

like that old man was--was doing that. And we sat on the ground.

(On the ground?)

Uh-huh. (Laughter) They didn't have no benches or nothing, you know. It was circle round, you know.

(Do you remember your people telling you any old stories, way back then?)

No, I don't.

(I mean little incidents that they might have told you as you were growing up?)

No. But only thing they used to tell--tell me that they didn't know anything was good in this world but this word of God. They said that was only thing that was good, they said in this world. That's they way they talked you know.

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS IN EARLY DAYS

(Like I--I always had the idea, or the way I always think of these older people is like everybody--my grandfather. They were strong believers and had great faith in the Almighty.)

Uh-huh.

(Even before peyote came here.)

Uh-huh.

(Did they ever tell you anything about their faith? you know, you--)

Yeah, seem like they had that way back there, like they had faith in--but in different ways, seem like way they talked. Oh, I just don't quite get--

(I don't--I don't mean the origin of the Osage, I mean just his beliefs, you know back there, you know.)

Uh-huh.

(You know, how it's a--how they tell me, you know that--that it's--they got--like I said, great faith in the Almighty and got up every morning and whorshipped when the sun coming up.)

Uh-huh.

(As the result--they tell me, these other tribes respected the Osages.)

Um-huh.

(The way I hear it. Say well, you have great power, you know. Well, I don't know whether you had the power in just thinking, too. You had good thinking.)