

(Did the people who Ghost Dance believe in peyote, or were they like two separate religions?)

Well, I tell you, I would put it like this. When I was growing up, they were telling me..just like I said at the outside..you be one, you going be a dancing man, you going to be a peyote man, you going to be a Christian..either one. Other words, be just one. Well, I tell you, I known people, I saw people, as a young man, people went to Ghost Dance..they also went to peyote meetings. Not all of them but some I seen. That peyote came here just about the same time as the Ghost Dance. I went to a peyote meeting one time. The man that was conducting this..it was in 1927..I was about 23 years old. I had a cousin got sick and well they doctored on him. I went there well, not for curiesity's sake more so because he was my cousin. I believe that he might het well. Well, anyhow, I went in there, I saw what they did in there. They passed the tobacco..they told me you could either take it or pass it on. Before I went in there, I told this man that conduct that, our neighbor, I took him over there and I told him, my neighbor, that I'm not going in now, early part of the night..winter time. You tell the man that I'll be in pretty soon. I'm going in there. I won't take no part in the ritual..no way..cause I don't understand it. I said I just ignore about it..I don't understand. So, it was fixed out, so when I went in there, they passed the tobacco around, but I you knew just let it go around. Yea I saw it..just one time I saw the ritual carried out, the peyote ritual.

(You just went to one?)

Yea, that's right, but my father used too, my father before he married my mother used to go. He was a peyote man. But he gave that up through..well I would say admonishment from his cousin. He wasn't reprimanded but he was just admonished that it's best that he should carry out. Because he said, well, I'm older than you..said that's (peyote) something that came to this country and we don't know the nature of all that, we don't know much about it. So from this time, he just never did use it.

(Do many of the Wichitas use the peyote raod?)