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ECONOMIC SUCCESS

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Success, as will be readily admitted, is either material or intellectual. This division becomes more complete by subdividing material success into (a) economic, and (b) political success; and intellectual success into (a) literary and artistic, and (b) religious success. In the present chapter we shall treat of economic success; in fact, many a great nation of history succeeded pre-eminently, not to say exclusively, in economic achievements. Examples: (in ancient times) the Babylonians; the Egyptians (refutation, incidentally, of the common error, that the Egyptians created science, religion, or art); the Carthaginians; China; (in modern times) the pre-Columbian states in America	1

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CENTRES OF NATIONAL SUCCESS

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