

drink, fight, get in trouble all the time. Get start drinking and I drink till I just can't get anymore, until I start using peyote. I didn't know the meanings of it, I didn't know what it's all about, but anyhow I just go in. Few years, I find out. Come to find out that you got to learn your own self instead of just go ahead and talk and tell to somebody. Well, you should do this and that. Shouldn't do that. You start using that medicine, when you eat it, then you think about yourself, you think about people, you see a lot of different things. A lot. What's the best and what's the worst. And then you take your choice of how you want to be. Then next thing you know, you'll be praying to God to help you. That the way goes that medicine. Us Indians, we call that medicine "Grandpa". It's our grandfather--that medicine. That's what the Indians say. "That's grandpa." He take care of them.

(When you're in a meeting and you pray, what language do you pray in?)

Me? Well, if there any people in there that can understand my language, I'll pray in my language.

(Shawnee?)

Yeah. If there ain't nobody in there that can understand my language I just talk English.

(What do they call peyote in Shawnee?)

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(Now is that the word that means grandpa?)

No. It means medicine. (?) means gra dpa.

(How did the Shawnee peyote get peyote?)

Well, I can't explain to you. The way I heard it now--my people had peyote in their war bundles. And they claim that back in war days--early days--they used that, the leader of the group that's on the war path. The leader will take it and maybe use it during the night and he'll see maybe he's going to loose all his people or maybe he will see how to get around from being killed. In early days. Why later on, they said that there was a woman who was really sick, down and out, passed out. She got one little girl. The enemy was coming. You know he was coming so far. All peyote got ready and run off. They left that woman and that girl.