What makes a great Civilisation?

A civilisation is characterised by many different factors. Each and every feature is important and without any of them, the civilisation would fall. All these features contribute to making a civilisation great. There are many such features such as a stable government, good city planning etc. How great a civilisation is depends on how advanced each feature is.

A stable government is one of the most important factors for a civilisation to be great. In the pyramid-shaped social strata, the pharaohs and viziers were right at the top, having control over the law and order of the country. With the people believing that the pharaohs were sent by the gods, the pharaohs were able to control the people to carry out his orders and follow him faithfully. Thus, the orderliness in the civilisation made it able to advance as a great one. Therefore, a stable government is a necessary part of a great civilisation.

Another important factor is its good geographical features such as availability of water. Most successful civilisations were built near water sources. The Indus Valley Civilisation was situated near the Arabian sea, the Shang Dynasty near the Yellow River etc. The Egyptians had the 'gift of the Nile'. The river Nile provided water for the Egyptians for transport, food, exchange of ideas and trade. The abundant food obtained from the Nile River allowed the Egyptians to advance as a great civilisation without being hindered by the avoid scarcity of food. Thus, the geographic feature of a civilisation is important for a civilisation to be great.

Another factor is a civilisation's popular religious beliefs. The Ancient Egyptian Civilisation had popular religious beliefs such as worshipping their gods like Amun-Re, the sun god, Anubis, the god of mummification and embalming, etc. These common beliefs allowed them to come together and work as one. Thus, religious beliefs helps civilisations such as the Ancient Egypt Civilisation to advance as a great civilisation.

Apart from the mentioned factors, another factor of a great civilisation is its great variety of occupations. An example is the Ancient Egyptian Civilisation. There were many occupations then such as the government (eg. pharaohs), farmers, construction workers, artists, slaves etc. This specialization of labour helped produce more items such as crops for trade and construction workers for building the majestic pyramids. These helped by allowing them to advance as a great civilisation without being hindered by scarcity of necessary items. Thus, a variety of occupations is necessary for a great civilisation.

In conclusion, a stable government, good geographic features, popular religious beliefs and variety of occupations, along with some others, helps a civilisation to advance as a great one.