

# CYCLOPAEDIA 28 – CONSPIRACY THEORIES

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## OVERVIEW

Conspiracy theories abound, especially when we can either not explain something or do not want to believe the explanation given to us. These theories speak of an unwanted conspiracy that contradicts the facts and/or history as we know it. Most often, these theories involve governments or secret societies.

Michael Barkun, in *Chasing Phantoms: Reality, Imagination, and Homeland Security Since 9/11*, discusses how conspiracy theories become a “matter of faith rather than proof” as they build upon themselves, incorporating contradictory evidence as fact, proving their theories. Thus, it becomes a closed loop unwilling to accept the contradictory nature of some of their evidence.

Some conspiracy theories are only intriguing, such as whether Elvis is still alive and in hiding. Other theories seem like science fiction and arouse our curiosity, such as the Roswell Incident and Reptilian Humanoids running world governments. But others have an impact on our history and possibly our daily lives, such as chemtrails and the hoax theories of 9/11. Each conspiracy theory must be evaluated individually, including the impact it has on our lives.

Before the Internet and social media, most conspiracy theories were shared via word of mouth or printed stories, so they did not disseminate or gather followers quickly. Now, these theories spread quickly, amassing huge groups of followers. What do you believe? What should you believe?

## FAMOUS CONSPIRACY THEORIES

So many conspiracy theories to choose from, but here are some of the most popular still today.

- 9/11 Faked
- Apollo Moon Landing Hoax
- Area 51/Roswell Incident
- Black Helicopters
- Chemtrails
- Elvis is alive!
- JFK Assassination
- Men in Black
- MK Ultra
- New World Order
- Reptilian Humanoids

Following are sources of information pertaining to Conspiracy Theories to assist prospective game masters, game designers, writers, and storytellers in knowing where to start their research.

## ARTICLES

### **Conspiracy Theories Do they threaten democracy?**

By Katel, Peter

Source: CQ Researcher, v19 n37: 885-908

### **Does it take one to know one? Endorsement of conspiracy theories is influenced by personal willingness to conspire.**

By Douglas, K.M.; Sutton, R.M.

Source: British Psychological Society 2011-04

## BOOKS

***American Conspiracies: Lies, Lies, and More Dirty Lies that the Government Tells Us***

By Ventura, Jesse

***Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base***

By Jacobsen, Annie

***Climate Change: The Facts***

By Moran, Alan

***Conspiracies and Secret Societies: The Complete Dossier***

By Steiger, Brad and Steiger, Sherry

***Critical Path***

By Fuller, R. Buckminster

***The Da Vinci Code***

By Langdon, Robert

***Dreadful Sanctuary***

By Russell, Eric Frank

***Foucault's Pendulum***

By Eco, Umberto

***Gravity's Rainbow***

By Pynchon, Thomas

***Hammer of the Gods: The Thule Society and the Birth of Nazism***

By Lührssen, David

***Hidden History: An Expose of Modern Crimes, Conspiracies, and Cover-Ups in American Politics***

By Jeffries, Donald

***History Decoded: The 10 Greatest Conspiracies of All Time***

By Meltzer, Brad

***Illuminatus!***

By Shea, Robert and Wilson, Robert Anton

***The Mammoth Book of Cover-Ups: The 100 Most Terrifying Conspiracies of All Time***

By Lewis, Jon E.

***Mental Liberation in the Age of Thought Control: Deprogramming Satanic Ritual Abuse, MK Ultra, Monarch & Illuminati Mind Control***

By Barker, Kerth

***The Manchurian Candidate***

By Condon, Richard

***Mind Wars: A History of Mind Control, Surveillance, and Social Engineering by the Government, Media, and Secret Societies***

By Jones, Marie D. and Flaxman, Larry

***Ministry of Fear***

By Greene, Graham

***None Dare Call It Conspiracy: The inside story of the Rockefellers***

By Allen, Gary and Abraham, Larry

***The Oath of Nimrod: Giants, MK-Ultra and the Smithsonian Coverup (Templars America)***

By Brody, David S

***Project MK-Ultra and Mind Control Technology: A Compilation of Patents and Reports***

By Balthazar, Axel

***The Occult Roots of Nazism: Secret Aryan Cults and Their Influence on Nazi Ideology***

By Goodrick-Clarke, Nicholas

***Proofs of a Conspiracy: Against All The Religions and Governments Of Europe, Carried On In The Secret Meetings of Freemasons, Illuminati, and Reading Societies***

By Robison, John

***Propaganda***

By Bernays, Edward

***Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion***

By Marsden, Victor E.

