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Abstract

This article seeks to offer an overview of how in the past books (and even authors of books) have been burned in an effort to eradicate their ideas and also to punish their authors. The article demonstrates that this disposition appears to be a universal trait, not at all confined to the Western (Christian) tradition.

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