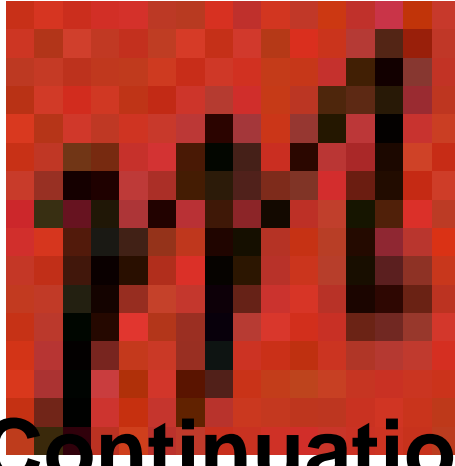


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When a people has a good ethos, the laws become simple. Plato says that Radamanthus, who governed a highly religious people, dispatched all lawsuits expeditiously, relying only on an oath for each case. [1] But, says the same Plato, when a people is not religious, an oath can be used only in those cases where the person swearing is disinterested, like a judge and witnesses. [2]

[1] *Laws*, book XII.

[2] *Ibid.*