

approached Ralph recently to obtain information on Cheyenne history and culture) I went to different churches, too. Went to lots of churches, you know, just to go. And I'd listen. And I got respect for them places like that. And I just listen to her, you know. She come down to the Indian people. Well, the Indian people, we didn't believe--I mean--we believe--just like this pipe (ceremony) we take. I told you, I've smoked it a long time. Why is it that they do that? (have a pipe ceremony on special occasions) Why is it they have to go through those motions? (smoking to the four directions, etc.) I seen them when I was a little boy. They make motions up in the air and then they point it down to the ground. I seen some of them, they point this pipe over that way. That's how--the four corners. I've seen them do that. I know that long time ago. When they hand that pipe back to me, they cal me "son." They say, "Son, you going to live long time." They tell me that. And she told me about the morale part of the human race. We just live here--just to be living--just to be alive. Wonder (?) where we go? The Spirit told the Indian people that they made us from a clay--dirt. We were made where--during our lifetime--we have to go back down on that way (?). They believe in a Great Spirit. "They don't see Him," they said. "We don't see Him. We don't hear Him. And He don't talk to us. Yet, we believe. We know that's Him. That's the Indian people. We believe that. Maybe it would be all right if the Great Spirit would talk to us from day to day--talk to us. But we don't hear Him." They said, "We don't even see Him. We don't see who--who He is." That's the old people's talk. We don't see Him. All right. The old people, they talk, you know. They talk to us. "Understand who is your mother, and your father, and your brothers and your sisters. And your grandfather." The old people talk to us that way. They talk to us. And we know each other that way. We know each other. That's life. So we talk--what we talk--maybe some people, it's a good thing to invite. They tell us that. We believe those things. I believe in them. I believe in good nature--nature. What the Spirit give us. I believe that. I believe in night and day.