

Gen. Brooks asked Little Wound if he was a Ghost Dancer, his reply was,

"No, my friend, over sixty winters have passed over me and I am too old for dancing, but now that you have asked me that question I will tell you what I know and have heard about the Messiah and the Ghost Dance.

There have lived among my people for many winters the holy men or missionaries whom the Great Father has sent to us to teach us your religion, and how much better it is than ours, they bring with them the holy book, the Bible, from that book they tell us wonderful stories, they tell us of the man who went into the den of wild animals, and was not harmed because his Great Spirit protected him.

They tell us of the men who went into the fiery furnace, hot enough to melt bullets, but their hair was not even singed.

Then they tell us a wonderful story, of how many ages ago the white mens brains got to whirling, they lost their ears, they would listen no more to the Great Spirit, and they strayed off on the wrong road, and finally the great spirit sent his Son on earth to save them.

He lived with those white man for over thirty winters, and worked hard to get you back on the road, but you denied Him, and you finally nailed Him up on a great wooden cross, tortured, and killed Him, He was known as the Messiah, and when He was dying on the cross, it was promised, that He would come again some time to try to save the people. These things the missionaries tell us.

About two moons ago there came to us from the far North, from the Yellowstone country, a young Cheyenne, named Porcupine, with a strange story. He had a vision - in it he was told to go to a large