

✧ THE UNDERSTANDING MARRIAGE! CLASS ✧

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. One of these classes is described below. Each class is 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 14 ✧ 11AM - 12:30 PM ————

The Art of Listening in Marriage

UNDERSTANDING MARRIAGE!—A CLASS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN

*Taught by There Are Wives: Consultants Barbara Allen, Anne Fielding,
Meryl Nietsch-Cooperman, and other Aesthetic Realism Consultants*

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:

Right now there are quite a few homes in the New York area where someone says, 'Something is amiss—I was talking and he/she didn't seem to be listening to me.' Since listening is so much a part of life, we should ask: Do I expect anything very much from listening? People do expect a great deal listening to music, but there is another listening that people have pretty much given up on. Listening should be accompanied with comprehension. It's an artistic, deep, compassionate, and critical thing.

—ELI SIEGEL, from a lecture: *What Precedes*

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