The scriptural account of that event and its cause is one of those which would be first related by a christian to savages, and would take the strongest hold upon their minds, but it is probable that the visible proofs of changes in the earth's surface, and the ancient existence of water in places where is now dry land and mountain, would not escape the observant eyes of the Indians. Sea shells, and the bones of marine animals, found at great elevations alone might suggest the idea. It is very certain that they have recognized the features of once existing lakes in the numerous small prairies of the Chihalis and elsewhere in which they are unquestionably correct.

Of the creation of mankind, there are probably as many stories as there are tribes. Some of them are referred to in the tales. The Snohomish say that Dogueibuth first made their country and that of the Skagits, and a man and woman to each, and in time the world grew and the people increased in number and divided into tribes. The Snohomish were made of the heart of some animal the Suquamish of the liver, the Clallams of the right hand and arm to the elbow. The San Juan's Island Indians of the upper arm, the Skagits of the bones, the Klickatats of the feet, and the Indians of the upper part of the sound of the mouth, therefore they have very large mouths now. A different version given me by