

17: BUDDHISM & FIRST UNIFICATION OF INDIA

141 17.1 INTRO - ^{WHAT ABOUT?}

- KING ASHOKA — B values to unify India
 - Mauryan Empire
 - wars, then ☹ (saw death of so many)
 - edicts = official messages (carved)

142 17.2 MAURYAS UNIFY INDIA - ^{WHO?} ^{HOW DO IT?} ^{HOW KEEP?}

- family to first unify India
 - before = small kingdoms fighting one another
 - 700,000 £ & 9,000 elephants to conquer/unite N
- kept by: ^{force}
 - ① army
 - ② spies
 - ③ torture
- supported: ^{by}
 - ① strong central gov
 - ② laws
 - ③ H₂O to farmers (irrigation)
 - ④ roads

143 17.3 ASHOKA'S RULE - ^{WHO?} ^{HOW?}

- expanded M empire S & E
- rejected violence after brutal battle... B
 - ♥, ☺, ☺
- wanted £ follow B path
- spread B to Ceylon (Sri Lanka)
- not all actions B ... slavery, execution for crimes, strong army

ASHOKA'S EDICTS

- what?
- why?

- strong empire guided by B values... edicts
- goals:
 - ① Buddhist values
 - ♡, respectful, act morally, etc.
 - ② General Welfare
 - ♀ health, shelter, clean H₂O, enough food
 - ③ Justice
 - fair laws
 - treatment in court & jail
 - ④ Security
 - Ⓢ & conquest
- 45 years after death empire broke apart... but
 - * B spread to Central Asia - China - Korea - & Japan