

INDIAN STORY (FABLE) STORY OF TURTLE AND CROW

Sure. Right.

(Indians.)

Very true. That's right. We had 'em ourselves and we--before the white mans come into this country that the Indians knew all of this.

(Yes.)

They knew all of these things yuu know. Now I was just telling a story here-- this was an Indian story about this airplane flying. Well, this story, no telling how far back this story goes back, maybe thousands and thousands of years. Now anthropologists they have a--being here for the last twenty to 25,000 years and that's lot of moons there. Yes sir, there's lot of moons there! But anyway, this one little story here tells about--it's a fairy story, but it's a lesson within it that my grandfather and grandmother used to tell us you know, bedtime stories you know. Told about the Turtle and the Crow. Now the turtle was traveling you know--he's always traveling, the turtle. And he had come to a point here on the mound that he was looking through a valley here, and over here on the side of the valley there was a nice piece of territory over there--piece of territory that he really wanted to go there you know. But then between here and that place there--he was afraid of these people there that was gonna raise cain with him and make fun of him and all of that you know. So, he was just sitting there just looking which way to go you know and here come this old crow. Crow flew around and seen that he was down there and wanted to do something but he--and he wanted to give him a hand, so he flew down there. He said, "My friend, what seems to be the matter?" Said "Looks like you want to do something, you don't know where to head out at." "Yes, my friend" he said, "I want to get over to that one particular spot, that land over there," but he said, "Between here and there there's a lot of bad people there," and they always speak of these people, these crawdads and things like that, different animals you know. He said "I'm afraid of them, " you know. He said