



THE UFO MYTH – positioning statement of the Danish national UFO organization Scandinavian UFO Information (SUFOI)

Scandinavian UFO Information (SUFOI) is the oldest, active association that deals with the UFO myth in Denmark. Since 1957 the association has collected and examined about 15,000 reports of UFO experiences.

The many years of work have led to the conclusion that there are many natural and mundane explanations for people's UFO experiences and that the reported material in no way indicate that the Earth gets visits from outer space.

Studies made by SUFOI and others show that UFO experiences tells more about human senses, beliefs and performance – than on space and any aliens. This is well documented in the book *50 years with UFOs – Conclusions of 50 years' report investigation* (SUFOI 2007), which can be downloaded in Danish for free at www.sufoi.dk/e-boger/boger/50%20aar%20med%20ufoer.pdf. (see also www.sufoi.dk/english/50%20years%20with%20UFOs.PDF). The book is written by SUFOI Vice President Toke Haunstrup showing through exemplary cases from SUFOI's comprehensive report archive that it is most likely that UFO experiences can be explained by a combination of psychological-, social and cultural conditions in combination with misperception.

Today the main business of SUFOI is the information work, which concentrates on the website ufo.dk and dialogue with the public. The association has assumed an educative role and is trying to be a counterweight to the many facile and crazy stories online, partly through information work on ufo.dk, partly through *UFO-Mail* and publications.

SUFOI publish the book series "*Facts and Myths*" of seven titles, with the most recent called *Project Saucer – When the UFO myth was created* (SUFOI 2015) and written by SUFOI President, Kim Møller Hansen.

Human beings have always experienced mysterious phenomena in the sky. *Project Saucer – When the UFO myth was created* documents how fears during the Cold War and the ever growing popular culture in the late half of the 1940s and early 1950s in the United States gave the mysterious sky phenomena concrete form as flying saucers – and later UFOs interpreted as visits from outer space.

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On ufo.dk the public can report UFO experiences and later read if others have observed something at the same time or place and possibly already read an explanation for the observation. In 2015 SUFOI received 150 reports. Many reports can be quickly explained solely by the descriptions.

Although the work of SUFOI has led to the conclusion that we are *not* visited by aliens or other beings from outside the Earth the association continues to study the UFO myth. Firstly, we are interested to learn more about what ordinary people experience and why they interpret sky phenomena (aircraft, flares, hot air balloons, meteors, burning debris, moon, stars, etc.) as visits from outer space. Secondly, we want to continue to analyze and interpret the development of the UFO myth.

THEREFORE SUFOI HAS THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES AND VISION:

SUFOI's OBJECTIVES

Scandinavian UFO Information is an organization that provides the public with well-founded information on the UFO myth, as well as details about the phenomena that can create UFO experiences.

By *UFO myth* Scandinavian UFO Information means the reports, experiences and ideas associated with the term "UFO", which develop over time in tandem with historical and cultural conditions. The word "UFO" itself was originally an abbreviation for "Unidentified Flying Object", but is regarded today by Scandinavian UFO Information as an umbrella term for the many diverse phenomena that can be included in reports of unusual aerial activity.

SUFOI's VISION

It is Scandinavian UFO Information's vision to:

- explain about all the phenomena that can create UFO experiences
- provide the public with well-founded information on the many aspects of the UFO myth
- use the acquired knowledge and expertise to provide a balanced view of myth-creating phenomena