

# ✧ 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 8 ✧ 11AM - 12:30 PM ————

## *What, Really, Is Good Will in Marriage?*

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:

Good will itself is an aesthetic thing: the ability to be just to oneself, and to all—near and far—that is not oneself....Aesthetic Realism sees all the pain of love as having arisen from the absence or deficiency of good will....

We want to care for people; we want to encourage them. But we also, if we are really friendly, hope to see their weakness less and their faults decreasingly powerful. This means that both love and criticism are aspects of good will, and we have to find a way of relating them so that we are pleased with ourselves.

—ELI SIEGEL, from *The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known* #1000

Fee \$10

———— SATURDAY ✧ SEPTEMBER 15 ✧ 11AM - 12:15 PM ————

## *We Can Learn about Ourselves from Any Object— a Spoon, a Building, a Cell Phone!*

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:

Objects are what you have around you when you're born and much later. You should be glad of this. Many people...are not glad when they have objects around them. They don't like them. You, James, are thinking of something right now. It's an object....All your life can be seen as made up of three Somethings: You, Something Else, and the Something that goes on between you and the Something Else. If you're happy, these three Somethings will be well arranged.

—ELI SIEGEL, *Children's Guide to Parents & Other Matters*

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