

**Suggested Questions for Ann Duffel, author of
*Firestorm: Dr. James E. McDonald's Fight for UFO Science***

1. How did you enter the UFO research field?
2. How did you know Dr. James E. McDonald? And would you give a short synopsis of McDonald, his prestige in the science of atmospheric physics, and how he became involved in UFO research?
3. How did you get access to McDonald's private journals and letters?
4. What did you find out about the Hynek/McDonald relationship that wasn't general knowledge before, and what is their relationship of importance to the UFO research field today?
5. Why is the controversy surrounding McDonald's UFO research important today?
6. What were the facts about his own personal sighting, and the date
7. What inspired and made possible McDonald's open inquiry/research into such a controversial scientific question like UFOs?
8. What made it possible for McDonald to conduct an open investigation of UFOs with out concern for his prestige/career when most other scientists cannot?
9. What is the single most important contribution McDonald made to the UFO field?
10. How established was McDonald in the field of atmospheric physics?
11. What was the UFO research climate like in the 1960s?
12. Why was there little or no objective coverage in the media before McDonald came on the scene?
13. Would you explain what you mean by the "two-pronged" approach to UFO presently, both in media coverage and in the field itself, and why does the public, and many UFO researchers themselves, confuse it as representing a single phenomenon?
14. What is the earliest documented case of a UFO sighting in the United States?
15. What is the importance of exploring the UFO question with science and the public, and how might this be accomplished?
16. What would you personally like to see happen in UFO research?
17. Do you think SETI is doing a satisfactory job finding out about possible extra-terrestrial visitors to earth?
18. How can we make FIRESTORM appeal to a broader audience than UFO researchers and those members of the public already interested in UFOs?
19. Why is a scientist who studied the UFO problem 30 years ago still important today?