

# ✧ 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 ✧ APRIL 13 ✧ 11AM - 12:30 PM ————

## *Disagreement in Marriage: When Is It Useful, Kind, Even Beautiful?*

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:

Marriage has been one of the most fruitful sources of acute and sometimes chronic disagreement. Disagreements range all the way from who should have the first egg at the breakfast table to how should this subtle philosophic point be interpreted. If it exists, you can disagree about it...Deeply we are in disagreement with any person who doesn't want to know us as we are....Anytime anybody disagrees with anything for a good reason, he or she is fighting for all humanity.

ELI SIEGEL—from *Mind and Disagreement*

Fee \$10

———— SATURDAY ✧ APRIL 20 ✧ 11AM - 12:15 PM ————

## *Sports Tell Us the World Can Be Honestly Liked!*

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:

Speaking on the beauty of baseball, Mr. Siegel explained that baseball represents an orderly world—more orderly than one's life often feels to oneself. For example, there is that diamond, so symmetrical and unchanging, with its four bases (three plus home plate). There is not suddenly a fifth base in the third inning, nor do people start running in a triangle in the fourth....Yet baseball is beautiful because its order can suddenly be at one with wonderful chaos.

ELLEN REISS—from *The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known*, No. 866

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Pre-registration is required for the Learning to Like the World class: by noon of April 19. Call 212.777.4490. Fee \$8

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