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FIERCE: Where there is darkness, there is Joy

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Joy Pedersen

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VENICE — Since she was a child, Joy Pedersen would see angels and demons.

Decades after a 2004 run-in with Archangel Michael, who appeared to her and asked that she write a book about his wisdom as a guardian angel, Pedersen now spends her days fighting the dangers no one can see: demons and darkness.

“It was an easy yes, because I already knew spiritual healing, although I had never done it full time,” she said. “Before that, I was inspired to use those skills during the Gulf War. For example, I worked spiritually on what I was guided to address as the causes and effects of war.”

Pedersen is founder and president of Express Success LLC, a spiritual healing coaching company that she runs as a licensed spiritual healer, a certified spiritual health coach and a doctor of divinity.

She uses her background in spiritual healing to guide professionals as a business consultant.

At the core of her practice, Pedersen helps others overcome challenges with money, relationships, career, health and well-being by finding the things plaguing their spirits through remote services.

Occasionally, that means speaking with demons and entities that are attached to people, said Pedersen.

Once she identifies what she believes is the root cause — a laundry list of reasons ranging from what she calls past-life influences to karmic issues, curses and entities — Pedersen addresses it through spiritual healing and energy clearing.

“People typically come to me because they feel they have been doing everything right but still are not getting the results they seek,” she said.

Four ways Pedersen embodies FIERCE:

1. Facing the devil.

Pedersen has had her fair share of dangerous encounters, from a demon speaking through a woman she was working with, to 50 demons influencing a world leader to kill his people.

In the latter, Pedersen said she helped release those influences, along with “darkness” from him via telephone. “I cannot offer conventional proof that our work caused that change, but the experience became part of a much larger body of global spiritual work I would undertake.”

2. Relief worth the retaliation.

While Pedersen said she has experienced retaliation from the demons she releases from people, she enjoys seeing the relief in the people she helps.

“Someone may become calmer, feel more like themselves, experience less anger, swear less, or no longer express the same disturbing or self-destructive thoughts,” she said. “Removing an entity is not necessarily the end of the work. I also look at why the influence was there and what made the person vulnerable to it.”

3. Going global.

In 2020, Pedersen elevated her work to a global level, feeling the Archangel Michael was working through her. “I felt called to address what I was shown as the forces behind politics, war, corruption, human trafficking, economic instability and other world events,” she said. “Sometimes I believed I was being guided to address situations before they escalated.”

4. Practicing amid skepticism.

Today, there is considerably less emphasis on darkness in Pedersen's practice. While she understands the skepticism of her work, she still feels she's helping someone.

"I don't expect everyone to believe me, and I don't think they need to," she said. "For me, the question has always been whether the work is useful ... Some people will resonate with that work and some won't. I'm comfortable with both."