the Chinook story, and the Shaktamish tale of Sloqualm, or the moon, Others of the Klikatats state that Wathetash is a generic name and embraces all the Elip Silikum. It is possible that with that tribe, Spilyai was originally the sole agent and that fragments of stories from others may have become ingrafted, as things are there in certainly great confusion in their faith, and it would be alike desirable for them and all future ethnologists if a council, similar to that of Nice, should be held at Chequos for instance to regulate it.

The following account of the mythology of the Flatheads was sent me by the Rev Gabriel Mengarini. S. J. who for some years was a missionary among them. It is particularly interesting as showing the identity of their opinion with those of the coast tribes.

The earth according to them, is not spheroidal, but flat and surrounded with water on all sides, like an island in the midst of a lake; and heaven or sky is nothing else than a huge hollow mountain, covering the earth, as the covering of a kettle. Before the creation of this Skomeltem (an obsolete word meaning mother, and which has been superceded by the word skoi) a very powerful woman who took existence by herself, begot a son without cooperation of man, and this son undertook to create heaven and earth and men, and for his