

Indian's (Wovoka's) learning from the white peoples' church--you know that Noah's ark--the crow was sent out, see, and a pigeon. And of course a magpie's always a bird that they claim has always been a leader to the Indians, you know, when they travel--like on a warpath and scouting. There'd always be magpies ahead of them. That's right. And the cross--of course, the Plains Indians always believed that instead of a morning star, there's a morning cross. In fact, some of the Plains Indians don't believe there is a star. (probably in the sense that the morning star would be depicted as a five-pointed shape.) No. They don't believe it. I know my father didn't. Of course, there might be stars beyond the heavens. Of the millions and billions of those illuminating--planets--or whatever they were. There might be stars--but not in the shape that we always call star, like on our flag--five-pointed. Indians don't believe that. But they do believe that morning star is a cross--the way that it reflects, you know. It illumines-- I know I go out and watch it sometimes, and it sure does look like a cross. Now that's the symbolism of the Indian.

(That's really interesting. Well, now, the way that they put it on there-- for this Ghost Dance ornament--they have plume that they wore on their head?).

Yeah.

(Is it just a single plume or what?)

One plume at a time.

(Now is that from a magpie?)

Either a magpie or a crow, or a cross--or something it might be one feather. One feather. But the men, of course, always had scalplocks. They tie them on there, but the women always gather their hair a little bit and tie it on their heads.