you do not have children, then the matter is easier.

You mentioned that he prays. If he prays regularly or he prays most of the time, but he does not pray in the mosque, then even though he has done something reprehensible, there is still hope for him so long as he still prays.

But if he does not pray at all, there is nothing good in him for you and such a person does not deserve to have you stay with him.

See the answer to question no. [47335](#) and [172999](#).

We advise you to fear Allah, may He be glorified and exalted. Fulfilling the rights of Allah and obeying Him, and fulfilling the husband's rights, are among the most important means of solving marital problems. Moreover you should understand that whatever trials befall an individual in his wealth, his family or his child, may stem from himself in the first place: "And whatever of misfortune befalls you, it is because of what your hands have earned" [ash-Shoora 42:30]. So we

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advise you to be patient with your husband whilst continuing to offer sincere advice and praying for him, until Allah sets him straight. Please see the answers to questions no. [9497](#), [142326](#) and [32450](#) for means that will help you to deal with the problems you have mentioned.

If he mends his ways, all well and good; otherwise you can ask for a divorce if you cannot be patient with your husband's annoyances and can no longer carry on living with him, or if you fear for yourself, your religious commitment or your children if you stay with him.