

✧ 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 ✧ MAY 12 ✧ 11 AM - 12:30 PM

The Purpose of Marriage: Shelter from, or Increased Care for, the World?

UNDERSTANDING MARRIAGE!—A CLASS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN

Taught by There Are Wives: Consultants Barbara Allen, Anne Fielding, Meryl Nietsch-Cooperman

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:

The mistake, or the thing lacking in marriage,...is: most marriage has not made the world friendlier for the two people. And they seek each other sometimes in desperation. They also can avoid each other in desperation....Nevertheless, there is a hope in man and woman that the world is friendly. And most persons, through their marriage, get "proof" that the world is not.

Two people should ask how much fear they have lessened, if any, in each other....Do two people make the world seem friendlier? Or do they, in their need for each other, make the world seem more unfriendly?...The motto of all love can be said to be: *I have to find the world friendly through you.*

—Eli Siegel, from *The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known*, No. 1919 Fee \$10

SATURDAY ✧ MAY 19 ✧ 11 AM - 12:15 PM

Does Food Show the World Is Our Friend?

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:

A child grows from 12 pounds to 80 pounds through making the world himself. In eating anything, we assimilate the world; that is, the world becomes like ourselves. The fact that we need food in order to have the strength to complain of the world is one of the great signs that the world is more friendly than we know.

—Eli Siegel, from "An Outline of Aesthetic Realism" Fee \$8

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