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To my father, Gerhard E. Roe,
ever indulgent of
his son's predilection for mind games,
I offer one more.

These beliefs are presented in a formal way, not because [the natives] themselves systematically formulate dogma, but to show how the anthropologist can infer a coherent theology from the scattered explanations of particular items of behavior which informants give.

—R.F. Salisbury