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In his later years he rather inclined towards the faith of the Catholics, but when younger he was reported to have said that hebelieved in no white man's God, but held to the Great Spirit, Waukantanka, and propitiated the evil spirit also; that, if he tried to do his duty, help his people and was a goodman, he should not fear to meet the Great Spirit in the hereafter, That so far he agreed with the missionaries of different denominations, but because they were in discord among themselves as to just how the Great Spirit should be worshipped, he considered that not one ofthem was better than another; that his religion was as good as theirs, and thathe would do as his heart prompted him.

He has always been a little vainglorious, but not moreso than other prominent men. His twenty years' residence at Pine Ridge exhibited a quiet and gentle demeanor. He ever lamented the fate of his people, but there was no bitterness, and his bearingwas such as one might expect in a man who has faced death upon thefield of battle.

After his removal to Pine Ridge, a petty Agent arrested this greatman, on a trivial charge, and confined him in the guardhouse. Immediately his warriors armed, and a great number of Indians prepared to attack the agency.

When some of the subchiefs after his release said, "Let us kill our women andchildren and fight until we are gone, that is preferable to starvation here on the reservation," he is reported to have made a dignified and manly speech, in which he maintained that the Almighty haddecreed that they should continue on the reservation, virtually as prisoners of their conquerors, and resistance would only result in suffering and bloodshed, andcould accomplish no good.

An intelligent savage, reared upon the Plains amidst surroundings not calculated to develop other than thelowest desires, and possessing a primitive idea of the true type of manhood, he has presented us with a career which shall endure in American history long after the frontiersmen shall have been forgotten