Close Encounters

DS....Distant Sightingsinvolves observing lights or disks in the sky visually or on radar at more than 500 feet.

CEI....Close Encounters of the 1st kind....involves sighting a UFO, with or without occupants, at 500 feet or closer.

CEII....Close Encounters of the 2nd kind....involves UFO s that leave physical effects on the environment, such as landing marks, broken tree limbs, etc.

CEIII.... Close Encounters of the 3rd kind....involves sightings of UFO s with occupants at close range.

CEIV....Close Encounters of the 4^{th} kind....involves involuntary alien abductions of people, who are taken on board the UFO for experimentation. Such episodes are usually forgotten until uncovered by hypnosis.

CEV....Close Encounters of the 5th kind....involves contacteespeople who claim to be in contact with UFO entities usually thru occultic means (mental telepathy, channeling, etc.)

CEVI....Close Encounters of the 6th kind....involves injuries or death from encountering a UFO.

Some of the most respected UFO researchers in the field are:

Dr. Jacques Valle (French)....computer scientist & astrophysicist, co-developed 1st computerized NASA-Mars mapper, worked on creating ARPANET, the precursor to the Internet.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek (US, deceased)....astrophysicist, Northwestern University professor, scientific adviser to the US Air Force on UFO s.

John Keel (US)....journalist, widely regarded as one of the most reputable UFO writers.

Major Donald Kehoe (US, retired, deceased)...Marine officer, flyer, writer.

Captain Ivar MacKay (British, retired)...former head of BUFORA (British UFO Research Assoc).

Dr. John Mack (US)...Psychiatric Professor at Harvard University School of Medicine & expert in the effects of alleged alien encounters on people.

Dr. Pierre Guerin (French, deceased)...Astronomer & senior researcher at the French National Council for Scientific Research.

Jerome Clark (US)...Researcher & writer, widely regarded as one of the most reputable UFO writers. Joe Jordan (US)...Engineer, MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) state director & a christian.

UFO groups can be divided into 2 groups......

Naturalists....Flying Saucer Review magazine, British UFO Research Assoc. & MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), etc. Naturalists generally do not believe in a spiritual connection to UFO s but lean toward the belief that they are beings from another world.

Spiritualists....Amalgamated Flying Saucer Club, Aetherius Society, etc. They believe that UFO s are *beings* from another world or dimension who are here to help our planet thru a **transition time** in our evolution to a higher state of existence or to help incorporate our planet into some kind of a *galactic federation*.

There are some people/groups that believe some of both views.