PART 1
Explanations

1 Conspiracy Theories and the Study of Religion(s): What we are Talking about, and Why it is Important  21
   Ashbjørn Dyrendal, Egil Asprem and David G. Robertson

2 Rational Enchantments: Conspiracy Theory between Secular Scepticism and Spiritual Salvation  48
   Stef Aupers and Jaron Harambam

3 Is a Belief in Providence the Same as a Belief in Conspiracy?  70
   Brian L. Keeley

4 Are Conspiracy Theories a Surrogate for God?  87
   Michael Wood and Karen Douglas

5 A Web of Conspiracy? Internet and Conspiracy Theory  106
   Joseph E. Uscinski, Darin DeWitt and Matthew D. Atkinson

PART 2
Correspondences

6 The Satanism Scare in Apartheid South Africa  133
   Nicky Falkof
“Trust Me, You Can't Trust Them”: Stigmatised Knowledge in Cults and Conspiracies  
Amanda van Eck Duymaer van Twist and Suzanne Newcombe

152

Popular Music, Conspiracy Culture, and the Sacred  
Christopher Partridge

180

Close Companions? Esotericism and Conspiracy Theories  
Egil Asprem and Ashjørn Dyrendal

207

The Counter-Elite: Strategies of Authority in Millennial Conspiracism  
David G. Robertson

234

PART 3
Locations

11 Buddhism Endangered by Hidden Enemies: Conspiracy Narratives in Sri Lankan Buddhist Present and Past  
Sven Bretfeld

257

12 Buddhist Islamophobia: Actors, Tropes, Contexts  
Iselin Frydenlund

279

13 Islamism and the Instrumentalisation of Conspiracism  
Willow J. Berridge

303

14 Anti-Jewish and Anti-Zionist Conspiracism in the Arab World: Historical and Political Roots  
Barbara De Poli

321

15 A Fantastic People and Its Enemies: An Analysis of an Emerging Albanian Mythology  
Cecilie Endresen

343

16 Was Aristotle an Anti-Semitic Alien? Conspiracy Theory, Ufology, and the Colonisation of the Past in Contemporary Greece  
Tao T. Makeeff

361
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>No.</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>The Role of Conspiracy Theory in the Aum Shinrikyo Incident</td>
<td>389</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Tsuji Ryutaro</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>Framing of a Conspiracy Theory: The Efendi Series</td>
<td>407</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Turkay Nefes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>The Third Rome Against the Third Temple: Apocalypticism and Conspiracism in Post-Soviet Russia</td>
<td>423</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Michael Hagemeister</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>Alexander Dugin: Between Eschatology, Esotericism, and Conspiracy Theory</td>
<td>443</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Victor Shnirelman</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>Conspiracy Theories and Neo-Nazism in the Cultic Milieu</td>
<td>461</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Paul Jackson</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>Evil Cult or Persecuted Minority? Conspiracy Theories Surrounding Falun Gong and the Government of the People’s Republic of China</td>
<td>490</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Helen Farley</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>The Messiah is a Salesman, Yet Consumerism is a Con(spiracy): The Church of the SubGenius, Work, and the Pursuit of Slack as a Spiritual Ideal</td>
<td>513</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Carole M. Cusack</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Afterword: Further Reflections, Future Directions</strong></td>
<td>527</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Egil Asprem, David G. Robertson and Asbjørn Dyrendal</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Index</strong></td>
<td>535</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>