Portuguese Aggression in India

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The paper describes the tolerant religious and cultural conditions in India at the time of the coming of Vasco da Gama 1498 to the South West region. The paper then details the extensive destruction caused to Indian culture and civilization by the intolerant Portuguese. Thousands of Hindu and other places of worship were destroyed according to Portuguese records themselves. The resistance put up by Indian culture, political power and economy prevented South Asia going under as did Latin America. The success of the Spanish Inquisition in Latin America in cultural and physical genocide is contrasted with the Goan Inquisition.

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