

AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN



APPEAL TO HEAVEN - HISTORY

John Locke used the Appeal to Heaven phrase in his work, Two Treatises of Government.:

"What is my Remedy against a Robber, that so broke into my House? Appeal to the Law for Justice. But perhaps Justice is denied, or I am

crippled and cannot stir, robbed and have not the means to do it. If God has taken away all means of seeking remedy, there is nothing left but patience. But my Son, when able, may seek the Relief of the Law, which I am denied: He or his Son may renew his Appeal, till he recover his Right. But the Conquered, or their Children, have no Court, no Arbitrator on Earth to appeal to. Then they may appeal, as Jephtha did (Judges 11-12), to Heaven, and repeat their Appeal, till they have recovered the native Right of their Ancestors, which was to have such a Legislative over them, as the Majority should approve, and freely acquiesce in."

This inspirational phrase used by John Locke was emblazoned on George Washington's Revolutionary War flag to remind those over whom it flew that after all other alternatives of seeking justice have been exhausted, only an "appeal to heaven" remains. Colonists who saw it were reminded to be wholly reliant upon heaven and the God Who reigns supreme. Their focus was Jesus Christ, and their concern was living by conviction without fear of a worldly cost.

Some flags are flown and emblems are worn to show what a person is — status symbols. ***The Appeal to Heaven flag is flown or worn to show who a person is — a man or woman who does not look to men or government for approval, but lives by the principle of their convictions and appeals to the Almighty for protection, provision, and justice.***

THE WHITE PINE

There was a time when eastern white pines lined the landscape of the American colonies. With heights more than 250 feet, these trees met England's military and commercial needs for sailing ship masts. For their own purposes, the colonists claimed the supply of trees close to the ocean. The 'Broad Arrow' act, however, allowed the King's men to take an unlimited number of trees inland. This act caused such resentment against the crown that it helped to start the Revolutionary War. The white pine was placed on Revolutionary War flags to remind the colonies of the overreach of the government.



"For we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man."

2 Corinthians 8:2