

◇ 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 ◆ DECEMBER 8 ◆ 11AM - 12:30 PM ————

The Mix-Up in Every Wife about Selfishness & Generosity—and the Aesthetic Answer!

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:

We are interested in another; we want to please that person. There is a desire to fetch unknown cups of water for unknown thirsts....[But] two married people find out very soon that with all the devotion, the selves uttering the devotion seem to be interested in themselves. No matter how many errands have been run, how many kind words have been said, self is still there, doing business in behalf of the central firm....There is an aesthetic mix-up, which means there is bad aesthetics, in the business of being oneself and another self, too, which marriage insists on.

—ELI SIEGEL, *The Furious Aesthetics of Marriage*

Fee \$10

———— SATURDAY ◆ DECEMBER 15 ◆ 11AM - 12:15 PM ————

Can You Be Kind and Proud as You Think about Money?

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:

Money is wonderful (and it isn't the only thing that's wonderful). Just think: it can buy pigs and books...and songs and cheese and music—and what else, what else?...Money is a way of having for ourselves objects which couldn't have been if it wasn't either for the ground—that is, nature—or for what other people have done. Plainly, if we get what other people made, we have to think we have a right to it. The first step in having a right to what other people have made is to think about it.

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

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