

(Referring to the pictures)

No. 1 - The feathers on the shield were chosen by SB's father signifying that he had been successful four times on the warpath. The eagle on the shield was also selected by SB's father for him. The figure standing represents a Crow Indian. The stick is a coup stick. There is only one feather in the coup stick.

No. 2 - The feathers on the tail of the war bonnet mean the same thing as feathers worn on a coup stick. The figures are a Crow man and three women.

SB must have had a dream of the thunder bird because he painted his face with lightening. Only those who dreamed of the thunder birds or the clowns (called the foolish ones "contrary" to the heyoka) painted their faces with lightening. The dream of a thunder bird requires humility on the part of a dreamer. In order to save himself from lightening he must humiliate himself before the whole tribe every time he has the dream. SB must have performed the ceremony of the thunder bird one time. Generally the dream just comes once in a lifetime. Old timers believed that the thunder was caused by a big bird much larger than the eagle. They either imagined it or had dreamed about it.

SB - MEDICINE MAN

In one way you might call him a medicine man. According to the meaning used by Indians means man having power to