she saw there many persons, some of whom she had known, others who were strangers. That it was a good country and they seemed to be happy and well off, with good canoes, clothes &c and plenty to eat. She talked with them and they told her they did not want her yet, she must go back. Other instances are known of persons claiming to have visited the nether world and returned. Lash-high, the Nisqually chief among them.

The custom universal I believe among the American tribes, of depositing household utensils, implements of war &c with the body, is not to be assumed as a proof that these articles are intended for their use in the other world, or even as implying necessarily their faith in its existence. Gany the Spokane chief assured me that his people placed by the grave the property of the deceased that they might not be reminded of him. "If", he said, "a father has lost a son whom he loved, he kills his horse, because whenever he saw it, he would say, that is my son's horse, and he is dead." But though this be in some instances the notion, the principal one is undoubtedly ostentation. Several intelligent Indians of the Sound tribes stated that the canoes and other things were placed by the dead merely to please them, not because they would get them again, for every thing was new in that country. Father Mengarini.