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It is generally accepted in the West that Buddhism is a 'peaceful'
religion. The Western public tends to assume that the doctrinal
rejection of violence in Buddhism would make Buddhist pacifists, and
often expects Buddhist societies or individual Asian Buddhists to
conform to the modern Western standards of 'peaceful' behavior. This
stereotype - which may well be termed 'positive Orientalism,' since it is
based on assumption that an 'Oriental' religion would be more faithful
to its original non-violent teachings than Western Christianity - has
been periodically challenged by enthusiastic ac
