

# ◇ 2 AESTHETIC REALISM CLASSES ◇

THE GREATEST PLEASURE a person can have is to be able to like the world on an honest basis, and every Aesthetic Realism class teaches how! There are classes in poetry, music, acting, anthropology, education, the visual arts. And there are the two classes described below. They are based on these principles stated by Eli Siegel, the founder of Aesthetic Realism:

1. "All beauty is a making one of opposites, and the making one of opposites is what we are going after in ourselves."
2. "The greatest danger or temptation of man is to get a false importance or glory from the lessening of things not himself; which lessening is Contempt."

———— SATURDAY ✦ SEPTEMBER 10 ✦ 11 AM -12:30 PM ————

## *Longed for in Marriage: The Oneness of Encouragement & Criticism*

**UNDERSTANDING MARRIAGE!—A CLASS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN**

*Taught by There Are Wives: Consultants Barbara Allen, Anne Fielding, & others*

In this exciting class women learn the basis for a kind, successful marriage—and it is the most romantic and practical thing for a wife to know: "The purpose of marriage is to like the world," Eli Siegel explained definitively. He also identified the thing that hurts, even ruins married life: it is that "people have tried to love in a way that would mean less like for the world—in fact, a contempt for it." The upcoming class will discuss these sentences:

Aesthetic Realism sees good will as the aesthetic oneness of encouragement and criticism. If we are to be true to a friend, or anyone, we must hope to be able to tell him what he may be doing against himself. Criticism, Aesthetic Realism sees, when it has an honest purpose, as a form of love. In the same way as a wall may be washed because we care for the wall, so a person may be told he has welcomed something harmful to himself. Furthermore, if a person has begun to show something which represents him, we should hope that he believes more in this good thing....Good will [is] that which the human mind is aiming to have.

[From *The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known*, #195, by Eli Siegel]

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———— SATURDAY ✦ SEPTEMBER 17 ✦ 11 AM -12:15 PM ————

## *Everything in the World Can Make Your Mind Bigger!*

**LEARNING TO LIKE THE WORLD—A CLASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

*Taught by Aesthetic Realism Consultants Barbara Allen and Robert Murphy*

This class for young people between the ages of 5 and 12 teaches that their, and everyone's, deepest desire is to like the world; and that everything—from a flower to mathematics to their mothers—can be used to like the world. The upcoming class will study the following sentences:

One way of describing the world is: Everything that can do something to you....When you think of anything at all, something happens to you, because the thing you think of becomes part of your mind. What happens to you when you think of the year 476? You may say, What have I got to do with this? But do you feel bigger or smaller when you think of a cat in 476, or a smile or a joke or another little boy in this same year? Wherever you are, the world will be about you. If you get along well with it, you will be *some* citizen.

[From *Children's Guide to Parents & Other Matters*, by Eli Siegel]

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