

# ◇ AESTHETIC REALISM AND 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 ✦ AUGUST 1 ✦ 11AM - 12:30 PM ————

## *The Mix-Up between Encouraging a Husband & Managing Him*

UNDERSTANDING MARRIAGE CLASS—OPEN TO ALL WOMEN

*Taught by There Are Wives: Consultants Barbara Allen, Anne Fielding,  
Pauline Meglino—Open to all women*

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 chief difficulty in marriage is that people think the other person worries about them, and will even stick up for them when they're attacked, but will not encourage them directly....Encouragement would mean that a desire of yours is that a person get to what represents him, what he rightly hopes for, and that he respect himself or be for himself. You see that person from *his* point of view....Aesthetic Realism says if you don't encourage a person, you can't think well of yourself. This is what I call the ethical imperative. [From Aesthetic Realism lesson by Eli Siegel of August 16, 1964]

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**LEARNING TO LIKE THE WORLD—A CLASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

*Taught by Aesthetic Realism Consultants Barbara Allen and Robert Murphy*

This class will not be held in August, but will resume on **September 19, 2009.**

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