



# Ann Druffel

## Professional Profile

Ann Druffel began investigating UFO reports in the Southern California area in April 1957 with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), which was directed by the UFO research pioneer Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.).

Druffel became acquainted with Dr. James E. McDonald through his contacts with the Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee from 1966 to 1971.

Following NICAP's demise in 1970, Druffel joined the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and the then newly-formed Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS).

She has researched over 2,000 Los Angeles Basin reports, including alleged landings, UFO photo cases, close encounters with physical effects on witnesses and terrain, alleged "abduction" reports and other UFO-related phenomena. A prolific writer, Druffel has contributed over 180 articles on various aspects of the UFO subject to numerous UFO journals and international publications.

Frequently speaking on UFOs before civic and educational groups, Druffel is noted for lively slide presentations and Q&A sessions and has presented many papers at UFO symposia/conferences. Since 1965 she has been a spokesperson on various aspects of UFOs for TV, radio and press as well as consultant/ researcher/ filmwriter on numerous UFO documentaries. She wrote the classic book ***Tujunga Canyon Contacts*** with parapsychologist D. Scott Rogo and contributed to other major literary works such as ***Ron Story's UFO Encyclopedia*** and Rogo's anthology ***UFO Abductions***. Her most recent UFO-related book is ***How To Defend Yourself Against Alien Abductions***, published by Three Rivers Press/Random House in August 1998. Her most recent book is ***Firestorm: Dr. James E. McDonald's Fight for UFO Science***, published by Wild Flower Press, July 2003.

Druffel credits her ten years' academic and professional experience in sociology and child/family social case work as having provided her skills in interviewing, objective value-judging and report-writing. She has gone on to become a free-lance researcher known for her objective and scientifically-oriented approach toward UFO sightings and abduction reports.

Beginning in 1965 she became project coordinator of SKYNET, a filter center and tracking-system for public UFO reports in the Los Angeles Basin area. Although originally set up to receive UFO reports from the public to enable SKYNET to verify and document UFO overflights, SKYNET proved invaluable in revealing numerous conventional objects often mistaken for UFOs. SKYNET was an adjunct at first to NICAP in the Southern California area and later to MUFON and CUFOS.

Besides UFO work, Druffel free-lances in various aspects of psychic research. From 1986 to 1991 she worked as a Research Assistant/Consultant and, later, Researcher with Stephan A. Schwarz at the the Mobius Society, the famed Los Angeles-based parapsychology lab. She has written numerous articles on various psychic phenomena for parapsychological journals and newsstand magazines, and authored books with famed psychic Armand Marcotte.

Ann Druffel lives in a wooded glen in Pasadena, California, where she and her husband, Charles K. Druffel raised five beautiful daughters. Her hobbies include hiking, swimming, snorkeling, orchard gardening and exploring Native American sacred sites.

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