

Bitter medicine. It's a root. We also had hide tanners that no machine today has equaled the workmanship and the expense--

(In tanning hides?)

Uh-huh, because it is scarce. I've heard this one from white people who were touring through Indian country. How the Indians comb their hair. The Cheyenne Indian womans and mans had made combs out of a course bristle tail of animal such as animals, porcupine tails and more popular in the west, beaver and other animals of a similar nature. I have in my possession a beaver tail comb that was found at the scene--

(A beaver tail comb that they use to comb their hair with?)

Yeah. White man called Indian thieves, yet we live in a free skin lodges and needed no locks and iron bars, and we have been called savages. What is civilization? It marks a noble religion and philosophy original origin and stirring music, enriched our religions, and we had these. Then we not savages. We are civilized race. We made blankets that were beautiful. Baskets, woven beads and colored quills. The sign were not just decorated, but were marked with the expression of our every thought.

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

(Sam, I'm going to--here is another area there that I want to ask you something about. I hate to interrupt you, I'm about to run out of this tape, but I want you to give me something here about how the Indian kind of looks at life in the religious way, I mean is--what life means to him. Your getting into that a little bit. Can you tell me just from your own words a little bit about how an Indian feels about life in general? Or his Indian religion or something to that effect?)

Well, just like any other race, any other races of the world, you know, they all have their religion, their own beliefs. Well so was the Indian. The Indian believed there was God everywhere. There was God in the plant life, in the air, just everywhere on the ground, there was God. And they knew by