

our life like we used to be. Game. Deer. Antelope. Elk. Moose. Turkeys. Otter. We're gonna roam this earth just like we always did. There won't be many white people among us. That's what he been telling us. Now let's go over and talk with him." So, my dad, I think he went. They went and he consult. So he told this, the way I was told, afterwards. "Yes," he says, "This new earth is coming probably within three years. This old earth be gone. We get our new life and new world again. Way of life. So we ought to just go ahead and sign this anyhow. This old earth's gonna be gone and all this what you sign gonna disappear and be a new one, and the white man ain't gonna have nothing to do with it. And our Father," That's what he always said. "Is gonna be the ruler." Which in a way, he was right. "And then, when you sign that you're gonna get this money and besides, them peoples gonna come back that's died and passed away. We're gonna meet our daughters or sons or husbands, wives. So when you get this money there's gonna be stores here. Buy blankets, dishes, things--so when you meet your people you give it to 'em." That's what he said. In other words, to greet 'em with material things that they're gonna have when this resurrection come otherwise. He evidently had some good thoughts that he learned from this Jack Wilson, that Jack Wilson probably learned from some white folks, you know. Some early missionaries--Mormons, or somebody.

(Well, later on, when they revived the Ghost Dance, this smaller group you talked about--did they have the same kind of beliefs about the world coming to an end, and so forth?)

Yeah, they had the same beliefs, yeah. I know one Cheyenne told me--phe married my cousin--He said, "I wonder what would it be now if the Cheyenne and Arapaho chiefs didn't accept Sitting Bull's advice to go ahead and accept this allotment. Whether we had been better off? Or whether we had delayed ten years like the Kiowas Comanches and people when they had that conflict about those Big Pastures down along the Red River, that delayed their allotment ten years and the Jerome Commissioner expired and they disbanded?" And he said, "I know my mother bought three nice Hudson Bay blankets--them robes they used to get in early days from Hudson's Bay Company, you know--and those English shawls--I know my mother bought three or four of those things and she tied them up and bundled them up and put 'em in a trunk.