

what you done. What you done here, you go earn something." He come to, they come after him--his folks come after him and take him home. And then, before they come after him, a man talk to him and told him, "You are gonna go and get married. You are gonna earn something. You are gonna have cattles. You are gonna have horses. You gonna have everything." So that's what he earn. So they come after him. After they find out, they come right in after him. I believe it was his father-in-law come after him. Told him (Osage word). And they wash his body, talk to him. Sometimes it was three or four talk. His father-in-law talk to him. His mother-in-law said "We drive with you. My daughter here." (not clear) daughter. He said, "Now there is a horse out there, a fine horse. A bay horse. He's got a saddle on it, blanket on it. You get on him and go to your father and mother. Go to your father and mother." Said "You have seen much here. You go home, they'll tell you what to do, when you get home." So he got home. Wasn't very long, another girl--a daughter, father and mother wanted this girl for their son. They got married and through with the ceremonies. And he married this girl, and he got cattles, horses and hogs. And everything he wanted. That's what he earn for mourning for his wife when he went into a trance.

(That's what something told him, when he went into the trance?)

Yeah, that's what they used to do, in the old time. Sometimes they don't do that. Sometimes they get to be doctors. To make something sacred about it, something you earn. That's what the Osages are know for--mourn in earnest.

(Seems like the old people back there, seem like they had great faith in something.)

Yeah, they always say God.

(They have God before--before the white man come.)

They knew God before they come.

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(Seems like back there in the olden days, they had--did they have, you know,