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Stal. She demonstrates that philosophical, artistic, and emotional responses to the 'spectacle of nature' in eighteenth-century France

included wonder, enthusiasm, melancholy, and the 'sentiment of divinity.'