***The Rise of the Fourth Reich: The Secret Societies That Threaten to Take Over America***

By Marrs, Jim

***The Romanov Prophecy***

By Berry, Steve

***The Roswell Incident***

By Berlitz, Charles and Moore, William L.

***Rule by Secrecy: The Hidden History That Connects the Trilateral Commission, the Freemasons, and the Great Pyramids***

By Marrs, Jim

***The Thirty-Nine Steps***

By Buchan, John

***Unacknowledged: An Expose of the World's Greatest Secret***

By Greer, Steven M and Alten, Steve

***The Unseen Hand: An Introduction to the Conspiratorial View of History***

By Epperson, Ralph

## GAMES

*Conspiracy: A Spy Game of Bluffing and Betrayal* - Tabletop Game

*Conspiracy Theory* - Tabletop Game

*Conspiracy X* - RPG

*Dark Conspiracy* - RPG

*Delta Green* - RPG

*Deus Ex: Invisible War* - Video Game

*Feng Shui* - RPG

*Guide to the Technocracy* - RPG

*GURPS Illuminati* - RPG

*Hidden Invasion* - RPG

*Illuminati: The Game of Conspiracy* - Tabletop Game

*Illuminati: New World Order* - Tabletop Game

*Illuminatus* - Tabletop Game

*It's Just a Theory* - Tabletop Game

*Men in Black: The Roleplaying Game* - RPG

*The Merchant's Guide to Rokugan* - RPG

*Over the Edge* - RPG

*Paranoia* - RPG

*Secret Hitler* - Tabletop Game

*Secret Societies of Théah* - RPG

*A Study in Emerald* - Tabletop Game

*Unknown Armies* - RPG

*The X-Files* - Tabletop Game

*The X-Files* - Video Game

## CINEMA

*24* - TV Series

*All The President's Men*

*Angels and Demons*

*Antitrust*

*The Arrival*

*Blow Out*

*The Bourne Identity*

*Burn Notice* - TV Series

*Capricorn One*

*Changeling*  
*The China Syndrome*  
*Conspiracy - TV Series*  
*The Conspirator*  
*Conspiracy Theory*  
*The Da Vinci Code*  
*Enemy of the State*  
*Eraser*  
*The Fugitive*  
*Futureworld*  
*The Good Shephard*  
*Hudson Hawk*  
*The Ipccress File*  
*The Insider*  
*The Interpreter*  
*Invasion of the Body Snatchers*  
*Jacob's Ladder*  
*JFK*  
*The Last Boy Scout*  
*Manchurian Candidate*  
*The Man Who Knew Too Much*  
*Marathon Man*  
*Men in Black*  
*Mercury Rising*  
*Minority Report*  
*National Treasure*  
*Nixon*  
*The Parallax View*  
*The Pelican Brief*  
*The Philadelphia Experiment*  
*The Prisoner - TV Series*  
*Seven Days in May*  
*Silkwood*  
*Sneakers*  
*Soylent Green*  
*The Stepford Wives*  
*Syriana*  
*They Live*  
*Three Days of the Condor*  
*Valkyrie*  
*Wag the Dog*  
*The X-Files - TV Series and Movies*  
*Zootopia*

## LOCATIONS

Area 51  
<http://www.area51.org/>

Conspiracy Con  
<http://conspiracycon.com/>

HAARP  
<https://haarp.net/>

Mantauk Air Force Station  
<http://www.illuminati-news.com/montauk-history.htm>

Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza  
<https://www.jfk.org/>

The Watergate Files  
[https://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/museum/exhibits/watergate\\_files/index.html](https://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/museum/exhibits/watergate_files/index.html)

## PEOPLE

Gary Allen  
Jack T. Chick  
Steven M. Greer  
David Ray Griffin  
Morris K. Jessup  
Alex E. Jones  
David V. Icke  
John A. Keel  
John Lear  
Jim Marrs  
Jordan Maxwell  
William L. Moore  
Geraldo Rivera  
John Robison

Listen to Chapter 28: Conspiracy Theories, What's the Story? by WTSpod for free. Follow WTSpod to never miss another show.Â Gordon then gives us an insight into the world of conspiracies where we talk about Madeline McCann and if there is more to the missing girl's story than meets the eye? Why were Kate and Gerry McCann named as suspects? Who or what is the "Tapas 9"?