

four times, four times to the ground, four times before the sun comes up, four times where the sun sets. They did this in a way that they believed that their prayers was carried by this smoke to the heavens as a message. It was believed that through a vision that if they did this, they would use this as their means of prayer to the Creator. And with this man performing this ceremony by blowing this smoke up, they had that belief that prayer, or the message would be carried up to the Creator, in that way. So we cannot explain the meaning, yet that's one way we realize, we witness, we seen it with our own eyes, how they perform. Back there and today we're still trying to carry it on, in our humble way. We don't really know what they meaning is all about. But that's the information that we get, that that smoke that is blowing into the four directions, that's just like carrying, sending a message in that way. So, that's as far as I could bring out--so you can ask questions, something that we might make more clear.

(You mentioned--)

Mrs. Osborne: Tell 'em they used to make their own tobacco, Papa--

THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS FOR THE USE OF "FOURS"

(You mentioned that after the pipe was lighted that they would offer up this smoke to the heavens, four times, then offer it back down to Mother Earth, four times, and they four times to where the sun comes up and four times to where the sun sets--does this then exclude the south and the north, or did they offer it in different directions?)

Yeah, they offer it to all directions, four directions. Our Indian people, they spoke of four things. I don't know what the meaning of those four things meant, but this one illustration that I can give you that--if someone was to put up a dance of some kind, or the people practice in those days, such as the doctor dance, bear dance, war dance ghost dance, and different kinds of ceremonies that our people were involved in in the early days. When someone put up, like a young dog dance, say they gonfa put up a dance, alright, they put