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A Sketch of the Principles of Collective Psychology with Some Attempt to Apply Them to the Interpretation of National Life and Character

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"Une nation est une âme, un principe spirituel. Deux choses qui, à vrai dire, n'en font qu'une constituent cette âme, ce principe spirituel. L'une est dans le passé, l'autre dans le présent. L'une est la possession en commun d'un riche legs de souvenirs; l'autre est le consentement actuel, le désir de vivre ensemble, la volonté de continuer à faire valoir l'héritage qu'on a reçu indivis."

Ernest Renan.

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TO

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in admiration of his work in philosophy, psychology, 
and sociology, and in the hope that he may discern 
in this book some traces of the spirit by which his 
own writings have been inspired.
Preface to the American Edition

To the American edition of this book I add these few words of thanks to the American readers of my previous writings; their appreciation has encouraged me to persevere in the plan of writing a Treatise on Social Psychology, of which plan the present volume represents the second step. In America the public interest in psychology and sociology is much more widespread than in these islands, a fact sufficiently attested by the existence of chairs in these subjects in all the leading universities, and the lack of such chairs in all but two or three of the universities in this country. By those Englishmen who believe that the study of these sciences is a matter of urgent national importance this state of affairs is deplored, and they desire and even hope that in this matter the example of America may soon be followed here. Meanwhile I send this book across the water, in the hope that it may contribute its mite towards the working-out of the great experiment in Social Science which the American people is making with so ardent faith in the power of the Group Mind to attain to effective direction of its own development.

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