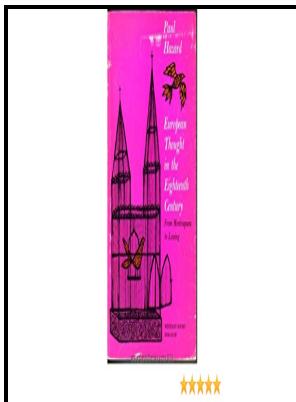


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Kant would subsequently agree that individuals differ in their response to matter but not to form, but then restrict pure judgments of taste to form alone, thus attempting to guarantee unanimity of judgments of taste instead of accepting variation as Herz did. The Age of Reason need not necessarily be viewed as a high point in the history of man.

The Enlightenment

But for Gottsched a fable is an occurrence that is possible in certain circumstances although it has not actually taken place, in which a useful moral truth lies hidden. But he will argue that the exercise of various of our powers, indeed as we are about to see bodily as well as mental powers, is itself a perfection that we enjoy, so this might at least point toward the idea that the source of pleasure in beauty is the free play of those powers.

Enlightenment

Immanuel Kant explicitly enacts a revolution in epistemology modeled on the Copernican in astronomy. Deeply implicated in the movement from liberal Enlightenment to mass deception were the social sciences. But as artistic beauty consists in the objective factors of manifoldness, unity, and attitude, the response to artistic beauty depends upon imagination, reason, and the further element of feeling, for response to the attitude of the work.

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