

be a christian man. And so, he start gradually going in, but he didn't take it too seriously and just ever now and then he would take the medicine. And we told him as time goes on, "You goin' find it awfully hard to be calm in white man's world. You goin' have to compete. You goin' have to learn to get along with your white brother. And so you learn to adjust your life." And we pray that way and we try to live that way. And so that's all he ever seen. And right today, I would say that it has been helpful to him because I can see it now. I don't think we have spent some thirty some years in vain.

(Really--when I have talked to people like you about this religion, you are seeking the same thing and you're finding the same thing that people in all religions are finding. You are seeking--seeking the same thing.)

Yeah.

PEYOTE IS CONSIDERED A RELIGION

Well, only thing about this peyote medicine way--it's just like you been goin' to these churches, you know. Denomination--that way goin' through baptism and following the church ways, you know, goin' to church every Sunday and keepin' up that way, livin' that way, you know.

(Un Hunnh.)

But this medicine, to an extent, it'll go half way with you. If you go half way, well, the medicine, we say it goes this other half. This is the only place where you confessin' here, on this side. Only after you confess, you say, well I like to make a new rule to yourself. Just like I was back there when I used to drink every day, every night, every day. Well, I got a place, you know. I say, "Well, I got one little girl and here I was drunk yesterday, sober today, Well, I been that way for 22--23 years. I been that way. And man say they can't quit. Well, I won't believe 'im. I was worse as they come. So, I quit there till this day. I never fool with it and I go to meeting.

(This medicine helped you, George?)

Helped me that much. I know. And what I really mean--I don't fool with