

When he died, White Fox got his place. That's his daddy.

(When you say the man is a leader of the Ten Grandmothers, what do you mean by that?)

Well, he's the head of these Grandmothers.

(Just one of them?)

They're the big-- Well, anything, like, well, them churches like they got around here. Like this bishop I was talking about. Well he's the head of all the churches. Whatever he say, goes. Well, just like the Grandmothers, the same way. We got some peoples. They--whenever I tell them, they have to-- The white people call me "priest." I don't know if that's the real name for it--that "priest." "Priest," they said, is one man will have a lot of people.

KIOWA MEDICINE BUNDLES: THE "GRANDMOTHERS"

(Now this in connection with the Grandmothers?)

Well, way back there they call them the "keepers" of these Grandmothers. But the missionaries, they call them gods. That word ain't-- That's how come you white people think we got ten gods. They think the Kiowas, the Indians, they worship and they got some gods of their own. That's not-- This "god" that's not no white man word. That come from the Romans. The Roman people, they use that "god" and then you people got a hold of it, and I don't know. That's funny, but this--we call them "Grandmothers." They're not no gods. They were just--just like I go in there and then talk to those things. They been here way back--nobody knows. Talk to them--"I got one of my family over here--one of my friends--sick. I want you to tell your Father up in Heaven." If you all like somebody, "Heal that person," that's the way we pray. We don't pray to those things. We don't kneel down and go in there like--and set there. Like people today, I said, they see Pope Pius--the Pope or somebody coming and they kneel down. "That's a human like me," I said. That's a person.