

they have to sweat for it, they say. Sometimes you can't even get it. You want something but you can't get it.

KIOWA ESCHATOLOGY

(Another thing I was wondering, do you ever use the Bible--?)

Not in the olden days they don't. They don't know what a Bible is, till the Quakers or Pilgrims--I don't know who--brought it over here. On the east coast they say they got that book here (under the arm) and the other arm over here all that bad stuff is in there. Telling these Indians, "This is the way to live. You ought to see the--" Well, Indians ain't even got Heaven. There ain't no Heaven--~~they~~ just say there's another world somewhere--Spirit World, they say. When you die, your spirit will go into another world somewhere. But you people just say you go straight to Heaven. You're up there in Heaven or Paradise. Have a lot of big house and a lot of rooms. But the Indians say when you die, your body will go into the ground and your spirit will come out and go into another world.

(Do they tell anything about what that other world is like?)

Well, it's something like the world we got now. Everything is green and prettier. There's water and everything. Some people, when they die, they see that. And pretty soon, somehow, they get well again. Maybe it's those kind of people, they say, "I went to that place, but I come back. Beautiful place. Big camp--Indian camp--and all my folks are over there. But I come back." And I don't believe there's an Indian--at the deathbed, when you die--they never do see--I never hear of anybody say anything about there's angels standing around here, or Jesus, or somebody that's about ready to take me home. I never did hear nobody say that. They always say, "There comes my folks." They name them. They name the person that's already been gone long time. "He's coming over there. He wants me to go home with him. But I'm not ready yet," they always say.