22948 - She is asking about the zakaah on white gold, and about a house that is haunted by the jinn

the question

1 – In shops and gold souqs they sell a metal which is white like silver; some people call it white gold and some call it platinum. Do I have to pay zakaah on it, and is the rate of zakaah on it the same as zakaah on yellow gold?
2 – There is a certain mark that appears on the forehead of some men, which people call the sign of prayer. My husband does not have this mark even though he prays all the prayers regularly in the mosque and is very religious. Is this mark what is referred to by the aayah (interpretation of the meaning): “The mark of them (i.e. of their Faith) is on their faces (foreheads) from the traces of prostration (during prayers)” [al-Fath 48:29]? Why don’t all men get this mark, and why don’t women get it? Does its absence mean anything?
3 – We have been living in a rented apartment for five years, and we have felt and noticed many things that make us think that the apartment is inhabited by jinn. In the last few days I have seen a glass cup in the kitchen, flying and throwing itself against the wall, crashing to the ground in pieces of glass. We don’t know what to do.
4 – I am a Muslim woman and like many others I am filled with grief at what America and the Jews are doing to the Muslims. I do not know what is my duty before Allaah with regard to this matter, and what I can do so that I will be free of blame before Allaah. Is there any specific thing that I should do?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

1 – If it is gold or silver, then zakaah has to be paid on it. To be certain of what it is, you should consult the experts in that field.

2 – This mark does not necessarily appear on the forehead of every person who prays. Rather

people vary in the nature of their skin, and the fact that it appears does not mean that a person is righteous. The well-known view among the mufassireen is that the phrase “The mark of them (i.e. of their Faith) is on their faces” refers to the light of obedience.

3 – You have to read Soorat al-Baqarah in the house once a day for three days.

4 – Strive in making du’aa’ for your brothers there, that Allaah may answer your prayers; and give charity to them as much as you can.