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Dr. Marcella Zinner

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It was a pleasant Thursday afternoon as I stepped into my closet to select something to wear with my meeting with Reverend Marcella Zinner, a long time friend of *New Times Naturally!*, and spiritual and intuitive counselor at the Integrative Medicine and Healing Center in Clearwater, Florida.

At a first glance, a purple blouse caught my eye as a possible underlay, although I quickly talked myself out of it. But the purple blouse kept calling me, and I guess you could say I ultimately had an “intuitive” feeling to wear purple that day.

Of course, I fit right in at Marcella’s office inside the Healing Center; purple was the primary color of her motif! I should also say that the atmosphere of the entire center, as well as Marcella’s office had an incredible aura of safety, compassion, and peace. Marcella was kind enough to sit down with me and discuss a bit about her life and work, and I am delighted to have the honor and opportunity to share some of our conversation with all of our readers.

Marcella was raised in a mainstream background that was quite conservative. She was known for being quite a “precocious” kid, and was not encouraged to talk and express herself. Therefore, she had quite a bit going on in her head, which was exciting to her, but something that others found to be a bit wacky, bizarre, or weird. The fact of the matter however, is that Marcella was already in tune with her intuitive abilities at a very young age. Luckily for her and the entire community that she now shares her talents with, Marcella continued to follow that intuition, instead of let it be stifled by a mainstream society that often discourages individuals from going against the flow.

This determination served Marcella well. She had a near death experience that changed her life forever, and was a single mom working through a series of unfulfilling jobs for around fifteen years. Many of her jobs caused her to be in situations in which she was called upon to compromise her integrity; something Marcella was simply not willing to do. On the bright side, a few of these unfulfilling jobs helped pay part of her way through college, something

Marcella is still deeply grateful for.

I knew before I even met Marcella that we had some things in common. We both have a background in Human Resources, although Marcella’s is much more expansive than mine, and also includes experience as a HR Manager. As a previous Human Resources recruiter, I could not resist asking Marcella if she used her intuition to help her make decisions about whom to hire. Naturally of course, Marcella relied very heavily on her intuition in making hiring decisions, and also used her ability to sense when someone was contemplating quitting their job and leaving the company. “They just look at you a different way,” she said. Believe me, I know the feeling!

In nineteen ninety five, Marcella took

a different turn in her life and opened a Metaphysical bookstore in Clearwater, fulfilling a dream she held almost her whole life. She didn’t make any money from her venture, but started enjoying herself “talking” to various people that came into the bookstore. She would often times bring them in the back room, but leave the door open just a peep so that she could watch the bookstore (although it usually wasn’t very busy)! Marcella didn’t even realize at the time that the intuitive “talking” she engaged in was actually performing a “reading” for someone.

After one particular talk with a man, Marcella came out of the backroom to find that he had left some money on the counter.

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She was alarmed at the idea that someone had accidentally left money in her store, and so she asked the clerk working with her to put the money in an envelope, along with a description of the man in case he came back for it. Her employee offered the possibility that the man had left the money as a payment to Marcella for the reading (that she had just considered a “talk”). This was surprising to Marcella, and a concept she had not yet considered; payment for services rendered. Marcella then began to charge for her readings, also traveling to fairs to provide them.

I should also note that during this time, Marcella had begun taking classes at the College of Metaphysical Studies in Clearwater. Some of her teachers had highly acclaimed her psychic ability, but it took some time for Marcella to fully grow into this role with comfort.

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A few years after opening her bookstore, Marcella received an offer from someone to buy it out. Truth be told, her heart was broken; she had always dreamed of having a bookstore and had thoroughly enjoyed her time in that business (not to mention, she also met her husband Charles there!) But Marcella knew from her intuitive nature that this was the right next step for her; she sold the store and took a vacation in the mountains with Charles. During their time on vacation, Marcella cried quite a bit and felt the deep loss of her bookstore. She also had no idea what she would do next in her life.

When they came home from their vacation, Marcella had several messages on their recording machine from people who wanted to get readings from her. Her husband looked at her and said, “Do you have any doubt about what you should do now?” It was clear: Marcella would begin a full time venture using her intuitive abilities to help people.

She is truly a delightful and humble person, and told me how grateful she is each and every day to work for and help people.

Her primary goal is to help people heal emotional issues, and provide them with insight, guidance, and wisdom. She considers herself a pathway to healing; hence she co-founded her school, Pathways To Awakening Center for Intuitive and Spiritual Studies. Marcella holds a Master’s degree in Metaphysics, and is currently working on a doctorate degree in Transpersonal Psychology. She also continues to attend workshops all over the world, so that she can offer her clients the best and most up to date help for practical application in their lives. She also enhanced her degree with intuitive development studies at the Edgar Cayce Foundation, where she also trained, auditioned, and received testing to be an A.R.E. Panel Psychic.

Her favorite word is “joyful;” she advises to put anything that doesn’t bring us joy “back in the box.” She understands that people get stuck, and find themselves weighed down in the muck of their mind, and welcomes those who want to take responsibility for getting out of the guilt and negativity that can foster the muck, and move into a life reliant on intuition to manifest what we want.

She is astute to point out that we are co-creators in our patterns and relationships, and that we are all mirrors of each other. She acknowledges all those who have helped her, and stands ready with open arms to help those that wish to receive help from her. Marcella offers intuitive and spiritual counseling, readings, past life regression therapy, as well as classes (through Pathways).

While I was there, Marcella kindly asked if there was anything I wanted to know about myself and life. I told her, “yes indeed!” and asked her some questions related to my education. Marcella was right on with her intuition, and amazed me with what she already knew about my situation. She gave me excellent guidance that I knew deep down was true and also taught me a few tricks on how to send a message to my husband to tell him I want to go out to dinner the next night, as well as how to find the perfect outfit in a crowded mall! Thanks Marcella!

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