

experience that the Indian knew that there was a Creator that made all these things. And so therefore they have their own religious beliefs, just like the white people. They have like Presbyterian Church and Nazarene, Methodist and things like that.

(It means just as much to them as the other religions means to the other people?)

That's right. They're were very strict in their religious beliefs. They were very truly, strictly believed in their way of life. And they respect their people. Especially older people, because I remember one time as I was growing up, there was old couple used to be a great--they were great people for hand game. Hand game was itself a religious ceremony.

IN EARLY DAYS HAND GAMES INDICATED RELIGIOUS ACTION

(At one time it was a religious ceremony?)

Yeah, the person that was going to put on a hand game ceremony he had to fast three days and three nights.

(I didn't know that.)

And they had to have it in a tipi. They have it in tipi. All those that take part, they have to sit inside, see. And those that make that vow must stay there during three days and three nights. And so every night they have a hand game.

(This would go on for three days?)

Yeah. And then every night they would serve food see. Then before they serve food they would appoint one to pick out small pieces of every food and they--

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