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What if Ashoka had not converted to Buddhism?

I think Ashoka would have remained a brutal monarch who sought to conquer more territory if he had not become a Buddhist. I believe India may have had a more robust naval and military structure. In addition, I think that India would remain as it is now since, following his passing, Buddhism was less prevalent in Indian society. India would ultimately remain a Hindustani nation. If Ashoka had not converted to Buddhism, I think Buddhism may have been assimilated into Hinduism or culture, but I don't think there would have been much of a shift in society today. On the other side, the culture and religion of the other Asian nations would have been impacted if Ashoka had not converted to Buddhism. Emperor Ashoka was the first emperor to urge Buddhist missionaries to go abroad and propagate the teachings of Buddhism. Buddhism originated in India. Buddhism was introduced to various countries of Asia along the silk road, and its influence on their current religion and culture is significant. If Ashoka had not converted, it is unlikely that the faith would have left India and expanded along the trade routes to China, Korea, Japan, and Central Asia. Every country's culture adopted Buddhism, which challenged social hierarchy, opened doors for women, and provided people from all economic strata a place in spiritual practice. Chinese emperors would not have welcomed Buddhism as a strategy for increasing their influence and power. Because the king wanted to conquer more territory, there would likely have been more fighting and casualties if Ashoka had not converted to Buddhism. There may have been more war in India, but I don't believe it significantly affected the country's acceptance of religion. However, I think that other Asian nations would have been affected because Buddhism is a very prevalent religion and is ingrained in many aspects of their cultural life.